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Together for Nature: Merging Public and Private Efforts



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9. Nature park "Adāmoņus ezers"
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LIFE-IP LatViaNature International Conference

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SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2025

UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA, HOUSE OF NATURE
RĪGA, LATVIA



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





Agenda

DAY 1 | 25.09.2025



09.00: Registration and Coffee Break

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: Head of Nature Conservation Unit, Biodiversity Directorate, DG Environment, European Commission, Andrea Vettori

Keynote Speech

10.50: Opportunities for Nature Financing for Private Landowners

Lynne Barratt, ELMEN EEIG

11.00: Private Landowners and Forest Biodiversity Conservation - the METSO Programme in Finland

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

11.30: 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

12.00: Over 135 years of RSPB volunteers - how time and talent helps nature fly

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

12.30: Working Together for Nature - LIFE-IP LatViaNature

- Contribution of LIFE-IP LatViaNature, Ieva Saleniece, Project Manager
 - *Living Forest* and *Blooming Meadows*. Land-owners' engagement in biodiversity conservation, Ģirts Baranovskis, Compensation Team Leader
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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: *Emma Roberts, Agnese Rudusāne*

LIFE Natura@night (Portugal) - *Tiago Dias*

LIFE22-NAT-ES-Coop Cortaderia (Spain) - *Laura Capdevila Argüelles*

LIFE-IP PAF-NATURALIT (Lithuania) - *(TBA)*

LIFE-IP LatViaNature (Latvia) - *Agnese Balandiņa, Agnese Rudusāne, Diāna Selecka, Aija Lejiņa*



Stakeholder engagement and communication

Moderators: *Liene Brizga-Kalniņa, Anda Zakenfelde*

LIFE IP 4 NATURA (Greece) - *Yorgos Melissourgios*

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*

The potential for biodiversity credits in Latvia, *Inga Ķuze*, representing MSARD (Latvia)

16.00: Group photo

16.15: Poster session / Coffee Break

17.15: Report from thematic sessions to Plenary

Closure of Day 1

18.00: Bus departure to the National Botanical Garden (Grassland Product degustation & Nature Concerthall performance)





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DAY 2 | 26.09.2025



Field trips to explore public and private nature restoration initiatives

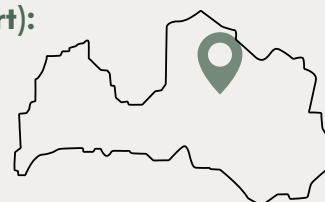
showcasing landowners' engagement in biodiversity conservation within two pilot programmes of LIFE-IP LatViaNature (*Blooming Meadows* and *Living Forest*) will take place in Vidzeme region.

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 [LIFE-IP LatViaNature *Blooming Meadows* and *Living Forest* pilot programmes >>>](#)

Experience Stories of Private Land Stewardship (short):

- 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 Ķemeri 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 Ķemeri National Park >>>](#)

Hands-On Conservation Day Trip:

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

