

LIFE OrgBalt project

Training webinar "Value the climate change mitigation – a PPC model approach"

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"Demonstration of climate change mitigation potential of nutrients rich organic soils in Baltic States and Finland"

























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The research rationale: filling the knowledge "gaps" about organic soil management for mitigating climate change in the Baltic States and Finland

- □organic soil in the EU is found in approximately 33.6 million ha, which is about 7% of the total land area of the *;
- □ although organic soil can be found only on ~ 3% (4.4 million ha) of European agricultural land, its management accounts for ~ 25% of the agricultural sector's GHG emissions*;
- □ drained organic soil is one of the largest sources of GHG emissions in the agricultural and LULUCF sectors in boreal and temperate cool, moist climate regions in Europe*.

*European Environmental Agency (2020), EU GHG inventory 1990-2018, submission 27 May 2020



The main idea and goals

Idea: Improve GHG inventory and demonstrate climate change mitigation measures for organic soil management in cropland, grassland and forest land. **Scope**: agriculture and forest land.

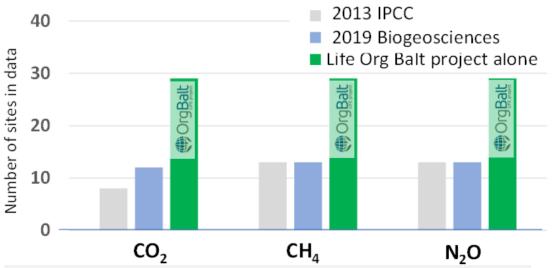
Goals:

- ✓ GHG inventory improvements project territory specific activity data and GHG emission factors;
- ✓ Identification and demonstration of cost-effective climate change mitigation measures in organic soil management;
- ✓ Tools and proposals for impact assessment of climate change mitigation measures and inclusion of the measures in policy documents.



✓ Filling knowledge "gaps" by developing and publishing regional GHG emission factors.

Drained organic forest soil data from temperate region



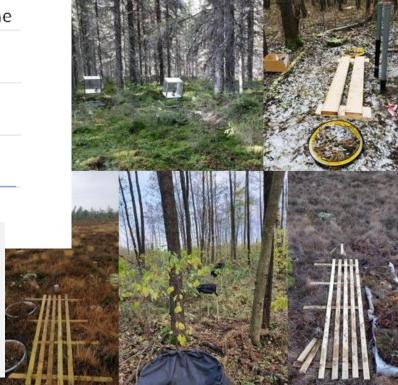
LIFE OrgBalt measurements (2 full years) in:

Estonia – 10 reference sites;

Finland – 8 reference and demonstration sites;

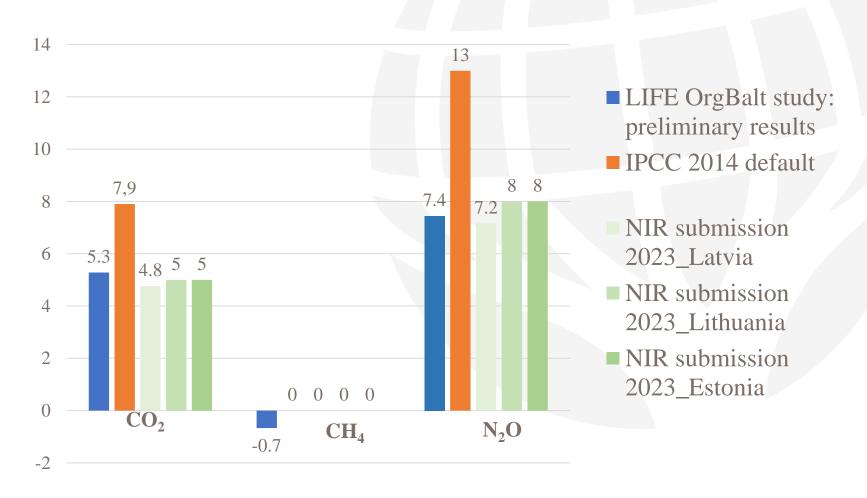
Latvia – 29 reference and demonstration sites;

Lithuania – 10 reference sites.



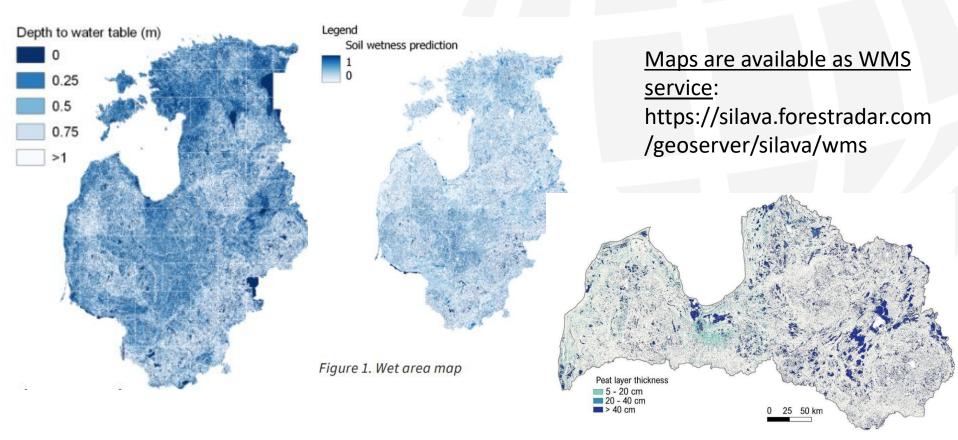


Annual drained organic soil GHG emission factors for cropland – as an example





✓ Filling knowledge "gaps" on activity data by developing depth to water and wet area maps — modelling.



Modelling of organic soil spatial distribution based on depth to water and wet area maps.



✓ Demonstration of climate change mitigation measures



























17 demonstration sites in Latvia (forest and agriculture) and Finland (forest).

LIFE ORGBALT - DEMONSTRĂCIJAS VIETA | LIFE ORGBALT - DEMONSTRATION SITE

LVC307 KOKSNES PELNU IZMANTOŠANA EGĻU AUDZĒ AR MELIORĒTU ORGANISKO AUGSNI PĒC KOPŠANAS CIRTES

Potenciālie ieguvumi no koksnes pelnu izmantošanas mežā uz organiskajām augsnēm mēslošanai:

 Palielināta CO₂ piesaiste dzīvajā biomasā, nedzīvajā koksnē, augsnē, meža zemsegā un koksnes produktos, pateicoties uzlabotiem augšanas apstākļiem, kas rezultējas papildus dzīvās biomasas pieaugumā



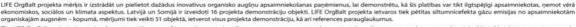


LVC307 APPLICATION OF WOOD ASH AFTER COMMERCIAL THINNING IN SPRUCE STANDS

Potential benefits of wood ash application in forest on organic soils:

 Increased CO₃ removals in living biomass, dead wood, soil, litter and harvested wood products due to improved growth conditions and additional increment in living biomass





The LIFE OrgBalt project aims to implement a wide range of innovative organic soil management measures to demonstrate how these areas can be managed sustainably, taking into account economic social and climate aspects. 16 project demonstration sites have been established in Latvia and Finland. LIFE OrgBalt studies greenhouse gas emissions from managed organic soils – In total 51 sites are measured – they include all project demonstration sites and reference sites.













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✓ Replicability tools – tools for impact assessment of CCM measures and decision support for inclusion of the measures in policy documents

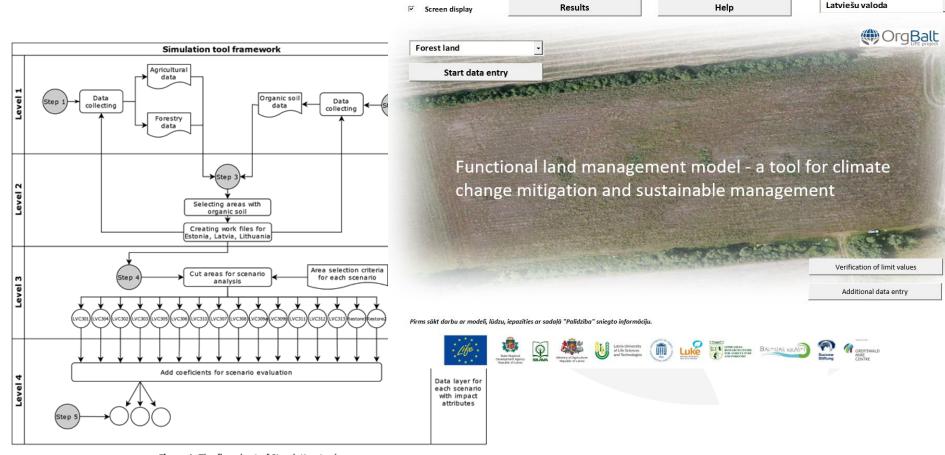


Figure 1. The flowchart of Simulation tool.



Thank you!

We invite you to participate in the LIFE OrgBalt project's final conference at the University of Latvia Academic Centre in Riga and online on 13. -14. of June 2024!!

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