Round Table
«POTENTIAL OF AGROTOURISM AND ECOTOURISM IN THE POLESIE»
April 27, 2021
Program

Registration of participants 2:00 - 2:30 pm, round table 2:30 - 5:30 pm (Minsk time, GMT+3).
Offline: aud. 107, Minsk, st. Komsomolskaya, 16
Online: Zoom program
Time limit: speakers' speeches up to 15 minutes, discussion and discussion following the results of each panel up to 15 minutes.

I Panel Discussion "Potential of Tourism in Polesie"

Aivar Ruukell, board member of Global Ecotourism Network, local nature tour operator at Soomaa national park in Estonia.

Nature-based tourism development scenario for Polesia, Europe’s Amazon

Ales Herasimenka, Deputy Director of the Business Association of Entrepreneurs and Employers named after Kunyawsky

Tourism as a promising point of growth of the Belarusian economy

Viktar Fenchuk, Program Coordinator of the Frankfurt Zoological Society in Belarus

Establishment of Polesia UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve as a tool to support sustainable tourism development

Discussion

II Panel discussion “Providing ecotourism services based in various tourism sectors”

Valeria Klitsunova, Chairman of the Board of Belarusian Association of Agro- and Ecotourism “Country Escape”

Provision of ecotourism services by agro-estates of Polesie

In discussion: Aliaksandr Krechataw, Chief Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Sports and Tourism

Dzmitry Hrumo, Deputy Director for Scientific Work of the Institute of Experimental Botany named after Kuprevich of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Ecotourism based on the forest fund. Polesie potential
In discussion: Aliaksandr Kazarez, head of the hunting department of the Ministry of Forestry

Larysa Barysevich, Head of Trade and Tourism Department of the "Dnepra-Buhsky Waterway" Company

**Development of water tourism on the rivers of Polesie. Results and perspectives**

Ivan Vosipaw, founder and chairman of the private institution "Brotherhood of barefoot bee keepers"

**Can beekeeping attract tourists to Polesie and under what conditions?**

**Discussion**

III Panel Discussion “Ecotourism based on specially protected natural areas of Polesie. Practical aspects”

Inesa Balotsina, biologist, project manager of the NGO "Bagna"

**Popularization of ecotourism in cooperation with protected areas**

Alina Valasevich, Director of the State Environmental Institution "Landscape reserves of republican significance “Middle Pripyat” and “Prastyr”

**Provision of ecotourism services in the State Environmental Institution “Landscape reserves of republican significance” Middle Pripyat” and “Prastyr”**

Siarhey Habets, Director of the State Environmental Institution "Republican reserve "Vyhanashchanskae"

Inha Hlushko, specialist of the State Environmental Institution "Republican reserve "Vyhanashchanskae"

**Provision of ecotourism services in the State Environmental Institution "Republican reserve "Vyhanashchanskae"**

Anna Osipchuk, Assistant of the Department of Tourism, Polesie National University (Ukraine)

**Ecotourism of Zhytomyr Polesie: current state and features of consumer demand**

**Discussion, summarizing**