

Workshop

Peatlands as natural carbon sinks

Practical implementation and requirements for CAP measures

09-10 September 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania

At the [Eurosité Annual Meeting 2025](#) in cooperation with [Landcare Europe e.V.](#)

Day 1 (Tuesday, 9 September 2025) – Conference Day

8:30 Welcome & registration

9:00 Opening plenary – Welcome notes

- Eurosité
- Baltic Environmental Forum
- Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mayor of Vilnius City

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 Session 1: Peatlands in European Politics

- “The Global Peatland Hotspot Atlas: The State of the European Peatlands and Peatland Breakthrough”, *Jan Peters, Michael Succow Foundation*
- “The new EU-wide Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming Regulation”, *Lucia Causey-Hugecova, European Commission – DG CLIMA*
- “Peatlands and Nature Restoration Plans – outlook in Lithuania”, *Algirdas Klimavičius, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania*
- “European peatland policies – overview and challenges”, *Niall Ó Brolcháin, Galway University, European Peatland Policy Working Group*
- “The European Peatlands Initiative: an alliance for peatland climate protection in Europe”, *Marina Škunca, Eurosité – the European Land Conservation Network*

Panel discussion on peatland policies & strategies in Europe – status and lessons learned from countries

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break



14:00 - 16:00 Session 2: Climate Friendly Peatland Farming

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- “EU Horizon – large-scale paludiculture demonstration sites in Poland, the Netherlands, Finland and UK “, *Alba Alonso, Wetlands International, PaluWise Project*
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- “Practical implementation of climate-friendly peatland farming in cooperation with farmers and nature conservationists “, *Anja Schumann, Landcare Organisation “ARGE Donaumoos”, Germany*
- “Climate-friendly peatland farming from a farmer's perspective”, *Valdas Balčiūnas, farmer, Lithuania*

Panel discussion on Climate-friendly peatland farming practices with presenters

16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16:30 - 18: 00 Session 3: Supporting peatlands as natural carbon sinks with Landcare Europe

- Presentation: “Landcare Europe Captures Carbon”, *Corinna Friedrich, Landcare Germany*
- Working Groups: focus paper on peatlands as natural carbon sinks
 - Necessary regulatory framework and CAP measures
 - Practical implementation of peatland-friendly farming practices
- Short movie: “Peatland-climate farmer Sebastian Petri”

18:00 End of workshop

18:30 Meeting for Dinner

Day 2 (Wednesday, 10 September 2025): Excursion (full day including lunch)

- Visiting “Baltoji Vokė” - restoration of a former peatland area of around 880 ha (habitats & hydrology) and further usage for agriculture by mowing and grazing Highland cattle, *Baltic Environmental Forum*
- The excursion will also include a visit to “Bačkonys organic farm” – the farm is one of the ambassadors of the „Good Farmers Championship“ (<https://gerasukininkas.lt>), which promotes the idea of farming together with nature and bringing back consumers to a connection with their food and farmers that produce it. The farm is operated by Andrius and Rasa, a couple who left the city to start farming. Though primarily a vegetable farm, it also grows Highland cattle, laying hens and produces its own compost from the biomass of their permanent grasslands. The visit will be finished with a lunch picnic, tasting the local produce of the farm, *Baltic Environmental Forum*

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