

**INFO BOOKLET**



**NORTHERN  
ROOTS  
FORUM**

**TALLINN 2025**

# GROUNDING IN REGENERATION. ROOTED IN PROGRESS.

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# WELCOME

Welcome back to the Northern Roots Forum! After a successful first year, we're thrilled to welcome you to Tallinn for another two days of inspiring discussions and expert insights on regenerative agriculture. Explore the forum, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and discover the beauty of Tallinn!

Northern Roots Forum team

## FORUM VENUE

[Kultuurikatel,](#)  
[Kursi 3, Tallinn 10415](#)

## OFFICIAL HOTEL

[Tallink Spa and Conference Hotel](#)  
[Sadama 11a, Tallinn](#)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

[Click here to learn about public transport in Tallinn.](#)

## TRANSPORTATION

### Airport transport

We recommend to download and use the Bolt app on your phone. This is the cheapest and most comfortable way to move around Tallinn. Uber works as well. Tallinn airport is just 7-10min ride away from the official hotel and costs ~10 euros.

### Arrival by ferry

If you arrive by the ferry, then it is an easy 8min walk to the hotel [Check out the walking route here](#)



## INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE

- For useful advice and inspiration on Tallinn's top attractions, activities, events, and places to eat and drink, check out the city's official tourism portal, [VisitTallinn.ee](https://www.visit tallinn.ee), or follow @VisitTallinn on social media.
- We have also listed our favourite restaurants and bars at our website - <https://northernroots.eu/visit-tallinn/>
- Looking to explore? We recommend walking around the Telliskivi area which is a creative Hub and the Hipster Central in Tallinn.
- Just 5min from the hotel is a panoramic Cruise Terminal Promenade - we recommend this for the morning people.
- For moving around in Tallinn – we highly recommend to use Bolt app. This is by far the most popular taxi ordering apps in Estonia, also allows to rent scooters, bikes, order food. Uber is available but with fewer cars and more expensive.
- If you get a regular taxi from the street, be sure to agree on the price before starting the ride. If you are at the hotel, ask the reception to get you a taxi.
- Emergency number: 112 Police: 110

# TALLINN OLD TOWN TOUR 21.01

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## TALLINN OLD TOWN TOUR ON TUESDAY

We will have a professional guide taking you to a 1.5h-2h Old Town tour. The Tour starts at **18:30pm on Tuesday January 21st**. The guide waits for you in front of the Tallink Spa & Conference hotel. Pre registration is mandatory – [sign up here](#).



Participation is FREE.



Visit **Tallinn**



# ADDITIONAL EVENTS

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January 22nd, 17:00-19:00 PM

## EAT, DRINK AND MINGLE

Northern Roots is all about creating connections and exchanging thoughts and ideas. On the **evening of the 22nd** there is the opportunity for all participants to stay at the venue, Kultuurikatel, until 19pm to eat, drink and mingle. Some snacks will be available, along with drinks for purchase at your own expense. Join us to meet fellow farmers, reconnect with friends, engage with agriculture stakeholders, and, above all, enjoy some lighthearted fun!

January 24th, 09:00 AM-17:00 PM

## NORTHERN ROOTS MASTERCLASS

### **REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND BIOLOGICAL FARMING with Joel Williams, Grant Sims & Tom Robinson**

This immersive workshop is designed for farmers, agronomists, and practitioners looking to deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge of soil and plant health, crop management, and sustainable practices for building resilient farm systems.

The Masterclass takes place on the 24th of January 2025, 9.00am-17.00pm at Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel

**Please note** that this masterclass is a separate event from Northern Roots Forum. Buy a ticket for the Masterclass [here](#).



# LUMINOR STAGE

January  
22nd

**08:30** *Venue opens. Registration.*

**09:35** **OPENING WORDS**

Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture  
Piret Hartman (EST)

**09:45** **KEYNOTE SPEECH. A PARADIGM SHIFT IN AGRICULTURE?**

Joel Williams (CAN)

**10:25** **PANEL DISCUSSION. REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE - A COMMON UNDERSTANDING**

Joel Williams (CAN), Anne Biklé (USA), Ed Brown (UK),  
Phillipe Birker (GER), Moderator Olivier de Schaezen (BE)

**11:10** *Coffee Break 35min*

**11:45** **WHAT YOUR FOOD ATE**

Anne Biklé (USA)

**12:45** **WILDFARMED - REGENERATIVE GRAINS**

Ed Brown (UK)

**13:15** *Networking Lunch & Demo Area*

**14:45** **ONFARM BIOFERTILIZER PRODUCTION**

Grant Sims (AUS), Joel Williams (CAN)

**15:45** **PANEL DISCUSSION. CROPPING - STORIES OF TRANSITION**

Jaan Ahlberg (EST), Martin Krokstorp (SWE), Mathias Weckström (FIN). Moderator Patricia Wiklund (FIN).

**16:30** **DAILY RECAP: KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE DAY**

Joel Williams (CAN), Anne Biklé (USA), Jaan Ahlberg (EST).  
Moderator Kristo Elias.

**17:00** *Networking Evening - Eat, Drink and Mingle at the expo area.*

DAY 1

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# LIIVIMAA LIHAVEIS STAGE 2

- 11:45**     **REGENERATIVE LIVESTOCK - DECISION MAKING FOR CHANGE**     **January 22nd**  
Nikki Yoxall (SCO)
- 12:45**     **PANEL DISCUSSION. GRAZING IN THE NORTH - REFLECTIONS ON WHAT IS POSSIBLE**  
Nikki Yoxall (SCO), Airi Külvet (EST), Jane Mattik (EST).  
Moderator Mario Talvist (EST)
- 13:15**     *Networking Lunch & Demo Area*
- 14:45**     **SUCCESSFUL BEEF PRODUCTION IN TEMPERATE CLIMATES**  
Andreas Måttgård (SWE)
- 15:15**     **REGENERATIVE DAIRY - A US PERSPECTIVE HOSTED BY INTERREG BREEDEXPO2**  
Spencer Tregilgas (USA)
- 16:00**     **PANEL DISCUSSION. GRAZING - FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**  
Nikki Yoxall (SCO), Airi Külvet (EST), Andreas Måttgård (SWE), Spencer Tregilgas (USA). Moderator Mario Talvist (EST)



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# LUMINOR STAGE

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23rd

- 08:30** *Venue opens. Registration.*
- 09:30** **OPENING OF THE DAY**
- 09:35** **REGENERATIVE NUTRITION - THEORY TO PRACTICE**  
Joel Williams (CAN), Grant Sims (AUS), Tom Robinson (AUS)
- 10:30** PANEL DISCUSSION + Q&A. **REGENERATIVE NUTRITION**  
Joel Williams (CAN), Grant Sims (AUS), Tom Robinson (AUS).  
Moderator Olivier de Schaetzen (BEL)
- 11:00** *Coffee Break 30min*
- 11:30** PANEL DISCUSSION. **CARBON CREDITS**  
Robin Saluoks (EST), Kristian Bengts (FIN), Tõnis Soopalu (EST). Moderator Phillipe Birker (GER)
- 12:30** PANEL DISCUSSION. **TRANSITION FINANCE HOSTED BY LUMINOR**  
Kadri Vunder Fontana (EST), Karl Lindam (EST), Sander Hiire (EST), Mariell Viinalass, (EST), Moderator Cindie Christiansen (DEN)
- 13:15** *Networking Lunch & Demo Area*
- 14:45** **PLANT HEALTH - NUTRITION, BIOLOGY AND TESTING**  
Joel Williams (CAN), Tom Robinson (AUS).
- 15:45** PANEL DISCUSSION. **SOIL SCIENCE - MATCHING LOCAL AND GLOBAL INSIGHTS**  
Alar Astover (EST), Joel Williams (CAN). Moderator Olivier de Schaetzen (BEL)
- 16:30** **CLOSING SESSION - REFLECTIONS**  
Farmers perspectives. Moderator Kristo Elias.

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# LIIVIMAA LIHAVEIS STAGE 2

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23rd

DAY 2

- 11:30** PANEL DISCUSSION. **POLICY FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**  
Aire Rihe (EST), Anne Biklé (USA), Kelli Talving (EST),  
Moderator Simon Kraemer (GER)
- 12:30** PANEL DISCUSSION. **MARKETS FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**  
Ed Brown (UK), Spencer Tregilgas (USA), Airi Külvet (EST).  
Moderator Patricia Wiklund (FIN).
- 13:15** *Networking Lunch & Demo Area*
- 14:45** **BEYOND METRICS - HARNESSING INSIGHTS FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**  
Anna Krzywoszynska (FIN), Galina Kallio (FIN).
- 15:15** PANEL DISCUSSION. **BEYOND METRICS**  
Galina Kallio (FIN), Kenneth Peltokangas (FIN), Kristian Bengts (FIN), Ants-Hannes Viira (EST). Moderator Anna Krzywoszynska (FIN)
- 16:00** PANEL DISCUSSION. **EDUCATION FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE**  
Madis Pärtel (EST), Endla Reintam (EST), Nikki Yoxall (SCO).  
Moderator Kristjan Reino (EST)



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# EXPLORE THE EXPO AREA!

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This year's EXPO features six companies showcasing their products and services. Join us right after lunch on both days, before the main sessions begin. This is a special 30-minute block of mini-lectures and training sessions presented by our exhibitors at their booths. Feel free to continue these conversations and ask more questions during our mix-and-mingle event starting at 5 PM on the 22nd, where the companies will be happy to continue with these topics.

## EXPO PROGRAM

- 14:15 eAgronom booth** **DAY 1**  
"Simplified humus balance calculation with eAgronom"  
by Piibe Vaher and Erika Lõhmuste
- 14:15 eAgronom booth** **DAY 2**  
"Why food companies are interested in regen practises?"  
by Kristjan Anderson
- 14:15 Agricon booth** **DAY 1 & 2**  
"Mastering Liming: Calculating and Choosing the Right Lime for Your Fields" by Meit Jürgens
- 14:15 Riistasiemen booth** **DAY 1 & 2**  
Join us for a quick overview of seeds for biodiversity, followed by practical tips and a Q&A - Malmgård Riistasiemen with Diana&DiAgri seeds for Biodiversity.
- 14:15 LIFE IP CleanEST project** **DAY 1 & 2**  
"PRIA e-Field Book: harvest not just crops but data from your field" - practical introduction by Evely Veetsmann
- 14:20/17:15 LIFE IP ForEstFarmLand project** **DAY 1 & 2**  
„Towards biodiversity in arable fields - interventions in the ForEst&FarmLand project" by Krista Takkis and Katrin Tambet.



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