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| **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**: *Ieva Līcīte, LIFE OrgBalt Project Manager,* Latvian*State Forest*Research*Institute “Silava”* |
| 10:15 | **Keynote session: Why is it necessary to address organic soils in climate change mitigation action?**   * **EU’s Carbon Removal Certification framework and its implications for organic soils**   *Lucia Causey-Hugecová, European Commission*   * **Organic soils within the EU regulatory frameworks and climate related policies: current status and scientific challenges**   *Emanuele Lugato, European Commission – Joint Research Center*   * **LIFE OrgBalt project results for developing coherent climate and environment policy for the land use sector**   *Dace Arāja, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia* |
| 11:25 | **Session 1: GHG Emission factors – methodologies and results**   * **Distribution of peatlands and organic soils in the Baltic Sea region**   *Andreas Haberl, Michael Succow Foundation/Greifswald Mire Centre*   * **Overview of used joint field methodology**   *Jyrki Jauhiainen, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)*   * **Emission factors of CO2 in forest and agriculture lands**   *Aldis Butlers,* Latvian*State Forest*Research*Institute Silava*   * **Soil CH4 and N2O balance from forest and agriculture lands**   *Kaido Soosaar, Tartu University* |
| 12:30 | **Lunch break/Networking/Poster presentations** |
| 14:00 | **Session 2: Mitigation strategies and assessment tools**   * **Scenarios for reduction of GHG emissions from nutrients-rich organic soils**   *Andis Lazdiņš,* Latvian*State Forest*Research*Institute “Silava”*   * **Projections of GHG emissions from different land uses**   *Vaiva Kazanavičiūtė, Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry*   * **Evaluation of the impact of GHG emission reduction measures and their socioeconomic implications**   *Aleksejs Nipers, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies* |
| 15:10 | **Panel discussion: Opportunities and challenges for the implementation CCM measures**   * 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 from forestry sector * TBC, Representative of agriculture sector |
| 16:00 | **Closing Remarks**: *Ieva Līcīte*, Latvian*State Forest*Research*Institute “Silava” and*  *Kristīne Sirmā, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia*   * Summary of Key Takeaways * Acknowledgments and Thanks * Announcement of Future Initiatives |
| **Friday, June 14**  **Site visits** | |
| 10:00 | **Departure from University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga** |
| 11:00 | **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)   * Site tour together with a question-and-answer session |
| 13:00 | **Lunch/Networking** |
| 14:30 | **CCM measures in agriculture lands (Vecauce)** – *Ainis Lagzdiņš, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies* (Controlled drainage of grassland)   * Site tour together with a question-and-answer session |
| 16:00 | **Departure to University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga** |