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Towards setting the stakeholder agreement on common activities in the Lielupe River Basin

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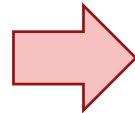
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Paving the way towards long-term stakeholder cooperation

Governance assessment

Governance assessment of **resource management** procedures & practices:

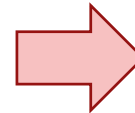
- 2 stakeholder interview rounds in Latvia and Lithuania



Cros-border cooperation

Promotion of **regional & local cooperation activities** for integrated management of the Lielupe River Basin resources:

- Transboundary stakeholder workshop in Bauska, Latvia



Stakeholder agreement

Facilitating process towards the design and adoption of a (transboundary) **stakeholder agreement** for integrated management of the Lielupe River Basin resources at various levels

NEPAT shall promote communication, bridging national and local level stakeholders

Practical steps towards SH agreement to be discussed today



Bridging the national and local/regional approaches

(ideas from earlier discussions)

- Interest from SH to participate at the events and willingness for cooperation
 - there could be a working group or a committee coming together once a quarter or once a year.
 - there should be someone who initiates, leads, and facilitates the cooperation process e.g., organizing joint events
- It would be good to start with cross-border joint planning of activities especially when elaborating local /regional development plans to coordinate actions for the whole river basin.
 - Local action groups could help to sustain such cooperation – as being most interested in gathering all relevant parties at a round table
- Cooperation can continue in frame of follow-up projects
- Cooperation on expert level is not enough, there should be a political will to take a decision for cooperation, e.g., approval of the River basin management plan by the government



SH agreement in Lielupe RB – preliminary ideas

- **Main topic:** water quality issues in the Lielupe RB
- **Format:** working group meetings, local practical actions
- **To get involved:** River Basin Authorities (LV/LT), National, Regional and Local level stakeholders
- **Enabling conditions:** approach to support informal agreement
- **Focal point:** BEF (until the year 2028 in frame of Horizon project NATALIE)

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NEPAT - to extract the focus areas for the agreement

- NEPAT training session on how to use the tool – **until August 2024**
- SH workshop to show initial results of NEPAT - **October/ November 2024**
- Update governance roadmaps, refine draft with SH individually – **November 2024 until March 2025**
- SH workshop to show updated results of NEPAT, roadmap, sign agreements – **March 2025**

Signing the cooperation agreement can be in synergy with local practical activities, e.g., «Cleaning the river day»




Ideas for practical activities

- **Water quality issues** to trigger the cooperation in real life and improve the water quality in the whole Lielupe River basin
- To bridge national and local/regional level approaches
- Discussion in working groups on transboundary cooperation needs and practical activities (Latvia/Lithuania):
 - at various levels – national/regional/local
 - form of cooperation e.g., meetings, study visits, river cleaning, Lielupe festival
 - topics – data exchange, nature-based solutions, river basin planning activities, approach and methodology

Form of cooperation	Topics for cooperation
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