

Preliminary agenda (TBC)

LIFE projects' LatViaNature and LIFE Ornamental IAS networking event 12.05.2025.-14.05.2025

Topic	Speaker
May 12- Presentations and short field trips	
Arriving at the office (Sigulda) https://maps.app.goo.gl/xDJG1jqfMy671Hpr7	9.00-10.00
Welcome & introduction	<i>Nature Conservation Agency, LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project</i>
IAS - laws and regulations in Latvia	<i>Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development</i>
Overall LatViaNature Project presentation	<i>Nature Conservation Agency, LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project</i>
Management and prevention of invasive alien species in LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project	<i>Nature Conservation Agency, LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project</i>
Management and prevention of invasive alien species in LIFE Ornamental IAS Project	<i>LIFE Ornamental IAS Project</i>
Discussion	<i>LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project LIFE Ornamental IAS Project</i>
Lunch	~13.00
Field visits- Innovative methods for limiting invasive species in Sigulda: -Mobile duck herd -Electric fence for the Spanish slug Sightseeing in Sigulda	<i>Small grants programme for landowners (IAS) participants</i> <i>Day ends~ 17.00</i>



Topic	Location
May 13- Field trips	
Departure from Sigulda	8.00
Travel to IAS pilot area Vecdaugava	https://maps.app.goo.gl/VVL3fRj7nXcbCFaM6
Vecdaugava - <i>Impatiens glandulifera</i> pilot area (methods – steaming, grazing with horses), <i>Rosa rugosa</i> (method - digging by hand)	
Travel to IAS pilot area Ragakāpa	https://maps.app.goo.gl/VKNQsDw2tiCtpKv78
Ragakāpa - <i>Amelanchier spicata</i> pilot area (methods- uprooting with hands, removal with a small tractor, treatment of stumps with plant protection products, frequent trimming of shoots). Practical <i>Amelanchier spicata</i> removal	
Travel to lunch site	
Lunch. Steamer demonstration	~ 13.00
Travel to IAS pilot area Kandava	https://maps.app.goo.gl/bUxGRYDqb9fCrxe9
Kandava - <i>Solidago canadensis</i> pilot area (methods - mowing, mulching)	
Travel to Čūžu Mire	https://maps.app.goo.gl/h19YtdjzgZLq8NcA9
Čūžu Mire -a short hike (~2 km, level: easy). <i>Amelanchier spicata</i> dense groves	
Travel back to Sigulda/Riga	~ 18.00-20.30

Topic	Location
May 14- Field trips	
Departure from Sigulda/Riga	9.00
Travel to IAS pilot area Krustkalni	https://maps.app.goo.gl/UH4BJgHgeuA7DdNu6
Krustkalni - <i>Acer negundo</i> pilot area (methods- milling and mowing). <i>Impatiens glandulifera</i> pilot area (methods- mulching and <i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i> sowing) Observation tower (25m high)	
Travel to the Krustkalni Strict Nature Reserve site	https://maps.app.goo.gl/UC7misTDCbyFoTY8
Field trip at Krustkalni Strict Nature Reserve (a few km hike, level: easy)	
Travel to Lunch site	
Lunch	~ 13.30
Latvia's State Forests Kalsnava Arboretum. Conclusion, end of visit & farewell	https://www.mammadaba.lv/en/mammadaba-nature-objects/kalsnava-arboretum
Travel back to Sigulda/Riga	~ 16.30- 18.30

