

BiodIvErSe – Project Meeting in Latvia

01.- 2.07.2026.

AGENDA

Day 1: Wednesday, July 1 st 2026	
FIRST PART OF THE MEETING	
08:30	Meeting point: Strēlnieku Square (next to the Occupation Museum), Old Town, Riga (https://maps.app.goo.gl/H3BgZ3jZhB9nFeoA7) Departure to Jūrmala
09:20 – 09:40	Registration and coffee
09:40 - 09:50	Opening of the meeting Vidzeme Planning Region & Lead Partner
09:50 - 10:00	Introduction to the operations of the Elektrum Energy Centre Inga Liene Sanžerevska, Project Manager at the Elektrum Energy Centre
10:00 – 10:30	Solar parks in Latvia and the Baltic State Ivars Inkins, Head of Solar Park Development at Latvenergo
10:30 – 11:00	How can solar park development be transformed from simple energy generation into a catalyst for local economic growth and biodiversity Arta Kauķe, Environmental Expert, Ecosoul
11:00 - 11:30	Different Aspects of Biodiversity in PV Parks Elīna Blūma, Head of the Permits and Assessment Sector of the Vidzeme Regional Administration, Nature Conservation Agency
11:30 - 12:30	Rewetted peatland PV in Germany Ms. Monika Hohlbein, University of Greifswald, Partner in the Greifswald Mire Centre
LUNCH & WORKSHOP & SITE VISIT	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at Majorenhoff (Jomas iela 42, Jūrmala) - https://maps.app.goo.gl/EdeyxBWtQppFRonZA
13:30 – 15:30	Workshop “Policy Methodology & Good Practices”
15:30 – 16:00	Transfer to Jūrmala Water Ltd.

16:00 – 17:00	Site visit at Jūrmala Water Ltd– solar panels at the water supply company
17:00 - 17:50	Return trip to Riga
19:00	Dinner at Gutenbergs Restaurant (Doma Laukums 1, Rīga) - https://maps.app.goo.gl/T3aKZ8bGFHkFTZ7q7

Day 2: Thursday, July 2nd 2026

08:20	Meeting point: Strēlnieku Square (next to the Occupation Museum), Old Town, Riga (https://maps.app.goo.gl/H3BgZ3jZhB9nFeoA7) Departure to Kaigu Bog
9:30-10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Renewable energy in the peatland area and future vision Sabīna Alta, Development Director, Laflora Ltd.
10:30 - 11:00	Hortivoltaics in Latvia Edgars Rubauskis, Department of Agrotechnical Research and Variety Evaluation, Institute of Horticulture
11:00 - 11:30	Introductory presentation before the site visit to the planned PV park in Medema Bog (degraded peatland) and restoration of the bog ecosystem. Gatis Eriņš, Chief Specialist for Biodiversity and Habitat Protection, Riga Forests Ltd.
SITE VISIT & LUNCH	
11:30 – 13:00	Site visit at Kaigu Bog - Solar panel mock-ups in a blueberry plantation (PeatTransform, Arosa-R) and a wind farm in the peat extraction area. Edgars Rubauskis and Sabīna Alta
13:00 - 14:00	Outdoor lunch in the peatland
SITE VISIT	
14:00 – 15:00	Transfer to Medema Bog
15:00 – 17:00	The Second Life of Medema Bog: Exploring the Restored Peatland on Bog Shoes Dr. Ilze Ozola, Peatland Researcher, Chair of the Latvian National Peatland Society Demonstration at Medema Bog – location where an ecological restoration of peatland combined with PV park is planned in the future Gatis Eriņš, Chief Specialist for Biodiversity and Habitat Protection, Riga Forests Ltd.
17:00 - 17:45	Return trip to Riga