



Conference “LIFE-Nature and military – results and lessons learned”

Closing event of LIFE–Nature project
“Restoration of Biological Diversity in Military Training Area and Natura 2000 site “Adazi””

Adazi, Latvia

October 6-9, 2009

AGENDA

Tuesday, 6 October

Arrival at Riga International Airport/Bus station

Accommodation (“Albert Hotel”, <http://www.alberthotel.lv/>, Dzirnavu iela 33, Rīga)

Wednesday, 7 October

- 8.45 Departure to Adazi Military Base, National Armed Forces Logistics Command 3rd Regional Support Centre (NAF LC 3rd RLC)
- 9.30 Arrival at Adazi Military Base, NAF LC 3rd RLC
- 9.35-10.00 Registration, coffee/tea
- 10.00-10.05 Address by Ms. Inga Puikevica – Puikevska, Undersecretary of State for Logistics, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia
- 10.05-10.10 Address by Ms. Daina Galaktionova, Head of Environmental Department of State Agency for Defence Properties
- 10.10-10.15 Administrative remarks
- 10.15-10.40 Briefing on Adazi Military Base and Training Area and Partnership within the LIFE project, positive impact on development of the training area by *Major Kaspars Zdanovskis, Chief of staff of NAF LC 3rd RLC*
- 10.40.-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-11.20 “Natura 2000 territories in Latvia, successfully implemented LIFE projects” by *Ms. Vija Buša, Head of Division of Protected Areas, Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of the Environment*
- 11.20-12.00 “LIFE project “ADAZI”- results, conclusions and future plans” by *Laura Jukāme, manager of LIFE project “ADAZI”*
- 12.00-12.30 Nature values of Military Training Area Adazi by *project manager of Latvian Fund of Nature Ms. Ieva Rove*
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch at Adazi Military Base
- 13.30-16.30 **Tour to Military Training Area Adazi and LIFE-Nature project area**
- 16.30-17.30 Departure from Military Training Area Adazi to Riga, Albert Hotel
- 18.45 Departure to dinner from Albert Hotel
- 19.00 Dinner at Restaurant “Otto Schwarz” at Hotel de Rome (Riga, Kaļķu iela 28) hosted by State Agency for Defence Properties

Thursday, 8 October

8.45 Departure to Adazi Military Base, NAF LC 3rd RLC
Session I: Defence Sector and Its Efforts on Nature Protection in Military Training Areas

- 9.30-10.00 Danish Ministry of Defence and their experience on Nature Protection in Military Objects presented by *Ms. Matilde Raahede, Ministry of Defence*
- 10.00-10.30 "Nature values, environmental impacts and management on training areas in Estonia" by *Ms. Liina Allikas, Adviser of GIS- and environment of Training Fields Section of Estate Service, Estonian Armed Forces*
- 10.30-11.00 "Military Training Areas of High Nature Conservation Value in Central and Eastern Europe; First Analyses of Database and Networking Processes" by *Ms. Sarolta Tripolszky, Natura 2000 coordinator of CEEweb for Biodiversity*
- 11.00-11.20 Coffee Break

Session II: Experience – LIFE Projects and Nature Protection in Military Training Areas

- 11.20-12.30 LIFE project DANAH A till Z (Belgium) presented by *Pilot Officer of LIFE Project DANAH Major Guy de Veth*
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch at Adazi Military Base

Session III: Methods, Most Common Problems and Solutions for Nature Restoration and Management of Nature Values in Military Training Areas

- 13.30-14.00 Experience of Norwegian Project "Transformation of Hjerkin Firing Range to Civilian Application" by *Mr. Odd-Erik Martinsen, Senior project manager, Norwegian Defence Estates Agency*
- 14.00-14.30 "Challenges & Solutions for Natural Resources Management at U.S. Army Training Areas" by *Ms. Debra Dale, Chief, Environmental Functional Support Branch, Europe Region, U.S. Army Environmental Command* and *Mr. Jay Rubinoff, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Army Environmental Command*
- 14.30-15.00 Heathland in Denmark and its management by *Mr. Hans Jørgen Degn, „Degn's Naturconsult”*
- 15.00-15.20 Coffee Break
- 15.20-16.30 Discussions, workshops
- 16.30-16.50 Formulation of results of the workshops
- 16.50-17.10 Presentation of results of workshops
- 17.10 Closing of the conference
- 17.30-18.30 Departure from Military Training Area Adazi to Riga, Albert Hotel
- 19.15 Departure to dinner from Albert Hotel
- 19.30 Dinner at Restaurant "Raibais Balodis" at Hotel Konventa Seta (Kalēju iela 9/11) hosted by State Agency for Defence Properties

Friday, 9 October (optional)

- 9.00 Departure to Adazi Military Base, NAF LC 3rd RLC
- 10.00-12.30 Additional tour to LIFE-Nature project "ADAZI" area with a focus on management activities
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch at Adazi Military Base
- 14.00-15.45 Departure to Riga (first to Albert Hotel, second to Riga International Airport)

