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Conference on Good practices in peatland restoration

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JTP GROUNDWORK TA to LV – Conference on Good practices in peatland restoration

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The event focuses on identifying and disseminating information on the importance of peat site restoration, best practices, and strategies in planning and deciding on restoration options. It also aims to engage key stakeholders from national, regional, and local authorities in the fields of regional development, agriculture, environment, climate, and territorial planning in Latvia, as well as the private sector, NGOs, and academia.

The conference will cover the importance of peatland restoration in Latvia, share insights from local and international experts on measuring emissions and assessing degradation levels, highlight international best practices for peatland restoration with a focus on involving the private sector, and showcase ongoing restoration projects in Latvia.

TIME	ACTIVITY
8.45-9.45	Registration and coffee
9.45-9.50	Introduction by conference hosts <i>Agris Kamenders RTU & Bettina Rafaelsen COWI</i>
9.50-10.00	Welcome <i>Professor Dagnija Blumberga, Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, RTU</i>
10.00-10.15	JTP and the Latvian TJTP Q&A <i>Balbina Gluza-Czyczerska / Myriam Boveda, European Commission (DG REGIO)</i>
10.15-11.00	Keynote speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The importance of peatland restoration for meeting the emission targets in Latvia <i>(tbd, Ministry of Climate and energy)</i> <i>(tdd, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)</i>○ Climate targets in forestry and agriculture sectors <i>(Dace Arāja, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture)</i> Q&A

10:45-12:45	Panel (1) discussion <i>'Practices and challenges in measuring emissions and assessing degradation levels'</i> Q&A Presentation by 4-5 Latvian and international panelists <i>Moderated by Agris Kamenders (RTU)</i>
12:45-14:00	Lunch (Conference lobby)
14:00-15:30	Panel (2) discussion <i>'Approaches and strategies to peat site restoration'</i> Q&A Presentations by 3-4 international experts <i>Moderated by Bettina Rafaelsen (COWI)</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee (Conference lobby)
16:00-17:00	Presentation <i>'On-going projects and initiatives in peat site restoration in Latvia'</i> Presentation by 4 project representatives Q&A <i>Moderated by Agris Kamenders (RTU)</i>
17:00-17:15	Closing words <i>Presented by Agris Kamenders/Francesco Romagnoli (RTU)</i>
18:00-22:00	Reception dinner and Poster café Hotel Radisson Daugava

