

## Latvia – Lithuania

### Project UrbUmbrella Cross-Learning Online WORK-SHOP

Interreg Latvia-Lithuania Project “Joint nature-based preservation of climate change/humans-threatened urban LV-LT cross-border wetlands umbrella biodiversity by innovative solutions, reintroduction and joint management”, UrbUmbrella/ Nr. LL-00232

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 14:00 ONLINE <https://url-shortener.me/EEZH>

Time	Presentations
<b>Session I: Introduction and Understanding Challenges</b>	
14:00-14:20	<p><b>Welcoming words from project coordinator and project partner. Workshop goals and agenda.</b> <i>UrbUmbrella Project Overview: Vision, Objectives, Partnership.</i> Jolanta Uzulina, <i>Daugavpils City Government, Latvia</i> Greta Dainytė, Raimonda Kuolė, <i>Zarasai District Municipality Administration, Lithuania</i></p>
14:20-15:20	<p><b>Keynote Presentations: The Crucial State of Urban Wetlands in the LV-LT Cross-Border Region. Specific examples/case studies from LV and LT urban wetlands, based on initial project findings by project experts:</b></p> <p>Project UrbUmbrella Lithuania Experts: <i>Biodiversity of Peatland in Didžioji Island of Zarasai and Possible Nature Management Actions</i> Project experts: Leonas Jarašius, Jūratė Sendžikaitė</p> <p>Project UrbUmbrella Latvia Experts: <i>Study, Experience, Results and Conclusions</i> Project experts: Artūrs Škute, Andris Čeirāns, Mihails Pupiņš, Oksana Nekrasova, Pēteris Evarts-Bunders</p>
<b>Session II: Innovative Solutions and Best Practices</b>	
15:20-15:30	<p><i>Interreg Project “Joint Management of Urban Wetland Areas in Border Region Latvia-Lithuania”, Urb-Area, LLI – 472</i> Aivars Rimicāns, <i>Latgale ZOO, Latvia</i> <a href="http://www.latgaleszoo.eu/">http://www.latgaleszoo.eu/</a></p>
15:30-15:40	<p><i>“Wetlands Are Closer Than You Think!” Hike Story of the Ancient Abava Valley</i> Agnese Čamane, <i>Nature Conservation Agency of the Republic of Latvia</i> <a href="https://www.daba.gov.lv/en">https://www.daba.gov.lv/en</a></p>
15:40-15:50	<p><i>BaltCOP: The Baltic Catchment Officer Project -the Benefits of Creating Constructed Wetlands</i> Sintija Tocs-Macāne, <i>World Wildlife Fund, Latvia</i> <a href="https://www.wwfbaltic.org/our-work/land/interreg-baltcop/project-map/latvia">https://www.wwfbaltic.org/our-work/land/interreg-baltcop/project-map/latvia</a></p>

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<b>Session III: Experience Exchange</b>	
15:50-16:00	<b>Interactive Group Work: Developing Joint Management Approaches</b> <i>Task: Brainstorming challenges and solutions for cross-border wetland co-management (joint monitoring, funding mechanisms, community involvement).</i>
16:00-16:20	<b>Questions and Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Integrating project findings into local/regional policies.</li> <li>✓ Strategies for effective stakeholder and public involvement.</li> <li>✓ Synergies with other regional and national initiatives, and projects.</li> </ul> <b>Feedback session. Closing remarks by the Project Coordinator</b>

### Cross Learning Online Workshop: Changes in target audience's knowledge:

<b>Target Audience</b>	Project partners, municipal and regional authorities, environmental experts, urban planners, nature conservation specialists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), researchers, community representatives from Latvia and Lithuania, general stakeholders.
<b>Workshop Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To present the UrbUmbrella project's aims, scope, and expected results.</li> <li>✓ To foster a shared understanding of climate change and human-induced threats to urban wetland biodiversity in the LV-LT cross-border region.</li> <li>✓ To explore and discuss innovative nature-based solutions and species reintroduction strategies for wetland preservation.</li> <li>✓ To develop collaborative frameworks for joint management and monitoring of urban wetlands.</li> <li>✓ To promote networking and knowledge exchange among stakeholders from Latvia and Lithuania.</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced understanding of the UrbUmbrella project and its objectives.</li> <li>✓ Increased knowledge on the impacts of climate change and human pressures on urban wetlands.</li> <li>✓ Identified potential nature-based and innovative solutions applicable to LV-LT wetlands.</li> <li>✓ Initiated discussions and ideas for joint cross-border management strategies.</li> <li>✓ Strengthened network among project partners and stakeholders.</li> <li>✓ Valuable input for future project activities and policy recommendations.</li> </ul>

*Thank you for your involvement!*

*Let's enhance nature-based preservation of climate change and humans-threatened umbrella species biodiversity in urban wetlands!*

