



Workshop

Peatlands as natural carbon sinks

Practical implementation and requirements for CAP measures

09-10 Sept 2025, Vilnius, Lithuania

At the Eurosité Annual Meeting 2025

Day 1 (Tue, 09 Sept 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

- “The Global Peatland Hotspot Atlas: The State of the European Peatlands and Peatland Breakthrough”
- “Peatlands in the Common Agricultural Policy and Nature Restoration Regulation – Synergies and potential conflicts”
- “Peatlands and Nature Restoration Plans – outlook in Lithuania”
- “European peatland policies – overview and challenges”

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

Panellists:

- Representatives from governments and the EC
- Representatives of peatland projects

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break



14:00 - 16:00 Session 2

- “EU Horizon – large-scale paludiculture demonstration sites in various European countries “
- “Practical implementation of climate-friendly peatland farming in cooperation with farmers and nature conservationists “, *Landcare Organisation, Germany*
- “Climate-friendly peatland farming from a farmer's perspective”, *Valdas Balčiūnas, Lithuania*

Panel discussion on Climate-friendly peatland farming (40 min)

- What needs to be done, to promote peatland-friendly farming in Europe?
- Peatlands and farming – how can we find a balance

Panellists:

- Representative from the government
- Representatives of peatland projects
- Representative of farmers

16:00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30 Session 3

- *EUKI Project Landcare Europe Captures Carbon (Landcare Europe)*
 - Working Groups: focus paper on peatlands as natural carbon sinks
 - Necessary regulatory framework and CAP measures
 - Practical implementation of peatland-friendly farming practices

17:30 End of workshop

18:30 Dinner



Day 2 (Wed, 10 Sept 2025): Excursion (full day including lunch)

Two groups: Eurosité & Landcare Europe

- Visiting “Baltoji Vokė” - restoration of a former peatland area (habitats & hydrology) and further usage for agriculture, *Baltic Environmental Forum*

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