

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In cooperation with the Embassies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, NABU and LIFE Peat Restore would like to invite you to the photo exhibition 'Restoring Peatlands for Climate', accompanied by a panel discussion with international experts.

In aims of achieving a comprehensive outlook on the future of peatland policy in northern Europe, we have invited renowned experts to discuss national climate policies, including strategies for peatland restoration and phase-out of peat extraction.

Peatlands are unique wetland ecosystems that play an important role in nature and our lives. They regulate cycling of water and nutrients, provide irreplaceable habitats for many species, accumulate huge amounts of carbon and regulate the climate. Most peatlands in Europe have experienced human-caused modifications, and many are lost forever.

Drainage and peat extraction have devastated large areas of pristine ecosystems, turning natural carbon sinks into persistent sources of carbon emission. Damaged peatlands release carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, so called greenhouse gases. In fact, although degraded peatlands cover only 0,3% of terrestrial land, they are responsible for at least 5% of global emissions. Due to the relevant climate functions peatlands perform, their restoration and protection is strategic to achieve the Paris Agreement goals, especially for peatland rich countries.

We hope you join us in this timely discussion.

Thomas Tennhardt Director International, NABU

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Founded in 1899, NABU (Nature And Biodiversity Conservation Union), is one of the oldest and largest environment associations in Germany.

NABU's main objectives are the preservation of habitats and biodiversity, the promotion of sustainability in agriculture, forest management and water supply and distribution, as well as to enhance the significance of nature conservation in our society.

The LIFE Peat Restore project is restoring peatlands in five countries – Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Germany – to mitigate the drainage effects and reduce release of greenhouse gases. The exhibition will introduce you to our restoration sites, peatland ecosystem functions, biodiversity, beauty, research, management and other aspects.

The exhibition was prepared within the project "Reduction of CO2 emissions by restoring degraded peatlands in Northern European Lowland" (LIFE15 CCM/DE/000138, LIFE Peat Restore) financed by EU LIFE programme.

Restoring Peatlands for Climate

Panel discussion and photo exhibition

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 | 5.00 PM

5.00 PM	Doors open, Register at entrance
5.30 PM	Welcoming words Alar Streimann, Ambassador of Estonia
5.35 PM	Greetings Jörg-Andreas Krüger, <i>President of NABU</i>
5.45 PM	Greetings Dr. Frank Woesthoff, Head of Corporate Communications, Volkswagen Financial Ser- vices AG
5.50 PM	Restoring peatlands for climate Dr. Hans Joosten, General Secretary of Inter- national Mire Conservation Group (IMCG)
6.00 PM	Why EU climate goals should be extended – Latvian approach Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Latvia
6.10 PM	Panel discussion 1 Christian Holzleitner, DG Clima, Head of Unit C.3 Land Use and Finance for Innovation,

EU Commission

Dr. Hans Joosten, General Secretary of International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG) Jörg-Andreas Krüger, President of NABU,

Alda Ozola, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Latvia

Panel discussion 2

Dr. Hans Joosten, General Secretary of International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG)
Maria Karus, Environmental Technology
Department Advisor, Ministry of Environment of Estonia

Dr. Thomas Schmidt, Head of Unit Horti-culture and Landscaping, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

Moderator: Sebastian Scholz, Head of Climate Department, NABU

7.30 PM	Photo exhibition with drinks and delicacies from the Baltic countries
9.00 PM	End

The event is free of charge.

Please note that security rules recquire those attending to bring a photo ID to permit entry to the Embassy of Estonia.

Please register by January 8, 2020 by email at

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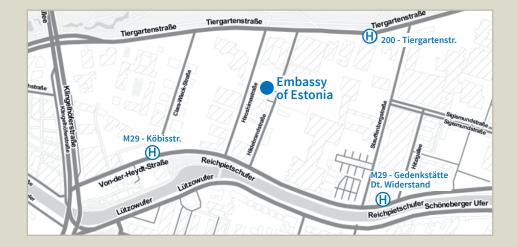


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