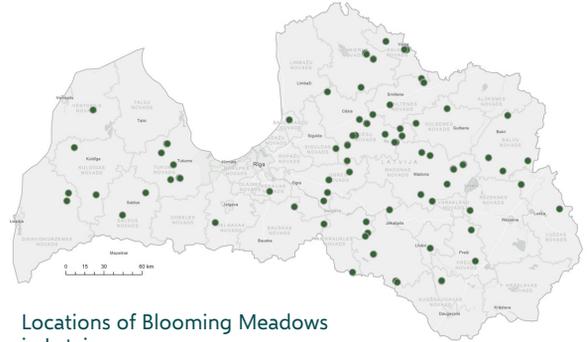


Farm PRIEŽUKALNS: participant of result-based grassland conservation scheme "Blooming Meadows"

- Pilot programme "Blooming Meadows" helps farmers to increase biodiversity in perennial grasslands (meadows and pastures) aiming that in perspective they reach the status of grassland habitats of EU importance.
- "Blooming Meadows" is implemented within LIFE-IP LatViaNature project and coordinated by the Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia.
- Pilot-scheme was designed in diverse partnership of nature conservation and agriculture experts, universities, non-governmental organizations.
- "Blooming Meadows" enrolls 65 farms from all over Latvia with a total area of 675 hectares.
- Participants of "Blooming Meadows" are involved in annual assessment of grassland conservation success.
- Within pilotscheme result-based approach and hybrid approach are tested.
- Financial support (87-203 euro per hectare a year) is assigned according to the result – the higher the biodiversity achieved, the larger the financial support.



Locations of Blooming Meadows in Latvia

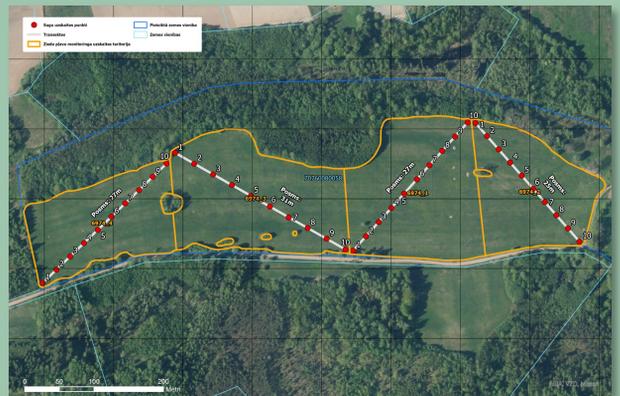


ZS Priēžukalns



Farmer: Andrejs Briedis
Adress: Mētriēna, Madona district
Farm profile: Sheep, beekeeping
Blooming Meadows area: 11,98 ha

Grassland challenges: distribution of *Calamagrostis epigeyos*; coverage of other expansive species, uneven surface

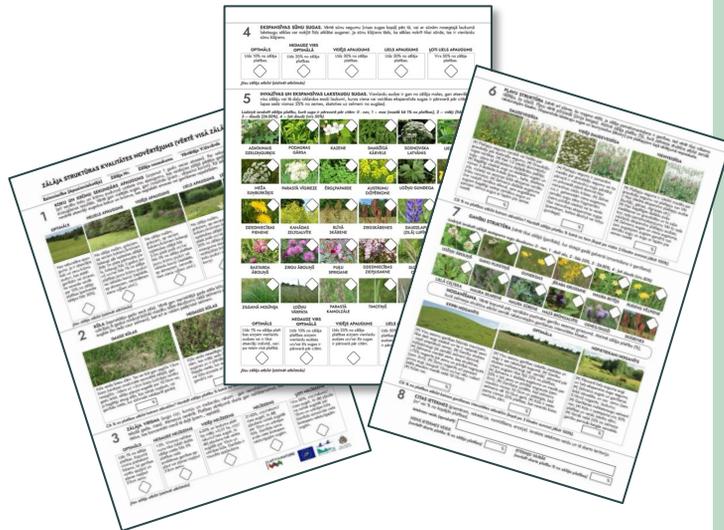


Basic level monitoring of grassland management and restoration success

Basic level monitoring was designed and carried out together with University of Latvia Structures and species are monitored by the farmer and expert. Monitoring fields are - maximum 5 ha large and chosen due to ecological features. Each field has transect with 10 points for plant counting with R=2m. Structures are monitored within the whole monitoring field.

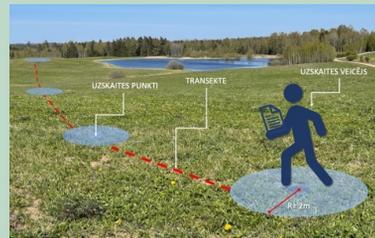
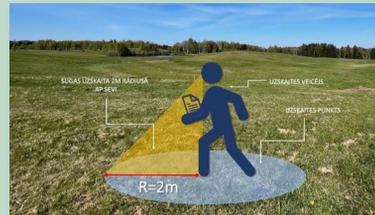
STRUCTURES

1. Coverage of trees and shrubs;
2. Litter (lack of litter, normal, much);
3. The surface of grassland (e.g. dug-up ground by moles or wild boars)
4. Expansive moss species;
5. Aggressive native species & invasive species;
6. Overall meadow structure (stands, colours, etc);
7. Overall pasture structure (% of overgrazed area, normal grazing intensity, not enough grazed);
8. Other effects (e.g., erosion, wild animal feeding places)



SPECIES

1. Species count in each of 10 points of transect
2. List of 50 taxa (16 genus, 34 species)
3. Grouped by colour of flowers: white, green, yellow, pink and purple/blue
4. Selected nicely blooming species, easy to distinguish;
5. Species covering whole range of moisture conditions



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Saimniecība (Apdzimniecība)	Zālāja Nr.	Zālāja nosaukums	Vērtējuma V.U./vārds										Dabums			
			ZIEDU KRĀSA	SUGAS NOSAUKUMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	
BALTI ZIEDI	ABALĀĻI, kalni	Baltāzīle, brūnāzīle														
		Madara, ziemeļma														
		Nātrsvāģis														
		Pipene, parastā														
		Sprādzene, sasmēta, maža														
		Dīdžiņš, ozolā														
		Grāvis, silva														
		Melns, maža														
		Rasakrāslis, parastais														
		Vīdulis, parastais														
ZĀLI ZIEDI	Anchīle, brūnāzīle	Anchīle														
		Arnis														
		Arnis, dzintars														
		Dedzītis, vanagādnis (arī rozā ziedi)														
		Galbūka														
		Laiņulis, laudīgais														
		Lūdzerkote														
		Lūzeris, apģūns														
		Madara, tautā														
		Nātrsvāģis														
DZELTĒNI ZIEDI	Pannūrgs, mīnārgs	Pannūrgs, mīnārgs														
		Pļūkstulis, glāns														
		Rutīlis, silva														
		Rutīlis, silva														
		Saulīte														
		Saulīte, Eiropas														
		Diaga, vīdulis														
		Vīdulis, maģiskais/Donavas														
		Zaļhādnis, parastais														
		Zaļhādnis, dzintars														
SĀRTI ZIEDI	Zaļhādnis, parastais	Zaļhādnis, parastais														
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VIOLETI ZIEDI	Pļūkstulis, glāns	Pļūkstulis, glāns														
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