

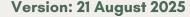
LIFE-IP LatViaNature International Conference

Together for Nature: Merging Public and Private Efforts

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2025 UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA, HOUSE OF NATURE RĪGA, LATVIA



https://latvianature.daba.gov.lv/en/conference-2025/







AgendaDAY 1 | 25.09.2025



10.00: Opening of Conference

Location: University of Latvia, House of Nature

Information on the organisation & practical matters

10.10: Minister for the Smart Administration and Regional Development of Latvia (responsible for Nature),

Raimonds Čudars

Opening speech

10.20: Director General of the Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia, Laura Anteina

Opening speech

10.30: Representative from the European Commission (TBC)

TBC

11.00: Opportunities for Nature Financing for Private Landowners

Lynne Barratt, ELMEN EEIG

11.10: Private Landowners and Forest Biodiversity Conservation – the METSO Programme in Finland

Terhi Koskela, Research Scientist, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)

11.40: Stakeholder Engagement in the Context of Results-Based Agri-Environment Payment Schemes - the Experience of Ireland

Dr. Gary Goggins, Public Awareness Manager, LIFE IP Wild Atlantic Nature

12.10: Over 135 years of RSPB volunteers – how time and talent helps nature fly

Dr. Emma Roberts, Head of Volunteering Engagement and Experience, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

12.40: Working Together for Nature - LIFE-IP LatViaNature

- Contribution of LIFE-IP LatViaNature, leva Saleniece, Project Manager
- Living Forest and Blooming Meadows. Land-owners` engagement in biodiversity conservation, Girts Baranovskis, Compensation Team Leader

13.00-14.00: Lunch







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14.00-16.00: Parallel thematic sessions (presentations of selected LIFE projects) and discussion

Volunteer contributions to habitat and species management.

Moderators: Dr. Emma Roberts, Agnese Rudusāne.

LIFE Natura@night (Portugal) - Tiago Dias
LIFE22-NAT-ES-Coop Cortaderia (Spain) - Laura Capdevila Argüelles
LIFE-IP PAF-NATURALIT (Lithuania) - Agnė Jasinavičiūtė
LIFE-IP LatViaNature (Latvia) - Agnese Balandiņa, Agnese Rudusāne,
Diāna Selecka, Aija Lejiņa

Stakeholder engagement and communication.

Moderators: Liene Brizga-Kalniṇa, Anda Zakenfelde.

LIFE IP 4 NATURA (Greece) – Yorgos Melissourgos Latvian Fund for Nature (Latvia) - Liene Brizga-Kalniņa LIFE Belgium for Biodiversity (Belgium) – Pierre Raulier LIFE-IP LatViaNature (Latvia) – Anda Zakenfelde

Incentivizing private landowners through funding schemes.

Moderator: Lynne Barratt.

Discussion in the thematic session will serve for sharing insights and innovative ideas related to financing nature conservation.

LIFE CO2RK (Spain) - Miguel Gil

16.00: Group photo

16.15: Poster session

17.15: Report from thematic sessions to Plenary

Closure of Day 1

18.00: Bus departure to the Cultural event venue







Field trips to explore public and private nature restoration initiatives showcasing landowners engagement in biodiversity conservation within two pilot programmes of LIFE-IP LatViaNature (*Blooming Meadows* and *Living Forest*) will take place in Vidzeme region.

Participants will also have the opportunity to get acquainted with traditional Latvian herbal teas (infusions) certified with Grassland Product label, awarded to producers contributing to the conservation and restoration of semi-natural grasslands.

More information on <u>LIFE-IP LatViaNature Blooming Meadows and Living Forest</u> pilot programmes >>>

Experience Stories of Private Land Stewardship:

- Departure from Rīga 8:00
- Return to Rīga 16:30



Experience Stories of Private Land Stewardship - extended:

- Departure from Rīga 8:00
- Return to Rīga 20:00

Volunteer event (practical habitat management) will take place near Lake Kanieris while participants will engage in hands-on conservation work, surrounded by the scenic landscapes of Kemeri National Park.

Here the nearby Rieksti Peninsula hosts four EU importance habitats, including molinia meadows, calcareous fens, and juniper formations, as well as rare plant species like Liparis loeselii, listed under the Habitats Directive.

More information on Lake Kanieris in Kemeri National Park >>>

Hands-On Conservation Day Trip:

- Departure from Rīga 9:00
- Return to Rīga 16:00

