

International conference

"Waterside – A Space for Water, Land and People Interactions: Practices and Challenges in River Basin Management"

8-9 October 2025 in Tukums/Riga Latvia

Aim of the conference: To foster the exchange of knowledge and experience for developing management measures in the interaction zones between water, terrestrial ecosystems, and human activities. By exploring the dynamics of diverse waterside environments, the conference seeks to identify improved management approaches, practices, and governance solutions for effective river basin management.

Outline of the Agenda

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 (full day)

Joint field trip to the Tukums/Kurzeme region in the western part of Latvia to visit both rural and urban locations and explore water ecosystems and human interactions through various planning and management practices.

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Conference day ([hotel Pullman Riga Old Town](#), Jekaba street 24, Riga).

9:00-9:30	Arrival & registration	Tea/ coffee	Expo
9:30-9:40	Opening of the conference		
9:40-10:00	Introduction to the LIFE GoodWater IP project		
10:00-10:30	Keynote on multi-functionality and interactions between water ecosystem and other ecosystems, their use, and people		
10:30-11:15	Panel discussion (invited policy makers, experts and community representatives)		
11:15-11:45	Tea/ coffee	Expo	
11:45-13:15	Parallel thematic sessions (in groups)		
	A. Forestland – water ecosystem interactions	B. Floodplain – people interaction	C. Energy production – impacts of water use
13:15-14:15	Lunch/Expo		
14:15-15:45	Parallel thematic sessions (in groups)/ Expo		
	D. Farmland – water ecosystem interactions	E. Water banks – people interactions	F. Riparian sanctuaries – habitat for protected species
15:45-16:15	Plenary: Reflection on parallel sessions/ joint discussions Key messages of the conference		
16:15-16:30	Open floor for announcements by participants on future events, etc.		
16:30-17:00	Closing of the event		

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