

UrbUmbrella Project Educational and awareness-raising outdoor event in the Ruģeļi area and clean-up activity

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

April 25, 2026, 10:00, in the Ruģeļi area, by the Ruģeļi ponds

Time	Educational content
Informational session: information about the project and its activities / Clean-up activities will take place in parallel! (participants can choose the format of the event that interests them most)	
9:30	<i>Arrival, registration, and opening remarks</i> <i>Brief overview of safety rules and the program.</i>
10:00	UrbUmbrella Project Management Group: J.Ūzuliņa, O.Tolmačova, UrbUmbrella Project Experts: Artūrs Škute, Mihails Pupiņš, Pēteris Evarts-Bunders
Educational and awareness-raising session: hike and information about the biodiversity of Ruģeļi and the wetlands of Daugavpils	
10:30	UrbUmbrella Project experts: Artūrs Škute, Mihails Pupiņš, Pēteris Evarts-Bunders Representative of SIA “CBF & LANDSCAPE,” the implementer of biodiversity restoration works within the UrbUmbrella Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of wetland ecosystems; identification of plant and animal species • Ecological significance; links between water quality and habitats • Collection of observations and photographs (a task during the hike with prizes) Experience exchange: discussion circle by the ponds — participants’ observations, stories, questions, and practical tips for nature observation from experts.
Practical session: evaluation of informational materials and clean-up activity	
11:30	<i>Evaluation of the informational materials developed within the UrbUmbrella project, which will be displayed on stands in the Ruģeļi area</i>
12:00	Summary. Feedback. Future project activities.
12:15	Time to clean up! Safety instructions and waste sorting guidance. Waste collection near the ponds and paths, invasive species control (if possible), clearing of trails, and identification of locations for installing informational signs.
	Closing session. Tea and snacks. Brief reflections, information about upcoming events in Ruģeļi within the UrbUmbrella project. Group photo.

Objective: To promote understanding of the biodiversity of the Ruģeļi wetland, engage the local community in environmental learning and practical clean-up activities, and strengthen community cooperation.



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Date and location: Saturday, 25 April 2026, 10:00, Daugavpils, Ruģeļi ponds — the event takes place together with the Great Clean-Up activities (more information: www.talkas.lv)
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hAMncVUoR7vCM9DdA>

Target audience: Local residents, local communities, families, school pupils, children, students, NGO representatives, nature enthusiasts, and volunteers (family-friendly event; however, participants are kindly asked not to bring pets such as dogs, cats, etc.).

Required equipment: Comfortable footwear, appropriate clothing for walking and outdoor work, your own water bottle, and if possible, a camera/binoculars. Clean-up tools (bags and gloves) will be provided by the organizers.

Safety and environmental ethics: Follow the instructions of the facilitators; do not damage living plants or animals; sort waste properly; respect restricted areas, if any.

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The event combines nature exploration with active, hands-on participation, providing participants with both knowledge about the values of the Ruģeļi wetland and an opportunity to directly contribute to environmental conservation.