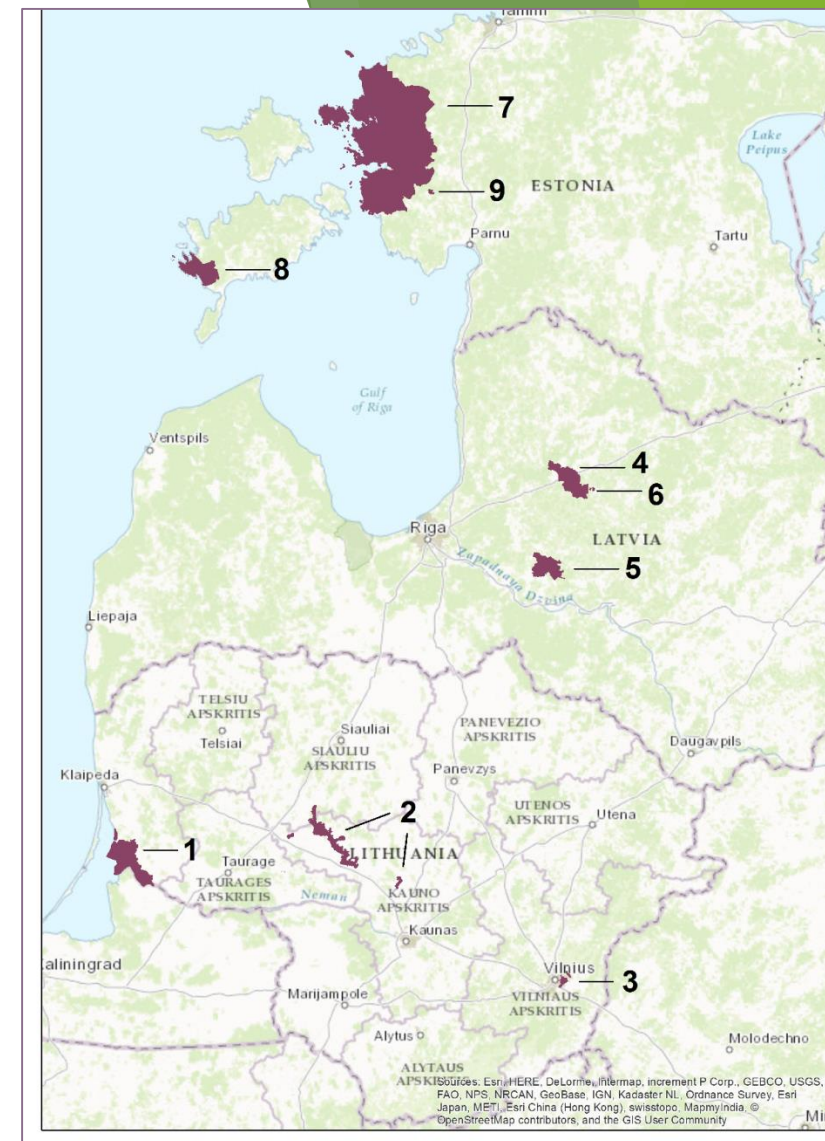


Integrated planning tool to ensure viability of grasslands

*LIFE Viva Grass
LIFE13 ENV/LT/000189*

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- ▶ **Project location:** Estonia (3 areas), Latvia (3 areas), Lithuania (3 areas)
- ▶ **Budget - 2 751 426 EUR**
 - **EU contribution:** 1 370 563 EUR
 - **Own contribution:** 762 638 EUR
 - **State budget:** 618 225 EUR
- ▶ **Duration:** 54 months (01/06/2014 - 30/11/2018)
- ▶ **Beneficiaries:**
 - **Coordinating** - Baltic Environmental Forum - Lithuania
 - **Associated**
 - ✓ **LT:** Pavilniai and Verkiiai Regional Park, Dubysa Regional Park, Silute District Municipality, JSC Hnit-Baltic
 - ✓ **LV:** Baltic Environmental Forum - EE, Cēsis Municipality, Farm “Kalnāju ferma”, University of Latvia, Institute of Environmental Solutions
 - ✓ **EE:** Baltic Environmental Forum - EE, Lääne-Saare Municipality, Farm “Saare Rantso”, Estonian University of Life Sciences.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ▶ *Introduce briefly the objectives of the project.*

The main goal: to support maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services provided by grasslands, through encouraging ecosystem based approach to planning and economically viable grassland management

- ▶ *Introduce briefly 3-4 main activities.*
- *Gathering background information on pilot areas.*
- *Development of Integrated Planning Tool.*
- *Grassland restoration.*
- *Development of grassland related planning documents for pilot areas.*

CURRENT SITUATION, MEASURED IMPACTS & RESULTS I

▶ *Introduce briefly the main implemented actions and results of the project until now.*

- ▶ ***Gathering background information on grasslands in pilot areas municipalities:***
 - *Grassland extent.*
 - *Extent of invasive species.*
 - *Grass biomass resources.*
 - *Economic parameters.*

CURRENT SITUATION, MEASURED IMPACTS & RESULTS II

▶ Introduce briefly the main implemented actions and results of the project until now.

- ▶ **Grassland restoration as as business catalytic activities:**
 - *Cēsis Municipality (LV) - 30 ha*
 - *Kalnaju Farm (LV) - 80 ha*
 - *Pavilniai Regional Park (LT) - 8 ha*
 - *Dubysa Regional Park (LT) - 24 ha*
 - *Restoration activities: bush and tree cutting, stump and root removal and/or milling, soil planing and processing, reseeding, «green hay method», stone removal.*



CURRENT SITUATION, MEASURED IMPACTS & RESULTS III

▶ *Introduce briefly the main implemented actions and results of the project until now.*

▶ ***Development of Integrated Planning Tool:***

- *Gathering background biophysical data.*
- *Technical design of the tool and programming.*
- *Data insertion and calculation of ecosystem services.*
- *Teaching the Tool to stakeholders.*

CURRENT SITUATION, MEASURED IMPACTS & RESULTS III

▶ *Introduce briefly the main implemented actions and results of the project until now.*

- ▶ ***Development of grassland related planning documents for pilot areas:***
 - *Strategic planning documents for municipalities.*
 - *Cēsis Municipality - landscape protection and management plan.*
 - *Both farms - management plans.*
 - *Ogre Parish - bottom-up stakeholder recommendations.*

FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- ▶ *Introduce briefly the main actions of the following years.*
- ▶ Finalising, applying and teaching the Integrated Planning Tool in project areas.
- ▶ Developing various grassland management related planning documents for pilot areas.
- ▶ Active stakeholder involvement.

MORE INFORMATION:

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