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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
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| 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
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| **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
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| 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
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| 16:00 | **Departure to University of Latvia Academic Center in Riga** |