

**Seminar about peatland management in the context of
GHG emission inventory – Norway case**

Riga, November 3-4, 2015

Venue - Ministry of Agriculture, Republikas Laukums 2, Riga, Room 314

Draft agenda

November 3

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Introductory remarks by Helēna Rimša , Ministry of Environmental protection and Regional development, and Daiga Zute , Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia
10:00-11:10	<p>Case study – Norway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peatland management in Norway – current status (20 min) - Drained organic soils in the Norwegian GHG-inventory under UN Convention and Kyoto (20 min) - Peatland management and GHG production (20 min) - Future aspects and research collaboration possibilities (10 min) <p>By Gunnhild Sjøgaard, Research scientist (PhD) and head of section Climate Center, NIBIO (Field of expertise: GHG-inventory for the LULUCF-sector under the UN Convention and Kyoto Protocol, Forestry), and Hanna Silvennoinen, Research scientist (PhD), NIBIO (Field of expertise: GHG emissions, biogeochemistry)¹</p>
11:10-12:00	Discussion time
12:00-12:30	Coffee break
12:30-13:00	Case study – Latvia: Peatland management strategy and normative acts in Latvia by Dace Ozola , Ministry of Environmental protection and Regional development of Latvia
13:00-13:30	Peatlands and peat production in Latvia and its affecting factors by Ingrīda Krīgere , Latvian Peat Producers Association
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:00	Current experience of peatland management by Evija Greģe-Staltmane , Latvia's State Forests
15:00-15:30	Peatland recultivation options and the related GHG changes by Andis Lazdiņš , SILAVA
15:30-16:00	Recommendations for restoring mires affected by peat extraction: results of PuReST project by Agnese Priede , Institute of Biology, University of Latvia
16:00-16:20	Coffee break
16:20-17:00	Conclusions and summary of the first day by all participants

¹ Each presentation to be followed by a short Q&A session.

November 4

8:00	Departure to "Laflora" ² , Jelgava
9:20	Arrival at "Laflora"
9:30-10:00	Presentation and Q&A session by "Laflora"
10:00-10:40	Guided tour of the "Laflora" factory
10:40-11:00	Guided tour of the recultivated territory
11:00-11:40	Guided tour of the peat bog
12:00-13:00	Lunch in Jelgava
13:30-15:00	Conclusions and summary of the seminar by all participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Observations and recommendations by Norwegian experts - Wrap-up of the seminar and possible ways forward
15:00	Departure to Riga (via Riga international Airport)
Approx.16:45	Arrival in Riga

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