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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 - 10<sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Heidrun Fammler</b> Baltic Environmental Forum	Introduction to the event
14:10 - 14:30	<b>Marko Pomerants</b> Minister of the Environment, Estonia	Opening address
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Jakub Weichert</b> European Commission DG Environment, Biodiversity Unit	Where do we stand with the ecosystem services (ES) concept in the EU
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Rob Bugter</b> 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	<b>Lauri Klein</b> Estonian Environment Agency	Small but Beautiful. The challenges of implementing the ES concept in Estonia.
15:15 - 15:30	<b>Laszlo Becszy</b> 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	<b>Christian Strasser</b> European Commission DG Environment, Deputy Head of LIFE Unit	Celebrating 25 years of LIFE and the Habitats Directive
15:40 - 16:00	<b>Heidrun Fammler</b> Baltic Environmental Forum	Q&A and wrap up of session
16:00 - 17:00	Coffee break Posters and Networking Opportunities	
17:00 - 17:25	<b>José María Fernández García</b> 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	<b>Peter Long</b> 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	<b>Žymantas Morkvėnas</b> Baltic Environment Forum, Lithuania	LIFE13 ENV/LT/189 Vivagrass, the Integrated Planning Tool for grassland management
18:15 - 18:30	<b>Heidrun Fammler</b> Baltic Environmental Forum	Q&A and Wrap up of session followed by a buffet dinner at 19:30

**DAY 2 - 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - MORNING PLENARY 09:00 – 10:10**

09:00 - 09:10	Introduction of the day, session chairperson <b>Heidrun Fammeler</b>
09:10 - 09:30	<b>Panayotis Dimopoulos, University of Patras, Greece:</b> Ecosystem services mapping at the national level
09:30 - 09:50	<b>Michael MacDonald, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds</b> and <b>Jenny Merriman, Birdlife International:</b> Valuing ecosystem services at the project level: what do we want to achieve and how best to go about it
09:50 - 10:10	<b>Marc Metzger, School of Geosciences, The University of Edinburgh, UK:</b> Overview of the ecosystem services concept in decision making

**BREAKOUT INTO WORKING GROUPS 10:20 – 13:30**

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.

	<b>WORKING GROUP 1</b> <b>Defining/Mapping ES</b> <b>Session Moderator:</b> Anda Ruskule <b>Session Rapporteur:</b> Iñigo Ortiz De Urbina	<b>WORKING GROUP 2</b> <b>Valuing ES</b> <b>Session Moderator:</b> Kristīna Veidemane <b>Session Rapporteur:</b> Inga Račinska	<b>WORKING GROUP 3</b> <b>Applying ES in decision making</b> <b>Session Moderator:</b> Žymantas Morkvėnas <b>Session Rapporteur:</b> Bent Jepsen
A series of 10 minute presentations to the working groups from a range of LIFE projects and other initiatives			
10:20 - 10:30	<a href="#">Vivagrass, Latvia</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 ENV/LT/189</a> Miguel Villoslada VivaGrass experience: mapping and identifying grassland ES	<a href="#">Cumbrian Bogs, UK</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 NAT/UK/443</a> Jane Lusardi Valuing social and cultural ES	<a href="#">LIFE Blue Natura, Spain</a> <a href="#">LIFE14 CCM/ES/957</a> Soledad Vivas Blue carbon sink, policies to mitigate climate change and influence regional law on climate change
10:30 - 10:40	<a href="#">Amsterdam Dune Project, the Netherlands</a> <a href="#">LIFE11 NAT/NL/776</a> Luc Geelen A scan tool for ES from water extraction, nature conservation, recreation, coastal protection and raw material	<a href="#">PAN LIFE, Italy</a> <a href="#">LIFE 13 NAT/IT/1075</a> Nicola Mayera Assessing the cost and the value of ES in a region of Italy	<a href="#">LIFE Peat Land Use, Finland</a> <a href="#">LIFE12 ENV/FI/150</a> Miia Parviainen Predictive modelling of ES after peat land re-use, trade-off calculation and decision support tool development
10:40 - 10:50	<a href="#">SOS4LIFE, Italy</a> <a href="#">LIFE15 ENV/IT/225</a> Francesca Ugolini Assessment/mapping of soil-related ES	<a href="#">LIFE Natura2000 Value Crete, Greece</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 INF/GR/188</a> Michalis Probonas The ecological services, social benefits and economic value of ES in Natura 2000 sites in Crete	<a href="#">LIFE SAM4CP, Italy</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 ENV/IT/1218</a> Simonetta Alberico 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	<a href="#">CzechGlobe (ESMERALDA)</a> David Vačkář	<a href="#">LIFE in Quarries, Belgium</a> <a href="#">LIFE14 NAT/BE/000364</a> Kathleen Mercken	<a href="#">EcoCoLIFE, Scotland</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 BIO/UK/428</a> Paul Sizeland

	Integrated mapping and assessment of ecosystem services: examples from the Czech Republic	Identification of ES in quarries; monitoring and evaluation of ES significance of quarries in the landscape	Ecological coherence and ES and how they can be used to influence planning and policy decisions
<b>11:00 - 11:10</b>	<a href="#">Urban Oases</a> <a href="#">LIFE11 ENV/FI/000911</a> Outi Wahlroos The establishment, monitoring and valuation of ecosystem services of storm-water wetlands: a case study from Finland	<a href="#">Making Good Natura</a> <a href="#">LIFE11ENV/IT/000168</a> Giampiero Mazzocchi Qualitative and quantitative valuation of ES and innovative models for financing including Payment for ES (PES)	<a href="#">GREEN4GREY, Belgium</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 ENV/BE/212</a> Pieter de Corte A multifunctional green and blue infrastructure in peri-urban areas and participative design
<b>11:10 – 11:20</b>	<a href="#">Adaptamed</a> <a href="#">LIFE14 CCA/ES/000612</a> Rut Aspinza Assessing key services in Mediterranean socio-ecosystems vulnerable to climate change	<a href="#">Ecosystem Services</a> <a href="#">LIFE13 ENV/LV/000839</a> Inga Honavko Economic valuation of ecosystem services for implementation areas	<a href="#">Wageningen University and Research Centre, Alterra, Netherlands</a> Rob Bugter Perceptions of biodiversity, ecosystem services and values at the national level
<b>11:20 - 11:50 Coffee break and posters followed by moderated discussions within the workgroups</b>			
<b>11:50 - 13:00</b>	<b>Defining and mapping ES</b> , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.	<b>Valuing ES</b> , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.	<b>Application of the ES concept in decision making</b> , discussing the challenges and opportunities for the LIFE programme.
<b>13:00-14:30 Lunch and Poster Session</b>			
<b>14:30-15:15</b>	Feedback from the Working Groups (rapporteurs)		
<b>15:15-16:30</b>	<b>Lynne Barratt and Ben Delbaere</b> , Neemo External monitoring team Drawing together the lessons learnt from the working groups to inform the guidance documents		
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	Coffee Break		
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<b>Panel Discussion moderated by Heidrun Fammler</b> , 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. Followed by a buffet dinner at 19:00		
<b>DAY 3 - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - EXCURSIONS</b>			
<b>8:00 – 15:00 EXCURSIONS</b>	3 options for excursions, as indicated on your registration form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Semi-natural habitats in Lahemaa national park</li> <li>- Mires in Lahemaa national park</li> <li>- City ecosystems (Tallinn)</li> </ul>		