

Project final seminar

To disseminate the project ideas and acquired best practices, the project final seminar was organized for Latvian experts and authorities. Representatives from farming sectors, experts in biodiversity conservation and authorities participated in the seminar. During this meeting overall project findings in networking aspects, best experiences collected in the project book, lessons learnt during both project study visits, *etc.* were discussed.

Programme

Ziemupe, 27 – 29 April, 2011 Latvia

Wednesday, 27th April	
14.00 – 19.00	Arrival and accommodation
Thursday, 28th April	
9.00 – 10.00	Registration and coffee
	Discussions on project findings
10.00 – 10.20	Opening and introduction on project Strengthening Nordic-Baltic-Russia/Belarus partnership in farming for biodiversity
10.20 – 11.20	Discussion on findings from project network meeting
11.20 – 11.40	Coffee break
11.40 – 13.00	Discussion on experience and lessons learnt during the study visit to Sweden
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.40	Discussion on experience and lessons learnt during the study visit to Belarus
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 18.00	Discussion on further networking and cooperation with Nordic countries and Belarus/Russia with focus on farming methods, evaluation of biodiversity and best practices in maintenance of biodiversity in rural areas
18.15 – 19.15	Dinner
Friday, 29th April	
	Discussions on best Nordic-Baltic-Belarus cases in farming for biodiversity compiled in the project book
9.00 – 10.00	Discussions on examples from Sweden: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three regional Swedish grassland cases - Semi-natural grasslands in Sweden.
10.00 – 11.40	Discussions on examples from Finland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrated coastal planning and management in Southwest Finland - Koskis Estate: one-step ahead

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holistic watershed and landscape area level planning methods to enhance biodiversity and water protection in rural areas
11.40 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Discussions on examples from Latvia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year-round grazing as tool for rural landscape management and tourism development: two examples from Latvia - Organic farming in Latvia: examples from the Amata municipality - The statistic frame of extensive grazing in Latvia and the recent development in the farm Brīvnieki as an example - A cooperational model of year-round grazing for the benefits of farmers and floodplain habitats: an example from the Dviete Floodplain Nature Park, Latvia
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.10	<p>Discussions on examples from Norway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goat farming for landscape and wool - A successful concept for farming for biodiversity
15.10 – 17.00	<p>Discussions on examples from Belarus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organic and conventional agriculture in Belarus: a current state and trends - Green Social Housing in Belarus as a tool for sustainable development in rural areas - Traditional and modern eco-technologies in applying reed and straw as ecologically clean building materials for sustainable development of local economies and for safety of biological diversity: Belarusian experience
17.00 – 18.00	Summing-up and closing