



EU LIFE Programme project
"Optimising the Governance and Management of the
Natura 2000 Protected Areas Network in Latvia"
(LIFE19 IPE/LV/000010 LIFE-IP LatViaNature)

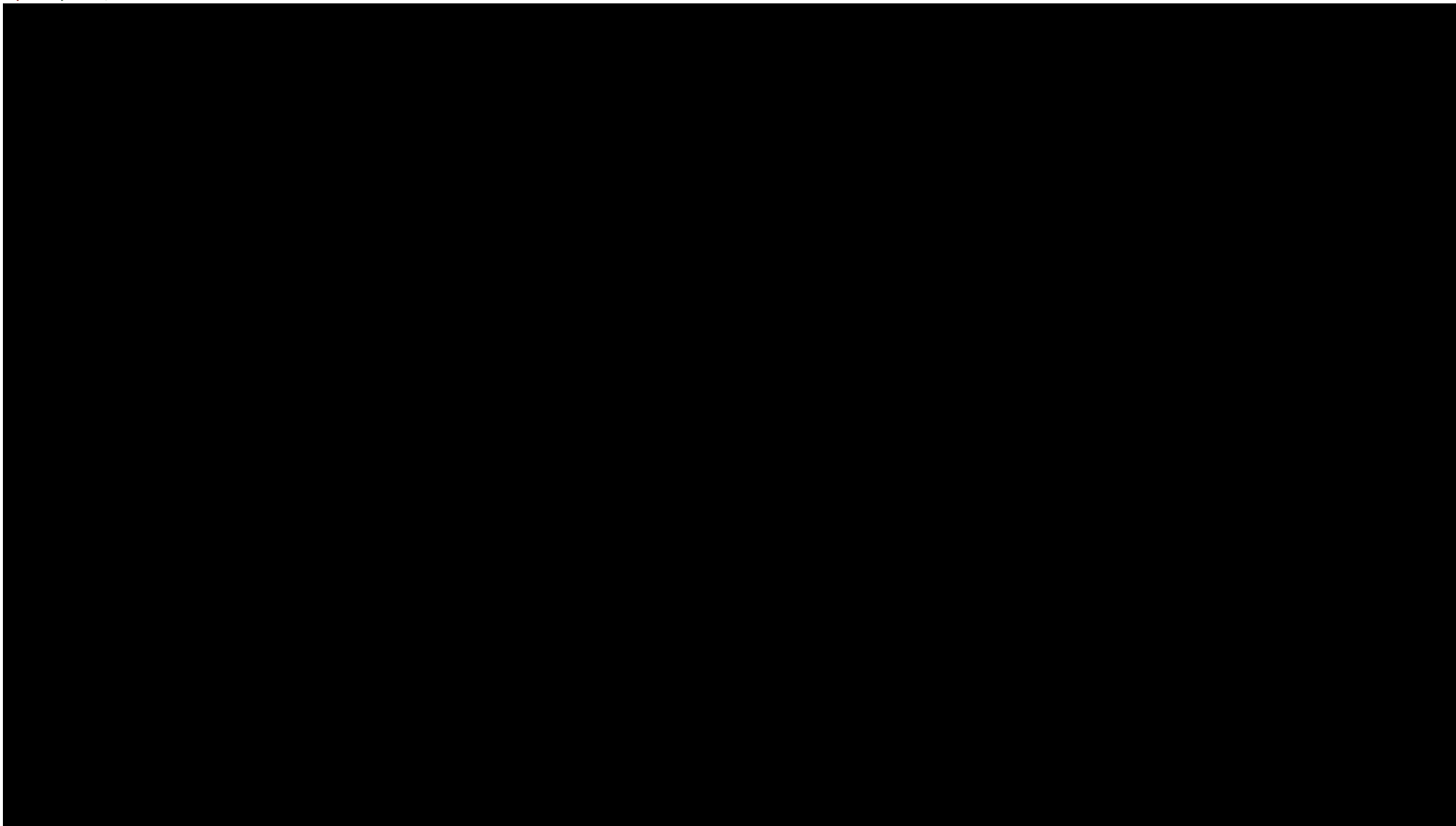


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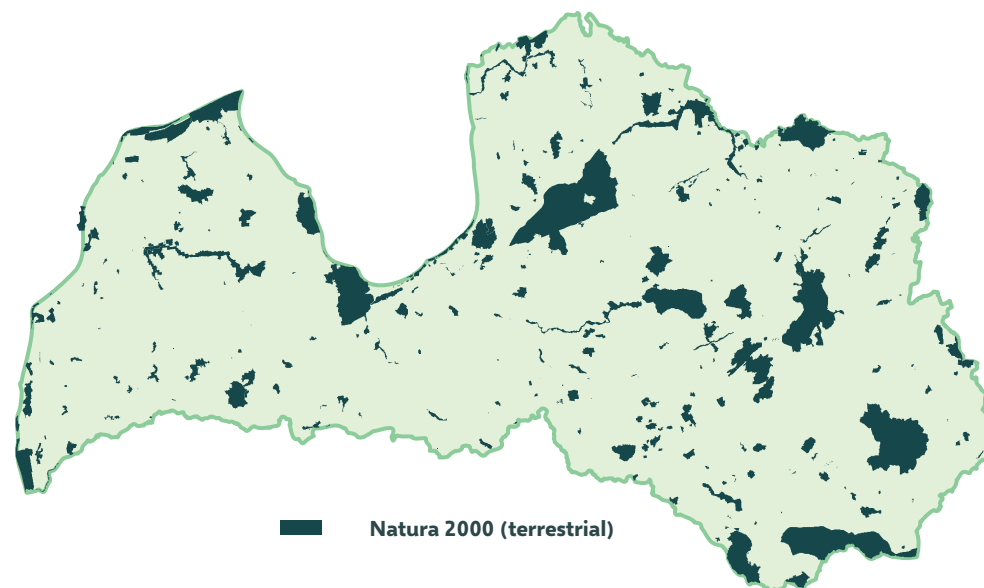
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Project aim

improve the **nature protection system** in Latvia to **ensure favourable conservation status** of protected species and habitats, ensure implementation of the Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for Natura 2000 in Latvia.



Duration: **2020 – 2028**
Total budget: **19 484 173 €**
EU LIFE cofunding: **11 690 504 € (60%)**
Complementary funding: **>114M €**

PHASE 1

August 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022

PHASE 2

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

PHASE 3

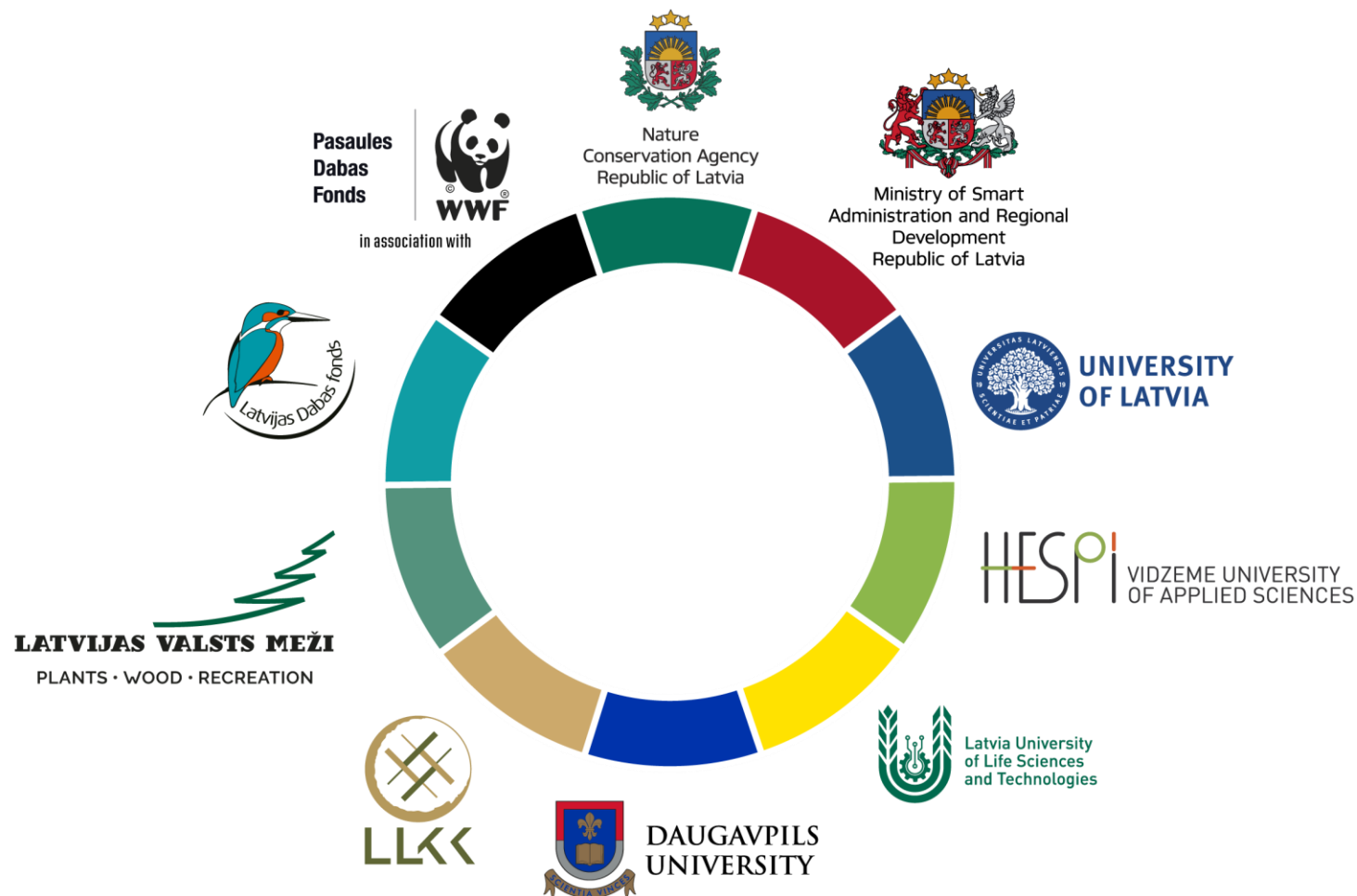
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Today

PHASE 4

January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

Project partnership



Public bodies (2):

1. Nature Conservation Agency (NCA) (Coordinating beneficiary)
2. Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development (MoEPRD)

Educational organizations (4):

3. University of Latvia (UL)
4. Daugavpils University (DU)
5. Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (ViA)
6. Latvia University of Life Sciences and technologies (LLU)

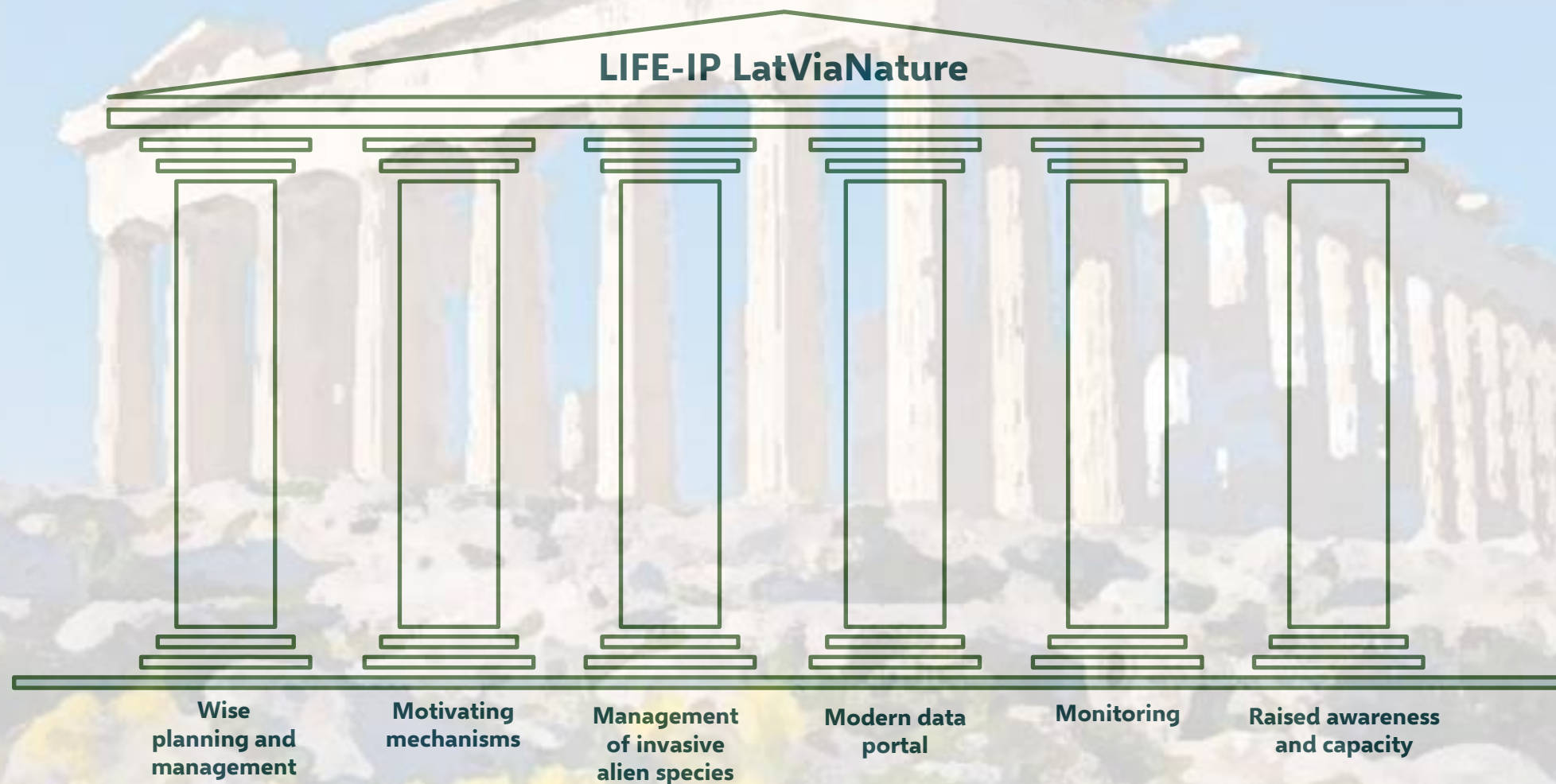
Enterprises (2):

7. JSC "Latvia's state forests" (LVM)
8. Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC)

NGOs (2):

9. Latvian Fund for Nature (LNFN)
10. Pasaules dabas fonds (PDF)

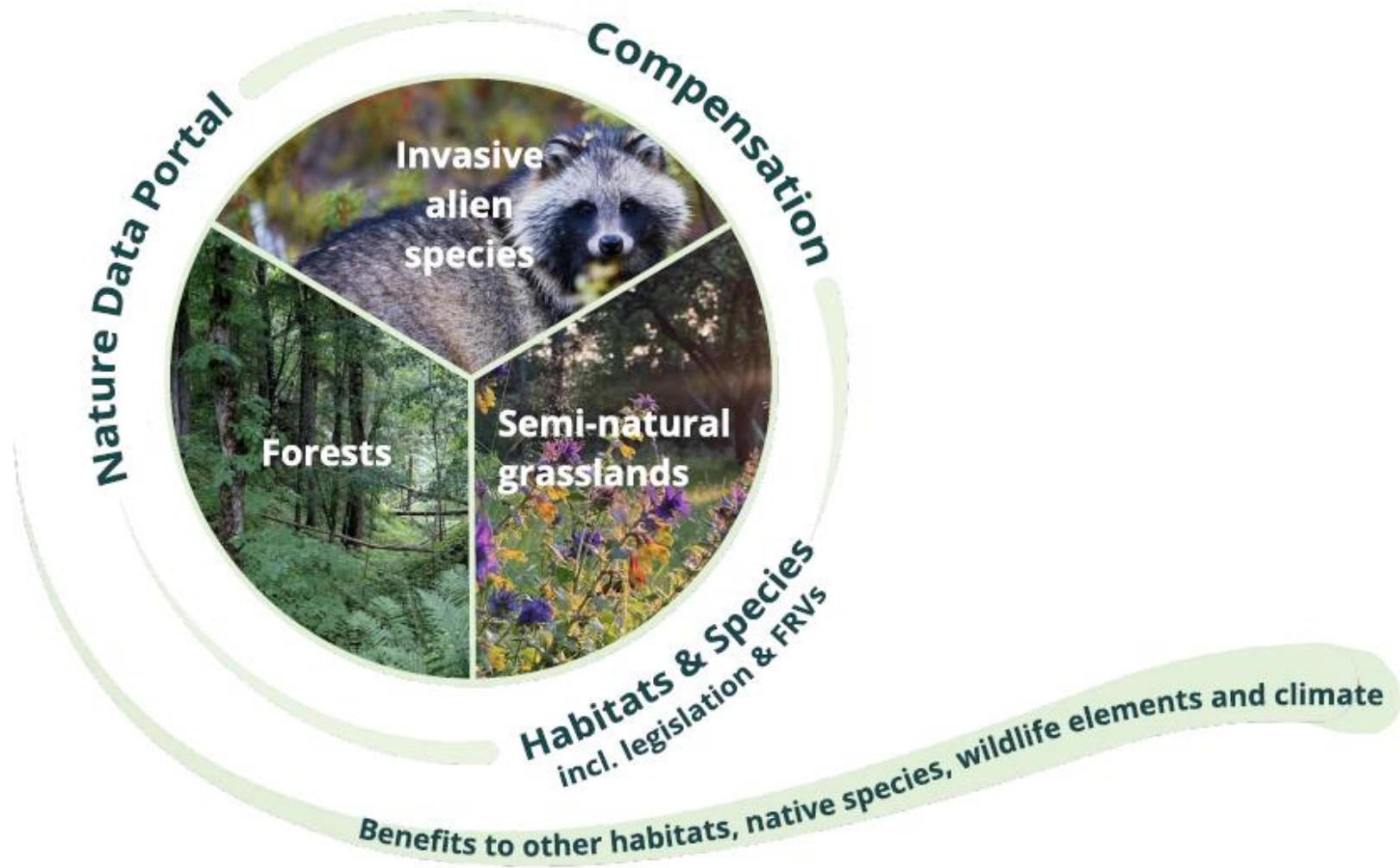
Project pillars



The two 3s

3 FOCUS GROUPS

3 THEMATIC BLOCKS



The most important results of the IP itself

- ✓ Improved conservation status of habitats and species through wise planning and effective management
- ✓ Improved Natura 2000 network
- ✓ Improved nature management planning system
- ✓ Effective motivating mechanisms to support biodiversity on private lands
- ✓ Effective system for control and management of invasive alien species
- ✓ Modern, centralized data portal for nature conservation sector
- ✓ Increased capacity of stakeholders, enhanced collaboration among governmental, non-governmental and scientific institutions
- ✓ Increased stakeholder involvement and raised awareness regarding nature conservation

Blooming Meadows & Living Forest

New cooperation models for contributing to biodiversity in private grasslands and forests



140 private landowners, >1000 ha



The *LatViaNature* Project of the Nature Conservation Agency has started testing new models of voluntary cooperation with private land owners in Latvia – an approach to the conservation of nature assets based on contractual relations. Two pilot programmes – “Blooming Meadows” and “Living Forest” – have been developed for contributing to biodiversity in private perennial grasslands and forests outside protected nature areas, whose owners have voluntarily committed to improve biodiversity in their properties. The testing of the new cooperation models will take place on 140 farms throughout Latvia, more than 1000 hectares of private grasslands and forests. Cooperation agreements have been signed with the farms for participation in four-year pilot programmes with both individual consultations provided by nature experts and financial support for achieving results in the conservation of nature assets.

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- ▼ Scientifically based, quantitative and measurable habitat and species conservation objectives have been developed - for 59 habitat types and 118 species/taxa

***Favourable Reference Values and Conservation Objectives** are mandatory for the EU Member States

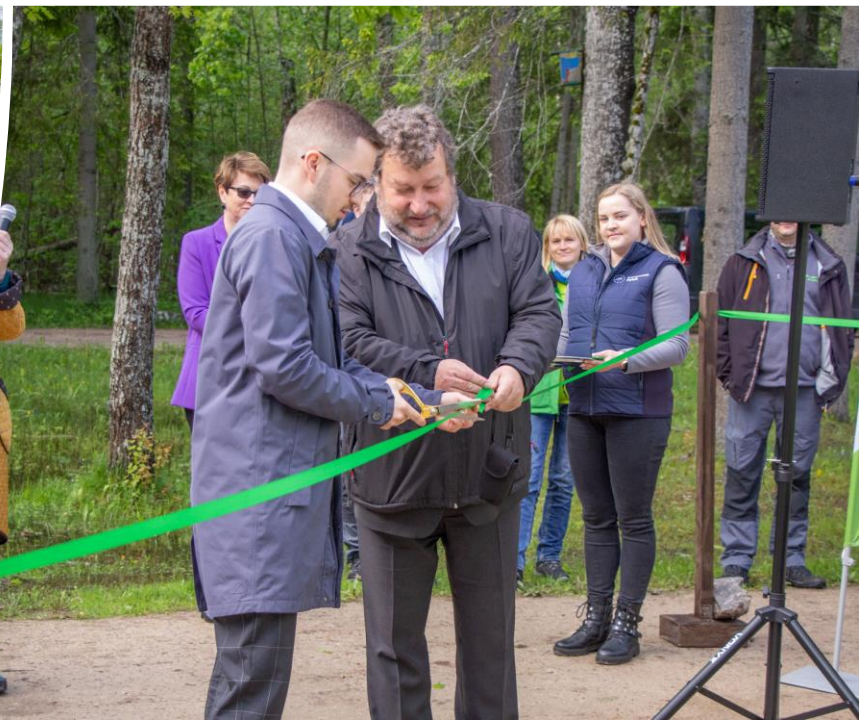
Mobile nature education class



A regular cargo van transformed and equipped to the needs of nature education

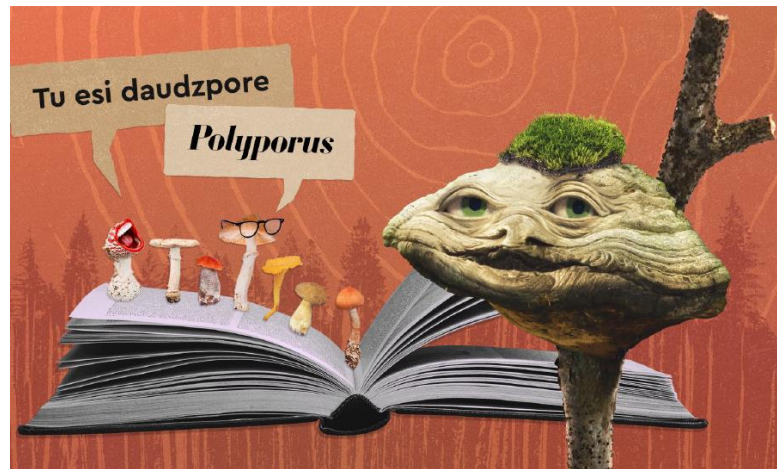


Portable exposition (including interactive games) developed and installed



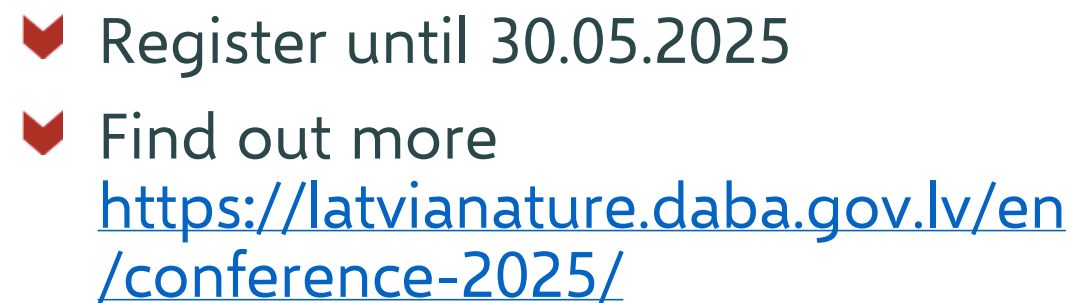


Stories of Old Polypore Mushroom



- ✓ The series of social media short films
- ✓ 10 films x 2-3 min
- ✓ Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, website
- ✓ About biologically valuable forests and their interconnected web of life - in the voice of the wise Polypore Mushroom







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