



Project: **“Integrated planning tool to ensure viability of grasslands”**  
 LIFE Viva Grass, No. LIFE13 ENV/LT/000189

## FINAL CONFERENCE

**“Ecosystem service concept for support of grassland biodiversity, land use planning and rural development”**

27-28 February 2019  
 “Best Western Vilnius Hotel” (Konstitucijos av. 14, Vilnius)  
 Vilnius, Lithuania

### Programme

Wednesday, 27 February, 2019	
12:00	<b>Arrival, registration of participants, coffee with light snacks</b>
12:30	<b>Short courses on “Viva Grass Integrated Planning Tool” for those not familiar with it: main features and ways to use it.</b> Ivo Vinogradovs, Latvian University; Justas Gulbinas, BEF Lithuania; Miguel Villoslada, Estonian University of Life Sciences
14:00	<b>Departure to study trip “Tasting the treasures of meadows” in Norvydiškės (Varėna district). Registration required.</b> Organized by BEF Lithuania
18:45	<b>Coming back to the hotel</b>
19:30	<b>Joint dinner at the hotel</b>
Thursday, 28 February, 2019	
8:30	<b>Arrival, registration of participants</b>
9:00	<b>Opening and Introduction to the Final Conference of project “LIFE Viva Grass”</b> <b>Presentation: “LIFE Viva Grass” result reflection vis-à-vis project idea – what we wanted to do, what did we achieve?</b> Zymantas Morkvenas, Project manager, BEF Lithuania
Session I: Ecosystem service assessment: process and methodologies	
9.30	<b>Assessment of ecosystem services on national scale: 3 Baltic states</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Short pitch speeches from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia: what is the state of national MAES processes &amp; methodologies used.</b> Representatives from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia</li> <li>• <b>Methodology used to assess agro-ecosystems in “LIFE Viva Grass”.</b> Miguel Villoslada, Estonian University of Life Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Round table discussion: lessons that can be learnt from each other &amp; future plans of national assessments.</b> Moderated by Anda Ruskule, BEF Latvia</li> </ul>

10 <sup>30</sup> – 11 <sup>00</sup>	Coffee break
Session II: the “Viva Grass Integrated Planning Tool”	
11 <sup>00</sup> – 12 <sup>30</sup>	<p><b>Presentations on the Tool’s functioning and operationalizing eco-system services in different land-use decision making contexts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Idea behind the Tool and how it integrates the ES approach.</b> Arvydas Dotas, BEF Lithuania</li> </ul> <p><b>Three different land-use decision making contexts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green network.</b> Miguel Pecina-Villoslada, Estonian University of Life Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Agricultural land use planning.</b> Ivo Vinogradovs, Latvian University</li> <li>• <b>Protected area management.</b> Justas Gulbinas, BEF Lithuania</li> </ul> <p><b>Stakeholder involvement in all project areas.</b> Kristina Veidemane, BEF Latvia</p> <p><b>Discussion: potential applications of the tool.</b> Moderated by Žymantas Morkvėnas, BEF Lithuania</p>
12 <sup>30</sup> – 13 <sup>30</sup>	Lunch break
Session III: Future policy development	
13 <sup>30</sup> – 14 <sup>15</sup>	<p><b>The ecosystem service concept: where we are now and what lies ahead?</b> Kalev Sepp, Estonian University of Life Sciences</p> <p><b>EC perspective: Integrating ecosystem service concept in policies.</b> Kristina Veidemane, BEF Latvia</p> <p><b>Recommendations from the “LIFE Viva Grass” project: applying the ES approach in rural development plans and spatial planning practices.</b> Anda Ruskule, BEF Latvia</p>
14 <sup>15</sup> – 16 <sup>00</sup>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Moderated by Žymantas Morkvėnas, BEF Lithuania</p>
16:00	Closing of the conference and light buffet dinner

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