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## LIFE LATESTadapt international workshop

“Planning and operationalizing green infrastructure and ecosystem service concepts for improving urban climate resilience”

13-14 June 2023, Riga, Latvia

Venue: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (MoEPRD), Peldu Street 25, Room 409

**Aim of the workshop:** to support transfer of knowledge and experience from all over the Europe in urban green infrastructure and climate adaptation planning, and to discuss the suitable approaches to be implemented by the LIFE LATESTadapt project.

### Agenda

#### Tuesday, 13 June 2023

9:00-9:30	30 min	<b>Arrival &amp; registration</b>
<b>SESSION I: Introduction, moderator: Mārtiņš Grels, MoEPRD</b>		
9:30-9:40	10 min	<b>Opening of the workshop</b> <i>By Ilze Oša, Deputy state secretary, MoEPRD</i>
9:40-10:20	40 min	<b>Keynote: Nature-based solutions and urban greening to create climate resilient, liveable and just cities (online)</b> <i>by Anna Bruen, ICLEI European Secretariat</i> (30 min presentation + 10 min questions)
10:20-10:40	20 min	<b>Introduction to the LIFE LATESTadapt project</b> <i>by Tanel Mätlik, Viimsi municipality, Estonia</i>
10:40-10:50	10 min	<b>Application of the green infrastructure concept in the LIFE LATESTadapt project</b> <i>by Anda Ruskule, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia</i>
10:50-11:00	10 min	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
11:00-11:30	30 min	<b>Coffee/ tea</b>
<b>SESSION II: Urban Green Infrastructure - mapping, assessment, and planning</b>		
11:30-12:00	30 min	<b>Keynote: urban green infrastructure concept and mapping methodologies (different approaches from 2018 to 2023)</b> <i>by Grazia Zulian and Federica Marando, JRC (Ispra) (online)</i> (25 min presentation + 5 min questions)
12:00-12:25	25 min	<b>Rigorous greening: a strategic principle for Amsterdam’s urban development until 2050</b> <i>Daniel Hogendoorn, Department of Urban Planning and Sustainability, City of Amsterdam</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)
12:25-12:50	25 min	<b>Green infrastructure mapping approach in LIFE LATESTadapt project</b> <i>by Ivo Vinogradovs, University of Latvia/BEF-Latvia</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)

12:50-13:00	10 min	<b>Discussion</b>
13:00-14:00	1 hr	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION III: Urban Greening plans, moderator: Anda Ruskule, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia</b>		
14:00-14:25	25 min	<b>Enablers and barriers for developing Urban Greening Plans in EU cities</b> <i>by Kati Vierikko, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke)</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)
14:25-14:50	25 min	<b>Adaptation activities according to the Climate Neutral Tallinn action plan (online)</b> <i>by Airi Andresson, Green Transition Unit, Tallinn Strategic Management Office</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)
14:50-15:00	10 min	<b>Introduction to the EC guidance for cities to prepare an Urban Greening Plan and tasks for the working group discussion</b> <i>by Anda Ruskule, Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia</i>
15:00-15:50	50 min	<b>Working group discussion:</b> scoping of the process and content of the Urban Greening Plans for cities/ towns of different scale and character
15:50-16:20	30 min	<b>Coffee/ tea</b>
16:20-17:00	40 min	<b>Reporting from working groups &amp; discussion</b>
17:00-17:10	10 min	Closing of the day
18:30-20:30	~2 hrs	<b>Networking dinner</b> (not covered by the project, joint table booked in BBārs restaurant, <a href="https://bbars.lv/en/">https://bbars.lv/en/</a> , located in Old Riga Town, Doma laukums 2)

### Wednesday, 14 June 2023

8:30-9:00	30 min	<b>Arrival &amp; coffee</b>
<b>SESSION IV: Urban Nature-based solutions, moderators: Kristīne Kedo/Annija Danenberg, MoEPRD</b>		
9:00-9:05	5 min	Introduction to the day
9:05-09:35	30 min	<b>Keynote: Advancing Ecosystem Restoration for Climate Adaptation: Unleashing Nature-Based Solutions in Urban Planning and SDG Implementation</b> <i>by Prof. Nidhi Nagabhatla, United Nations University – CRIS</i> (25 min presentation + 5 min questions)
09:35- 10:00	25 min	<b>Local governance and valuation of NBS in cities</b> <i>by Oscar A. Alvarado, The Hague Academy for Local Governance (online)</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)
10:00-10:20	20 min	<b>LIFE UrbanStorm: Experience with NBS planning &amp; implementation in Estonia</b> <i>by Siim Reinla, Viimsi municipality, Estonia</i> (15 min presentation + 5 min questions)
10:20-10:40	20 min	<b>Experience with implementing NBS: The case of Riga</b> <i>by Andris Ločmanis, Riga City Council</i> (15 min presentation + 5 min questions)
10:40-11:00	20 min	<b>Coffee/ tea</b>
11:00-11:25	25 min	<b>Cost-benefit analysis of urban nature-based solutions: a systematic review of approaches, scales, and outcomes</b> <i>by Alessia Chelli, University of Trento</i> (20 min presentation + 5 min questions)
11:25-12:00	35 min	<b>Panel discussion on operationalizing NBS in urban environment</b>
12:00-12:15	15 min	<b>Closing of the event</b>
12:15-13:15	1 hr	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-16:30	2-3 hrs	<b>Site visit</b> (walking tour) to explore urban green infrastructure and nature-based solutions in Riga, <i>guided by Andris Ločmanis, Riga City Council</i>

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