

Baltic-Nordic region thematic workshop on synergies and trade-offs between nature, water, climate and flood prevention policies in local and regional context

29-30 September 2021, at the lake Lubāns, Latvia

Aim of the workshop: to share experience and findings of Baltic & Nordic LIFE projects working on nature and water management and to discuss synergies and trade-offs between different sectoral policies and potential recommendation for policy makers and practitioners.

Duration of the meeting: 2 days

Wednesday, 29 September 2021, different locations around the lake Lubāns

Time	Duration	
12:00-13:00	~60 min	Arrival at Lubāna wetland information centre & lunch Address: "Aiviekstes hidromezgls", Ošupe parish, Madona region, LV-4833
13:00-13:15	~15 min	Welcome and introduction round of participants by Kristīna Veidemane, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia
13:15-13:30	~15 min	Brief introduction to Lubana wetland by Ilze Zvēra, Lubāna wetland information centre
13:30-14:00		Departure to field trip by bus/cars of participants
14:00-18:00	~4 hrs	Guided field trip around the lake Lubāns – to explore nature assets of Lubana wetland and water level management challenges Guides: Ilze Zvēra, Ilze Priedniece and Dagnis Vasīļevskis
~16:00		Coffee/ tea
19:00		Joint dinner at the water tourism centre "Bāka" Address: Kvāpāni, Gaigalava parish, Rēzekne region, LV-4618 (~ 5 km from the Lubāna wetland information centre)

Thursday, 30 September 2021, at the Water tourism development centre "Bāka" and ZOOM platform

9:00-9:10	10 min	Arrival & registration
9:10-9:20	10 min	Opening of the workshop by Kristīna Veidemane, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia
9:20-9:30	10 min	Welcome & introduction to the LIFE GoodWater IP project by Linda Fībīga, Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Center
9:30-10:00	30 min	LIFE GoodWater IP analysis of EU and national legal requirements for nature and water management in the Lake Lubāns and proposed solutions by Ilze Priedniece, Latvian Fund for Nature
10:00-10:30	30 min	Experiences from Lithuania: - Water level management in Nemunas delta and balancing aquatic warbler conservation and farming interests by Žymantas Morkvėnas, Baltic Environmental Forum-Lithuania
10:30-10:40	10 min	Questions and discussion

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10:40-11:00	20 min	Coffee/ tea
11:00-12:00	1hr	Experiences from Sweden: - LIFE-Goodstream – experiences from Sweden on landowner engagement in a drainage area perspective <i>by John Strand, Hushallnings sällskapet (online)</i> - LEVA (Local engagement for water) – how to engage, inspire and help landowners in the work against eutrophication <i>by Lea Schneider, Hushallnings sällskapet (online)</i> - LIFE IP RICH WATERS – tools to reduce eutrophication <i>by David Liderfelt, County Administrative Board of Västmanland & Ernst Witter at the county administrative board of Örebro (online)</i>
12:00-12:30	30 min	Experiences from Estonia: - LIFE IP CleanEST - remediation of the contaminated sites and cleaning the waterbody by floating islands <i>by Mari Sepp, Olav Ojala (online) & Vallo Kõrgmaa, Ministry of the Environment of Estonia</i>
12:30-12:45	15 min	Questions and discussion
12:45-13:30	45 min	Lunch
13:30- 15:00	1.5 hrs	Interactive session: - short reflection on identified challenges and synergies in balancing nature conservation, water management and other policy objectives (ca. 10 min) <i>by Anda Ruskule, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia</i> - group work to discuss possibilities for integrated solutions and synergies between different sectors’ policies and recommendation for policy makers and practitioners (ca. 45 min; <i>1 group will be online</i>) - reporting from the groups (ca. 20 min) - summary & conclusions (ca. 15 min)
15:00		Closing of the workshop & departure

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