

International Conference

“Climate Change Mitigation in Organic Soils in Agricultural and Forest lands”

AGENDA

Date: June 13-14, 2024

Venue: University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga (Auditorium Magnum) - Jelgavas street 1, Riga, Latvia
Remote link will be available

Moderator: Oskars Priede

Thursday, June 13	
9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00	Opening remarks: <i>Ieva Līcīte, LIFE OrgBalt Project Manager, Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava”</i>
10:15	<p>Keynote session: Why is it necessary to address organic soils in climate change mitigation action?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU’s Carbon Removal Certification framework and its implications for organic soils <i>Lucia Causey-Hugecová, European Commission</i> • Organic soils within the EU regulatory frameworks and climate related policies: current status and scientific challenges <i>Emanuele Lugato, European Commission – Joint Research Center</i> • LIFE OrgBalt project results for developing coherent climate and environment policy for the land use sector <i>Dace Arāja, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia</i>
11:25	<p>Session 1: GHG Emission factors – methodologies and results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of peatlands and organic soils in the Baltic Sea region <i>Andreas Haberl, Michael Succow Foundation/Greifswald Mire Centre</i> • Overview of used joint field methodology <i>Jyrki Jauhiainen, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)</i> • Emission factors of CO₂ in forest and agriculture lands <i>Aldis Butlers, Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava</i> • Soil CH₄ and N₂O balance from forest and agriculture lands <i>Kaido Soosaar, Tartu University</i>
12:30	<p>Lunch break/Networking/Poster presentations</p>

14:00	<p>Session 2: Mitigation strategies and assessment tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenarios for reduction of GHG emissions from nutrients-rich organic soils <i>Andis Lazdiņš, Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava”</i> • Projections of GHG emissions from different land uses <i>Vaiva Kazanavičiūtė, Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry</i> • Evaluation of the impact of GHG emission reduction measures and their socioeconomic implications <i>Aleksejs Nipers, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies</i>
15:10	<p>Panel discussion: Opportunities and challenges for the implementation CCM measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristīne Sirmā, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia • Johanna Vanhatalo, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland • Kristina Simonaitytė, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania • TBC, Representative of Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture of Republic of Estonia • TBC, Representative from forestry sector • TBC, Representative of agriculture sector
16:00	<p>Closing Remarks: <i>Ieva Līcīte, Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava” and Kristīne Sirmā, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Key Takeaways • Acknowledgments and Thanks • Announcement of Future Initiatives
<p>Friday, June 14</p> <p>Site visits</p>	
10:00	Departure from University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga
11:00	<p>CCM measures in forest lands (Kaigu mire, Jelgava) – Dagnija Lazdiņa, Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava” (Reforestation and application of wood ash in former peat extraction sites)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site tour together with a question-and-answer session
13:00	Lunch/Networking
14:30	<p>CCM measures in agriculture lands (Vecauce) – Ainis Lagzdiņš, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies (Controlled drainage of grassland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site tour together with a question-and-answer session
16:00	Departure to University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga