



## SAVE THE DATE – LIFE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PLATFORM MEETING

Dear LIFE colleagues,

On behalf of the EU LIFE programme we are pleased to announce that there will be a **LIFE Ecosystem Services Platform event** in Tallinn, Estonia between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The event will be hosted by the LIFE VivaGrass project (LIFE13 ENV/LT/000189) and will involve a visit to the project area in the Lahemaa National park.

The meeting will bring together over fifty LIFE projects and also other EU organisations that are working with ecosystem services. We are inviting speakers from some of the foremost European institutions to join us, and present the latest thinking on ecosystem services to stimulate our discussion and workshop sessions. The main goal of the meeting is to identify the relationships between LIFE projects and the application of ecosystem services concept in EU. We aim to do this by exploring three main themes:

- Defining and mapping ecosystem services
- Valuation of ecosystem services
- Application of ecosystem services in decision making and policy

Our anticipated outcome is to develop a road map for assessing and applying ecosystem services concepts at both the LIFE programme level and at the individual LIFE project level.

For open LIFE projects the costs of attending the platform meeting will be considered eligible expenditure in your cost statement (1 person). Closed LIFE projects can apply for support to the LIFE unit for covering part of their participation costs.

You will receive an official invitation letter from the Commission or EASME in due course, which will contain further details about the event: about registration, accommodation, the agenda and a more detailed Platform briefing.

This message is intended as a first acknowledgement of the event, asking you to consider your participation and **mark the dates in your calendar!** If you have any further questions about the event, please contact Neemo External Monitoring team – either us, or your monitor.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you in Tallinn!

On behalf of the organising team for the Ecosystem Services Platform meeting

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