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COSTING THE EARTH? – translating the ecosystem services concept into practical decision making

LIFE Platform meeting on Ecosystem Services
10-12 May 2017, Sokos Hotel Viru, Tallinn, Estonia

AGENDA

DAY 1 - 10th May 2017

POSTER set up opens at 11:00 and the REGISTRATION desk will be open from 12:00
Refreshments will be served from 13:00

AFTERNOON – plenary 14:00 – 18:30

Session moderator: Heidrun Fammler

14:00 - 14:10	Heidrun Fammler Baltic Environmental Forum	Introduction to the event
14:10 - 14:30	Marko Pomerants Minister of the Environment, Estonia	Opening address
14:30 - 14:45	Jakub Wejchert European Commission DG Environment, Biodiversity Unit	Where do we stand with the ecosystem services (ES) concept in the EU
14:45 - 15:00	Rob Bugter Wageningen University and Research Centre, Alterra, Netherlands	Is the policy working? What progress has been made and how do we measure success?
15:00 - 15:15	Lauri Klein Estonian Environment Agency	Small but Beautiful. The challenges of implementing the ES concept in Estonia.
15:15 - 15:30	Laszlo Becsy European Commission DG Environment, LIFE Unit	The role of the LIFE programme in advancing the ecosystem services concept – assessing ecosystem services in LIFE projects
15:30 - 15:40	Christian Strasser European Commission DG Environment, Deputy Head of LIFE Unit	LIFE – what is going on at the programme level?
15:40 - 16:00	Heidrun Fammler Baltic Environmental Forum	Q&A and wrap up of session
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee break - Posters and Networking Opportunities	
17:00 - 17:25	José María Fernández García HAZI Foundation	LIFE11 NAT/ES/707 Tremedal and LIFE11 NAT/ES/704 Ordunte Sostenible Application of the Tessa tool in LIFE Nature
17:25 - 17:50	Peter Long Biodiversity Institute, the University of Oxford, UK	LIFE12 ENV/UK/473 NaturEtrade, a tool to monitor the loss of ecosystem services and an innovative trading platform for halting ES loss
17:50 - 18:15	Žymantas Morkvėnas Baltic Environmental Forum, Lithuania	LIFE13 ENV/LT/189 Viva Grass, the Integrated Planning Tool for grassland management
18:15 - 18:30	Heidrun Fammler Baltic Environmental Forum	Q&A and Wrap up of session
followed by a buffet dinner at 19:30		

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DAY 2 - 11th May 2017 - MORNING PLENARY 09:00 – 10:10

09:00 - 09:10	Introduction of the day, session chairperson Heidrun Fammler
09:10 - 09:30	Panayotis Dimopoulos, University of Patras, Greece: Mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services at different spatial scales
09:30 - 09:50	Michael MacDonald, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Jenny Merriman, Birdlife International: Valuing ecosystem services at the project level: what do we want to achieve and how best to go about it
09:50 - 10:10	Marc Metzger, School of Geosciences, The University of Edinburgh, UK: Overview of the ecosystem services concept in decision making

BREAKOUT INTO WORKING GROUPS 10:20 – 13:00

The goal for the working group discussions is to harness the expertise of the LIFE project practitioners to help inform the LIFE Unit on the most practical and cost effective ways of assessing the contribution individual projects make to the ecosystem services (ES) assessment in the LIFE programme and highlight the potential and strengths of LIFE in advancing the respective themes.

	WORKING GROUP 1 Defining/Mapping ES Session Moderator: Anda Ruskule Session Rapporteur: Iñigo Ortiz De Urbina	WORKING GROUP 2 Valuing ES Session Moderator: Kristīna Veidemane Session Rapporteur: Inga Račinska	WORKING GROUP 3 Applying ES in decision making Session Moderator: Žymantas Morkvėnas Session Rapporteur: Bent Jepsen
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A series of 10 minute presentations to the working groups from a range of LIFE projects and other initiatives

10:20 - 10:30	Viva Grass, Estonia LIFE13 ENV/LT/189 Migueal Villoslada Viva Grass experience: mapping and identifying grassland ES	Cumbrian Bogs, UK LIFE13 NAT/UK/443 Jane Lusardi Valuing social and cultural ES	LIFE Blue Natura, Spain LIFE14 CCM/ES/957 Soledad Vivas Blue carbon sink, policies to mitigate climate change and influence regional law on climate change
10:30 - 10:40	Amsterdam Dune Project, the Netherlands LIFE11 NAT/NL/776 Luc Geelen A scan tool for ES from water extraction, nature conservation, recreation, coastal protection and raw material	PAN LIFE, Italy LIFE 13 NAT/IT/1075 Claudio Marciano Evaluation of Ecosystem Services of Natura 2000 sites in Calabria	LIFE Peat Land Use, Finland LIFE12 ENV/FI/150 Miia Parviainen Predictive modelling of ES after peat land re-use, trade-off calculation and decision support tool development
10:40 - 10:50	SOS4LIFE, Italy LIFE15 ENV/IT/225 Francesca Ugolini or Costanza Calzolari Assessment/mapping of soil-related ES	LIFE Natura2000 ValueCrete, Greece LIFE13 INF/GR/188 Michalis Probonas	LIFE SAM4CP, Italy LIFE13 ENV/IT/1218 Simonetta Alberico

		The ecological services, social benefits and economic value of ES in Natura 2000 sites in Crete	Development of a digital simulator for good planning and promotion of land use practices that preserve the ecosystem functions of soils
10:50 - 11:00	CzechGlobe ESMERALDA David Vačkář Integrated mapping and assessment of ecosystem services: examples from the Czech Republic	LIFE in Quarries, Belgium LIFE14 NAT/BE/000364 Kathleen Mercken Identification of ES in quarries; monitoring and evaluation of ES significance of quarries in the landscape	EcoCoLIFE, Scotland LIFE13 BIO/UK/428 Paul Sizeland Ecological coherence and ES and how they can be used to influence planning and policy decisions
11:00 - 11:10	Urban Oases LIFE11 ENV/FI/000911 Outi Wahlroos The establishment, monitoring and valuation of ecosystem services of storm-water wetlands: a case study from Finland	Making Good Natura LIFE11ENV/IT/000168 Giampiero Mazzocchi Qualitative and quantitative valuation of ES and innovative models for financing including Payment for ES (PES)	GREEN4GREY, Belgium LIFE13 ENV/BE/212 Pieter de Corte A multifunctional green and blue infrastructure in peri-urban areas and participative design
11:10 – 11:20	Adaptamed LIFE14 CCA/ES/000612 Rut Aspizua Assessing key services in Mediterranean socio-ecosystems vulnerable to climate change	Ecosystem Services LIFE13 ENV/LV/000839 Inga Hoņavko Economic valuation of ecosystem services for implementation areas	Wageningen University and Research Centre, Alterra, Netherlands Rob Bugter Perceptions of biodiversity, ecosystem services and values at the national level
11:20 - 11:50 Coffee break and posters followed by moderated discussions within the workgroups			
11:50 - 13:00	Defining and mapping ES , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.	Valuing ES , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.	Application of the ES concept in decision making , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.
13:00-14:30	Lunch and Poster Session		
14:30-15:15	Feedback from the Working Groups (rapporteurs)		
15:15-16:30	Lynne Barratt and Ben Delbaere , Neemo External monitoring team Drawing together the lessons learnt from the working groups to inform the guidance documents		
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break		
17:00-18:00	Panel Discussion moderated by Heidrun Fammler , Baltic Environment Forum Conclusions on contribution of the LIFE programme to the policy targets in relation to ecosystem services and integration of ES into different sector policies. End of the Platform meeting, followed by a buffet dinner at 19:00		

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DAY 3 - 12th May 2017 – EXCURSIONS 8:00 – 15:00 - please consult Excursion guidance document in your Conference package for details