



Agenda 25-26 October 2023

Wednesday, 25 October 2023 - Conference

09:00-09:30 Registration and Morning Coffee

09:30-10:15 Welcome and Conference Introduction

- ◆ **Jaan Toots** – *Mayor of Narva*
- ◆ **Kaupo Läänerand** - *Deputy secretary general for Maritime and Water affairs in Estonian Ministry of Climate*
- ◆ **Mari Sepp** - *LIFE IP CleanEST project manager in Estonian Ministry of Climate*

Keynote speech: Veronica Manfredi - *Director for Zero Pollution in European Commission**

Session 1: Modernizing Water Management Through Digital Innovation

10:15-10:40 Presentation: Examining the Concept of a Water-Smart Society
Durk Krol - *Executive Director in Water Europe**

10:40-11:05 Presentation: An Analysis of Digital Transformation in Water Governance
Prabhu Chandrasekeran - *Intelligent Water National Practice Leader - International Water Association*

11:05-11:20 Presentation: Data-based Reporting: a Key Component of Digitalized Water Management
Sulev Tõkke - *Project Manager in Estonian Environmental Board*

11:20-12:00 Panel Discussion: Strategic Transitions in Water Management: Adapting to the Digital landscape

- ◆ **Ott Velsberg** - *Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications**
- ◆ **Prabhu Chandrasekeran & Oliver Grievson*** - *International Water Association*
- ◆ **Rivo Üiboupin** - *Tallinn University of Technology*
- ◆ **Sulev Tõkke** – *Estonian Environmental Board*

12:00-13:00 Lunch and Networking

Session 2: "Funding Opportunities in the Water Sector"

13:00-13:15 Presentation: Investments for Sustainable Water Management: A Retrospective on Challenges and Opportunities through Financier's Lens
Tanel Oppi - *Head of Grants and Services in Estonian Environmental Investment Centre*

13:15-13:45 Presentations: Value of Data, and Good Governance: Best Practices in two Baltic Countries
Erik Kosenkranius - *Deputy Director General in Estonian Environmental Board*
Tomas Želvys - *Senior advisor on water and subsoil questions Lithuanian Ministry of Environment*

13:45-14:00 Presentation: Navigating CINEA's Funding Opportunities in the Water Sector
Federico De-Filippi - *Project Adviser in CINEA European Commission LIFE Programme Environment and Climate Action**

14:00-14:30 Panel Discussion: Leveraging Data, Knowledge, and Finance for Sustainable Water Management: *Moderated by Vahur Tarkmees*

- ◆ **Federico De-Filippi** – *CINEA**
- ◆ **Irina Smirnova** – *Advisor of Narva Municipality*
- ◆ **Kaupo Läänerand** - *Estonian Ministry of Climate*
- ◆ **Tanel Oppi** - *Estonian Environmental Investment Centre*

14:30-14:50 AHHA Science Theatre

14:50-15:10 Café and Conversation



Session 3: "Water in Environmental Education: Information and Awareness"

15:10-15:40 Presentation: From Data to Action: Impactful Communication Strategies
Laura Cernahoschi - *Web and online communications expert in European Environmental Agency**

15:40-16:10 Presentation: BaltAqua project
Franziska Meergans - *Project Manager in International Cooperation and Water Innovation Networks*

16:10-16:45 Panel Discussion: Environmental Education as the Cornerstone of Water
Management: How to Learn and Engage?

- ◆ **Franziska Meergans** - *International Cooperation and Water Innovation Networks*
- ◆ **Kristo Elias** - *Estonian Public Broadcasting*
- ◆ **Helin Haga** - *AHHAA*
- ◆ **Rob Collins** - *The Rivers Trust*

16:45-17:00 Closing Remarks
Karin Kroon - *Water Department manager in Estonian Ministry of Climate*

18:00 - 19:30 Site visit in Narva

19:30 - 22:30 Joint dinner



Thursday, 26 October 2023 – Workshops and Field day

9.00 – 12.00 Conference Workshops

Workshop 1: "Harmonizing with Nature: Exploring Nature-Based Solutions in Water Management"

Introduction: The workshop provides a platform for discussing and presenting the importance of natural solutions and their applicability in addressing environmental challenges. Natural solutions are based on mimicking and utilizing the functioning of natural systems to more effectively tackle the environmental issues related to water that we are facing.

- ◆ **Overview of Nature-Based Solutions in Estonia** - Olav Ojala - *Estonian Ministry of Climate*
- ◆ **A Showcase of Nature-Based Solutions in UK** - Vincent Riozzi & Tom Gall - *The Rivers Trust NGO*
- ◆ **The Role of Mining Ponds in the Landscape Character** - Dalma Varga - *LIFE LOGOS 4 Water*
- ◆ **Bioremediation for Water Quality Enhancement** - Vallo Kõrgmaa - *Estonian Environmental Research Centre*

Workshop 2: Overcoming Migration Route Challenges: Strategies for Addressing Problematic Dams

Introduction: To delve into this topic, we will explore concrete examples from different countries. Our aim is to discover strategies and solutions that can effectively balance the interests of various stakeholders while working towards the restoration of migration routes through dams.

- ◆ **Overview of LIFE IP CleanEST Dams** - Annabel Runnel - *Estonian Environmental Agency*
- ◆ **Overview of Dams in Estonia** - Meelis Tambets - *Wildlife Estonia NGO*
- ◆ **Overview of Dams in Sweden and LIFE Connects project** - Karin Olsson - *LIFE Connects**
- ◆ **Dams in Europe: Case Studies, Challenges, and Solutions** - Pao Fernández Garrido - *Dam Removal Europe**

Workshop 3: "Raising Environmental Awareness in Water Sector"

Introduction: The focus of this workshop is to enhance environmental awareness, focusing on the value of water resources, the environmental impact of water use, and effective measures and solutions to address water-related challenges. Through concrete examples and discussions from various countries, we aim to promote a deeper understanding of how different stakeholders can work together to ensure sustainable and responsible water management.

- ◆ **Overview of communication in LIFE IP CleanEST project** - Henry Linnard - *Estonian Ministry of Climate*
- ◆ **The implementation of national water conservation campaign as a water management measure** - Vanessa Maria Vella; **The use of water efficiency labels as an educational and awareness raising tool** - Julia Bonello - *LIFE-IP RBMP-MALTA*
- ◆ **Measuring and describing social and economic effects of water measures** – Rosita Ericsson, Lova Lind, Asta Gulijeva - *LIFE IP Rich Waters*
- ◆ **Awareness Enhancement Strategies at AHHA** - Annika Vesselov – *AHHA Science Centre*

Workshop 4: "Synchronizing Efforts: Coordinating the Implementation of River Basin Management Plans"

Introduction: The aim of the workshop is to deepen participants understanding of the importance of implementing the RBMP and the significance of coordination. Additionally, it seeks to share experiences regarding engaging various stakeholders and ensuring collaboration in the implementation of the water management plan.

- ◆ **Overview of Estonian River Basin Management Plans** – Reeda Iisma - *Estonian Ministry of Climate*
- ◆ **SWAT+ water quality and quantity modelling systems for Latvia and Lithuania** - Uldis Beters, PAIC, University of Latvia
- ◆ **Overview of England's Catchment Based Approach** - Rob Collins - *The Rivers Trust*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 17:00 Field trip

Bus 1: [Põlula Fish Rearing Center](#)

Bus 2-3: [Aidu Quarry](#)

17:00 – 20:00 Travel to Tallinn