



## Peatlands as natural carbon sinks

**Workshop organisers and host:** EUKI projects “Building the European Peatlands Initiative” and “Landcare Europe Captures Carbon – Supporting Natural Climate Protection in Agricultural Landscapes”; hosted by the Baltic Environmental Forum.

**Date:** September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Location:** Vilnius, Lithuania

**Focus:** Peatlands are vital for climate action. To meet Europe's climate and biodiversity goals, practical options for peat-friendly agriculture and rewetting of peat soils need to be tested and scaled up. Despite covering only 3-4% of Earth's land surface, they store a third of the world's soil carbon, making them natural carbon sinks. However, in Europe, drainage and unsustainable land use threaten this crucial function. This workshop will focus on solutions, how to scale-up rewetting of peatlands in agricultural landscapes.

- **The first part of the workshop** on Tuesday will show best practice examples from different European countries, focusing on wet agriculture and paludiculture. In the context of the current Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the market value chains, new financial incentives and carbon farming, how can long-term solutions be found?
- **The second part of the workshop** on Tuesday, a focus paper will be developed on peatlands as natural carbon sinks. The paper is aimed at the EU Member States to improve the CAP framework to support farming on high water peatlands. How can pan-European cooperation trigger large-scale change in Europe, reinforcing the vital role of peatlands?
- The workshop will be followed by **a thematic field visit** on Wednesday, showing appealing peatland and agricultural areas in Lithuania, where works are done to improve hydrological regimes, supported by community cooperation.

**Registration:** This workshop is held at the Eurosité Annual Meeting 2025; for the registration to the workshop, please register through [Eurosité event page](#). Do it soon, because right now you can take advantage of the Early Bird discount. Kindly note that Landcare Europe has the possibility to cover the costs of maximum 25 participating experts. This includes conference costs, accommodation and travel expenses up to €500 per person. Experts will be chosen according to their motivation, background and geographic allocation. In case of interest, please notify your interest at the [Landcare event page](#) until June 30<sup>th</sup>. You will be informed by the Baltic Environmental Forum by July 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 whether your costs will be covered or not.



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