

Dear Nature Enthusiasts,

Registration is ongoing for the **LIFE-IP LatViaNature International Conference – *Together for Nature: Merging Public and Private Efforts***, taking place on **September 25-26, 2025, in Rīga, Latvia, at the University of Latvia, House of Nature.**

Experts from the public and private sectors will explore innovative strategies for achieving the goals of the new Nature Restoration Law and share experiences from a wide range of nature conservation and restoration initiatives. This two-day conference will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange, practical insights, and collaboration across Europe.

Register by May 30, 2025!

To secure your participation please complete the registration form:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LatViaNatureConference2025_

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with speakers from Belgium, Greece, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain, and, of course, Latvia during the afternoon thematic sessions. Check out the **Agenda** ([here](#)) or at the bottom of this email for more details.

Conference Highlights:

- Connect with expert speakers in the fields of stakeholder engagement, private landownership and conservation, and hands-on volunteerism during the plenary and thematic sessions;
- Explore successful projects and case studies in the poster session;
- Discover public and private nature restoration efforts in the Latvian countryside.

With means of the Conference, we want to create a community, where we can all learn from each other. **Oral presenters** (from both Plenary and Thematic Sessions), **poster authors**, and **participants** are encouraged to submit photos and a short description of their experiences and approaches to nature conservation.

These contributions will be compiled in the online edition *Together for Nature: Highlights from around Europe*.

Nature-related photos and a summary can be submitted either:

- **During registration** by uploading them in the registration form
- **Or via e-mail** to: latvianature@daba.gov.lv by **May 30, 2025**

More details can be found on the Conference [website](#) in the [registration form](#)

Additional Practical Information:

Accommodation: Detailed information available on the Conference [website](#)

Conference language: English

Format: In-person



Participation fee: Free, covered by the LIFE-IP LatViaNature project. However, participants are invited to submit a summary of their experiences and approaches to ensure enhanced exchange of best practices.

Please note that accommodation and travel costs are not covered.

Registration deadline: May 30, 2025

Register now and submit your Summary on Experience or Approach to Nature

Conservation at a later date:

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

We look forward to welcoming you to Latvia in September 2025!

Best regards,

LIFE-IP LatViaNature Project Team

Agenda (attached to this e-mail):

- **Day 1 (September 25, 2025):**

- Plenary Session
- Thematic Sessions

- **Stakeholder engagement and communication**

LIFE Belgium for Biodiversity (Belgium)

LIFE IP 4 NATURA (Greece)

Latvian Fund for Nature (Latvia)

LIFE-IP LatViaNature (Latvia)

- **Volunteer contributions to habitat and species management**

LIFE-IP PAF-NATURALIT (Lithuania)

LIFE Natura@night (Portugal)

LIFE22-NAT-ES-Coop Cortaderia (Spain)

Nature Conservation Agency & LIFE-IP LatViaNature (Latvia)

- **Incentivizing private landowners through funding schemes**

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

- Poster session

- **Day 2 (September 26, 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.

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