



Volunteering for nature conservation LIFE Platform meeting

AGENDA

19-21 September 2018

Wednesday, 19 September 2018

Location: Tartu Environmental Education Centre, Lille 10 Tartu 51010, <http://www.tartuloodusmaja.ee/EN/uldinfo/>

Event moderator: Andy Jefferies, Wild Days Conservation Trust			
9:00 – 9:30	Registration, coffee		
9:30 – 10:15	Welcome notes: Estonian Fund for Nature, Siim Kuresoo, Member of the Executive Committee of ELF DG Environment, Sylvia Barova (tbc) External monitoring team NEEMO, Luule Sinnisov, LIFE monitoring expert		
10:15–10:30	Welcome note and A brief Introduction to volunteering in LIFE, EASME, Diana Oancea, Project Adviser		
10:30 – 11:00	General introduction to volunteering for nature conservation and volunteer networks. Jenny Atkins & Mark Thomas, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)		
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break		
11:20 – 11:40	Setting up a successful and sustainable network of volunteers. Kristijn Swinnen, Natuurpunt Study		
11:40 – 12:00	Motivations and challenges of volunteering for red squirrel conservation. Mariella Marzano, LIFE14 NAT/UK/000467 SciriousLIFE (Red Squirrel)		
12:00 – 12:20	Social benefits from volunteering for nature conservation. Sanna-Kaisa Rautio, LIFE13 NAT/FI/000099 Light & Fire LIFE		
12:20 – 12:40	Volunteering in Estonia: the experience from organising a global civic-led movement grown out from Estonia: Let's Do It! World Clean-up Day! Kadi Kenk, Let's Do It World		
12:40 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 15:00	Video session: video presentations from the participating LIFE projects		
15:00 – 15:10	Introduction to workshops, Inga Račinska, LIFE monitoring expert		
15:10 – 16:30	Thematic session, WS1- WS3. Please see the workshop agenda for more detail.		
	WS1: Legal tools and incentives for volunteering.	WS2: What motivates volunteers?	WS3: Citizen science – a new type of volunteering.
16:40 – 18:00	LIFE experience session, WS4 – WS6. Please see the workshop agenda for more detail.		
	WS4: Engaging volunteers in monitoring in LIFE.	WS5: Engaging volunteers in practical conservation work in LIFE.	WS6: Engaging young people as volunteers in LIFE.
18:00 – 19:00	Poster session and a networking cocktail		
19:30	Joint dinner on a boat – Sisevete Saatkond (Emajõe, Tartu)		



Thursday, 20 September 2018

Location: Soosaare mire in Alam-Pedja Nature reserve – North-West of Tartu - <https://goo.gl/maps/v7Fs9tkRymA2>

9:00 - 18:30	Voluntary work in a mire
	09:00 Departure from Tartu (meeting point at hotel Dorpat);
	10:30 Arrival to Soosaare; formation of work groups
	10:45 Walking to work sites; restoration work begins
	13:00 Lunch break
	13:40 Restoration work continues
	15:10 Return to bus - warm drinks and soup served
	15:30 Transport to Põltsamaa
	16:00 Degustation of wines at Põltsamaa Wine Cellar and excursion at Põltsamaa Castle
	17:30 Departure from Põltsamaa
	18:30 Arrival to Tartu
	20:00 Joint dinner – Gunpowder Cellar ‘Püssirohukelder’ (Lossi 28, Tartu)

*The participants are expected to bring a raincoat and rubber boots or wellingtons!
We advise you to bring spare clothes, an extra pair of (woollen) socks and an extra sweater. The gloves and necessary tools for work will be provided.*

Friday, 21 September 2018

Location: V SPA Hotel Conference Centre, Riia 2, Tartu - <https://vspahotel.ee/en/>

Event moderator: Andy Jefferies, Wild Days Conservation Trust	
9:00 – 10:45	Conclusions and take-home message from workshops on Wednesday
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 11:45	Reflections from the voluntary work on Thursday
11:45 – 12:00	Wrap-up by NEEMO
12:00	End of the meeting