



**International seminar on
“Integrating ecosystem service concept into spatial planning - for sustainable land-
use in grasslands and beyond”**

16-18 May 2018, Sigulda, Latvia

Programme

| Wednesday, May 16, 2018 | |
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| 12⁰⁰ – 13⁰⁰ | Arrival, registration of participants, light lunch |
| 13⁰⁰ – 13³⁰ | Welcome by Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environmental Forum Anda Ruskule , Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia, Introduction on role of ecosystem service (ES) in land-use planning and decision making |
| 13³⁰ – 15¹⁵ | Session I: Spatial information obtained through ES mapping and assessment as input land-use planning and decision making |
| | Ralf-Uwe Syrbe , Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development (IOER), Germany: <i>“National mapping of ecosystems, their conditions and services in Germany”</i> Paulo Pereira, Daniel Depellegrin, Ieva Misiune & Katarzyna Miksa , Environment Management Laboratory Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania: <i>“LINESAM: Incorporating Ecosystem Services knowledge into Geospatial Content Management Systems in support of environmental management and Planning”</i> Ivo Vinogradovs , University of Latvia: <i>“LIFE Viva Grass project: Identification of ES bundles and ‘hot-spot’ & ‘cold- spot’ analysis”</i> Simonetta Alberico¹ & Andrea Ballocca² , ¹ Città metropolitana di Torino, ² CSI Piemonte, Italy: <i>“LIFE SAM4CP Project: Tools to support local planning”</i> |
| 15¹⁵ – 15⁴⁵ | Coffee |
| 15⁴⁵ – 18⁰⁰ | Session II: Contribution of the ES concept in development of planning solutions |
| | Inge Liekens , VITO, Belgium <i>“Planning for nature with the Nature Value Explorer: Spatial explicit comparison of scenarios” (via Skype)</i> Arto Viinikka , Finnish Environment Institute, Finland <i>“Application of ES in Green Infrastructure and in infill development planning, a case study from the City of Järvenpää”</i> Miguel Villoslada , Estonian University of Life Sciences <i>“LIFE Viva Grass project: Prioritization of areas for bioenergy and green infrastructure development in Estonian case study areas”</i> Anda Ruskule¹, Ivo Vinogradovs² , ¹ Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia, ² University of Latvia <i>“LIFE Viva Grass project: Prioritization of areas for landscape maintenance and management in Cēsis municipality case study area”</i> Arturas Razinkovas-Baziukas¹, Alex Zemba², Jurate Lesutiene¹, Rasa Morkune¹ and Ghada El Serafy² et al., ¹ Klaipeda University, Lithuania, ² DELTARES, Netherlands: <i>“Applied Framework for the assessing and modelling Ecosystem Services in coastal protected areas”</i> |
| 18⁰⁰ | Closing of the day |
| From 19⁰⁰ | Joint dinner in the hotel’s restaurant |

| Thursday, May 17, 2018 | |
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| 9 ⁰⁰ – 9 ¹⁰ | Review and Preview of the day |
| 9 ¹⁰ – 11 ⁰⁰ | Session III: Potentials and limitations of the existing spatial planning system for integration of the ES concept |
| | <p>Leena Kopperoinen, Finnish Environment Institute, Finland: <i>“Integration of ES concept into real-life planning processes – opportunities and challenges, case studies of Sibbesborg local master plan and Helsinki-Uusimaa regional plan”</i></p> <p>Inga Hoņavko, Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia: <i>“LIFE EcosystemService project: Possibilities for applying ES assessment results is spatial planning in Latvia”</i></p> <p>Break-out session: opportunities for integration of the ES approach into existing spatial planning systems</p> |
| 11 ⁰⁰ – 11 ³⁰ | Coffee |
| 11 ³⁰ – 12 ²⁰ | Session IV: Stakeholder engagement for building knowledge on ES supply& demand and prioritisation of the land-use alternatives |
| | <p>José Gonzalez, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Ecogradientes project <i>“Involving stakeholders in ecosystem services assessments for landscape planning in Mediterranean Spain”</i></p> <p>Kristina Veidemane, Anda Ruskule, Dana Prižavoite, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia <i>“LIFE Viva Grass project: Experience in stakeholder engagement in development of solutions for grassland maintenance in Madliena case study area”</i></p> |
| 12 ²⁰ – 13 ³⁰ | Session V: Integrated approach to ES assessment and up-taking of the ES concept into policy and decision-making process |
| | <p>Andy Arnell, UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre, UK <i>“What is an Integrated Ecosystem Assessment and what is it good for?”</i></p> <p>Panel discussion: towards integrated, ecosystem service-based approach to land -use planning and decision-making</p> |
| 13 ³⁰ – 13 ⁴⁵ | Closing of the seminar |
| 13 ⁴⁵ – 15 ⁰⁰ | Joint lunch in the hotel’s restaurant |
| 15 ¹⁵ – 19 ⁰⁰ | <p>Study visit (by coach) to the LIFE Viva Grass project areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape planning and grassland restoration in Cēsis municipality; • Grasslands restoration & sustainable management in farm “Šovites” in Vecpiebalga municipality |
| 19 ⁰⁰ – 21 ⁰⁰ | Dinner in farm “Šovites” and departure back to Sigulda |
| Friday, May 18, 2018 | |
| 8 ⁴⁵ | Meeting at the hotel’s reception, registration, take away coffee and snacks |
| 9 ⁰⁰ – 13 ⁰⁰ | Walking tour (ca. 11 km) to grassland restoration sites in the Gauja river valley near Sigulda |
| 13 ⁰⁰ – 14 ⁰⁰ | Joint light lunch in hotel’s restaurant and shuttle bus to the RIX airport (via Riga city centre) |