



Programme 2nd RIWET Exchange of Experience Event (EEW)

The EEW-2 event will happen in Latvia from 20-21 August, 2024. The organizer – University of Latvia has developed a comprehensive programme at various locations to demonstrate the complexity of Latvian policy instrument (national River Basin Management Plans) and showcase the diversity of good practices in Latvia.

The event will include:

- Field visits and presentations to showcase good practices.
- Discussions and feedback on good practices.
- Introduction to Latvian policy instrument.
- Session on project communication strategy.
- Update of pilot and webinar development.
- Announcement of 3rd Exchange of Experience Event (EEW-3) in Spain.

Please register by July 28 [here](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScPTh1B43cMfMhv21Et3uRF6Ly9ksTgP74vlg6V9hKcMXvVnq/viewform>

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Monday, August 19th, 2024

Suggested arrival at the hotel as we will have an early start on DAY 1.

Travel from airport to hotel:

- Suggested: use **the buss** with the number 22 (there is only one bus) at the entrance of the airport. You can buy ticket inside the bus with a card (~2 EUR). If you choose e.g. the "Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel" or any other in the old town, then your bus stop will be "11.novembra krastmala", which is directly after crossing the river Daugava (around 30 min ride from airport). The last bus leaves at 00:26.
- You may take **taxi** at the entrance of the airport. A fixed price of 33.50 EUR will be applied in most cases.
- There is also a Shuttle bus option (~8EUR), but please check if it fits your hotel location (<https://luxexpress.eu/en/routes/airport-shuttle/>).

Hotel suggestions:

The precise location for DAY 1 meeting point for the buss will be 11. novembra krastmala 17, Riga (Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uaTU63CREqrBZCzYA>). Anything in the Riga old town area (there are many hotels) will be fine, beautiful and close. Just check the walking length.

- "Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel" (11. novembra krastmala 33, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050) – one of the favourite options of our guests when staying in Riga. Around 22 min walk, or 12 min if you use tram to cross the river.
- "Wellton Riga Hotel & SPA" (Vaļņu iela 49, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050) – another option. 28 min walk, 12 min by tram.

Another good option closer to the meeting place, but on the other side of the oldtown.

- "Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, Riga" (Kuģu iela 24, Zemgales priekšpilsēta, Rīga, LV-1007). 16 min by foot.

Suggested eating places (not jointly organized by the project):

- "Ala Pagrabs, Folkklubs" (Peldu iela 19, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1050) – Latvian food and beer. <http://www.folkklubs.lv/home/>
- "Burzma" eating place at the rooftop of a shopping mall in the middle of the old town (Dzirnavu iela 67, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1011) – lots of excellent foods from sushi, pizza, taco (there is also a vegan place) <https://burzma.lv/en/>

Tuesday, August 20th, 2024

The precise location for DAY 1 meeting point for the buss will be here: 11. novembra krastmala 17, Riga (Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uaTU63CREqrBZCzYA>).

08:50	Meeting time and travel by bus to the first good practice site	
09:30	Visit to “Getliņi EKO” Landfill and environmental education center	WC
11:30	Travel to the lunch place	
12:30	<i>Lunch (tbc)</i>	WC
13:20	Travel to the second good practice site	
13:40	Ltd “Laflora” good practices in Kaigu bog by Sabīne Alta “Laflora” Ltd.	WC
16:00	Travel to the third good practice site	
16:40	Demonstration of voluntary spring monitoring at Ķemeri “Ķirzacīņa” spring by Jānis Bikše University of Latvia	WC
17:30	Travel to the dinner place	
18:00	<i>Drink and snacks (location tbc)</i>	WC
	<i>Beach visit option</i>	
21:00 or later	Return to hotel	

Visit to “Getliņi EKO” Landfill and environmental education center

Getliņi EKO is one of the historically polluted sites recognized at the national level putting at risk groundwater and surface water. Originating as a waste dump in 1973, it served as the disposal site for waste from the entire capital city, which was deposited directly onto a bog area without any prior soil preparation. Today, Getliņi EKO has transformed into one of the most advanced landfills in Europe. Significant efforts have been made by Getliņi EKO to protect groundwater and surface water, and to educate the public about environmental.

Ltd “Laflora” good practices in Kaigu bog

Laflora is a Latvian company that is not only involved in peat extraction but also actively participates in the recultivation of peatlands and the implementation of paludiculture. The extraction process has led to a significant loss of peat, altering the hydrological dynamics of these ecosystems - these former raised bogs are no longer predominantly rain-fed but are now significantly influenced by groundwater. Laflora implements a recultivation program for the further use of former peat extraction fields at Kaigu Bog, where peat extraction has been completed, also by recognizing the shift in hydrological system. In collaboration with Latvian scientists, the company has implemented various recultivation method, including establishing pine plantations for forest growth, cultivating lingonberries, growing rhododendrons, heathers and sedges, beekeeping, cultivating sphagnum moss and other paludicultures,

and growing highbush blueberries and large cranberries. The next phase in Laflora's recultivation program is the establishment of a wind-solar park and a green industrial zone at Kaigu Bog.

Demonstration of voluntary spring monitoring at Kēmeri “Kīrzaciņa” spring

We will demonstrate a success story of how citizen involvement has led to stronger collaboration between stakeholders involved in water management to support implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive. Spring voluntary monitoring was initiated between Latvian and Estonian stakeholders to map springs needed for development of transboundary groundwater monitoring network and to increase awareness of groundwater protection.

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024

DAY 2 will take place at the University of Latvia premises, Nature House, Jelgavas iela 1, Riga (GoogleMaps <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YeVFd7EAcZZdwNHP8>).

9:00	Registration and coffee
9:15	Introduction to Latvian policy instrument and EU-level water policy context By Inga Retiķe University of Latvia
9:35	Towards national microplastic monitoring in aquatic environment by Inta Dimante-Deimantoviča Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology
10:10	Approach to foster paludiculture implementation on extracted peatland in Latvia by Normunds Stivriņš Lake and Peatland Research Centre University of Latvia
10:30	Voluntary spring monitoring towards sustainable management of transboundary aquifers according to the EU water policy By Jānis Bikše University of Latvia
10:50	Discussions and feedback on the good practices
11:50	Project Pilot: River Monitor App - Presentation and Updates by REVIVO
12:15	<i>Lunch at the UL premises</i>
13:15	Updates from Lead Partner
13:30	Communication strategy session. Messages, target groups, stakeholder involvement
14:30	Updates on first the webinar planning
14:45	EEW-3 announcement by PP02 Valencia County Council
15:00	Closure and departure