

## 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	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
10:00	<b>Opening remarks:</b> <i>Ieva Līcīte, LIFE OrgBalt Project Manager, Latvian State Forest Research Institute “Silava”</i>
10:15	<p><b>Keynote session: Why is it necessary to address organic soils in climate change mitigation action?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EU’s Carbon Removal Certification framework and its implications for organic soils</b> <i>Lucia Causey-Hugecová, European Commission</i></li> <li>• <b>Organic soils within the EU regulatory frameworks and climate related policies: current status and scientific challenges</b> <i>Emanuele Lugato, European Commission – Joint Research Center</i></li> <li>• <b>LIFE OrgBalt project results for developing coherent climate and environment policy for the land use sector</b> <i>Dace Arāja, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia</i></li> </ul>
11:25	<p><b>Session 1: GHG Emission factors – methodologies and results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Distribution of peatlands and organic soils in the Baltic Sea region</b> <i>Andreas Haberl, Michael Succow Foundation/Greifswald Mire Centre</i></li> <li>• <b>Overview of used joint field methodology</b> <i>Jyrki Jauhiainen, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)</i></li> <li>• <b>Emission factors of CO<sub>2</sub> in forest and agriculture lands</b> <i>Aldis Butlers, Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava</i></li> <li>• <b>Soil CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O balance from forest and agriculture lands</b> <i>Kaido Soosaar, Tartu University</i></li> </ul>
12:30	<p><b>Lunch break/Networking/Poster presentations</b></p>

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