

Wake Up! Boreal Grasslands

24-26.10.2017 Muhu, Estonia, Vanatoa Turismitalu

PROGRAMME

24.10. Tuesday

Arrival 18:00 - 22:00

25.10. Wednesday

Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00

Session 1 *Is the agri-environmental scheme the only answer* 9:00 - 12:00

Chairman Annely Esko

Introduction to the seminar objectives and introducing participants

CAP and National funding for grasslands

- Short presentations of national CAP implementations, other national funding mechanisms for grasslands and co-operation between Ministries of Agriculture and Environment (max 15 min / country):

- o Estonia (Kaidi Jakobson, Ministry of Agriculture and Piret Sepp, Estonian Environmental Board)
- o Latvia (Sabīne Bunere, Ministry of Environment and Regional Development, Solvita Rusina University of Latvia)
- o Lithuania (Žymantas Morkvėnas, Baltic Environmental Forum)
- o Sweden (Jan Plue, Stockholm University)
- o Finland (Tapio Heikkilä, Ministry of Environment) + Åland Islands

- Discussion.

Lunch 12:00 - 13:00

Session 2 *Awareness wakening* 13:00 - 16:00

Chairman Aveliina Helm

How to raise people awareness of grasslands

- Everyman's conservation in Estonia (Aveliina Helm, University of Tartu)
- Volunteer bird watchers as grassland conservationists - example from Finland (Antti Below, Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland)
- LIFE Urbancows experience in awareness raising (Bert Holm, Estonian Environmental Board)

- Awareness raising tools in CoastNet LIFE project plan (Hanna-Leena Keskinen, Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife Finland)
- A quick look to project funding possibilities (Iiro Ikonen, ELY centre for Southwest Finland)
- Discussion.
 - Can we join our forces, ideas for new co-operation projects

Field trip to Koguva 16:00 - 18:00

- Annelly Esko guides us to the 200 hectares of restored alvar grasslands near the seminar place, which is restored by Life to Alvar project

Dinner 19:00 ->

26.10. Thursday

Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30

Session 3 *Road map for the Boreal Grassland Group* 8:30 - 10:30
Chairman Katja Raatikainen

Making a route map, discussions of the group leadership and next event

- Every country brings into discussion their expectations towards the group
 - o Please, discuss with your national colleagues before hand about what kind of co-operation in your opinion is needed for the boreal grasslands, and how you would like to organize the group's activities and leadership.

Field trip to Kahtla- Kùbassaare (Saaremaa island) 10.30 - 12:30

- Annelly Esko guides us to the Life to Alvar project site
- Machinery demonstration

Lunch 12:30 - 13:30

Field trip to Üügu 13:30 - 15:00

- Annelly Esko guides us to the Life to Alvar project site

- Leaving back home 15:00

- Ferry from Muhu to mainland 15:15



