



FINAL SEMINAR PROGRAMME



Tuesday–Wednesday
September 22–23
2026



Online

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Day 1 — Tuesday, 22 September 2026

TIME

Session 1. Opening, background and key results

Moderator: Niclas Wancke

10:00 (15 min)

Welcome by the host organisation

Janne Artell, Research Manager, Adaptive and Resilient Bioeconomy Research Programme (Luke)

10:15 (30 min)

Why this project was initiated

Inese Ebele, Director, Latvian Institute of Horticulture; Council Member, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences; *Daina Feldmane*, Leading Researcher, Institute of Horticulture; *Sigita Silvjane*, Project Manager, Zemgale Planning Region

10:45 (15 min)

Expectations of the funding programme

Project Officer, Baltic Sea Interreg Managing Authority

11:00

Key results and innovations (30 min each)

11:00 Lithuania — project team

11:30 Finland — project team

12:00–13:00

1 hour break

13:00

Key results and innovations (30 min each) — continued

13:00 Estonia — project team

13:30 Denmark — project team

14:00 Latvia — project team

14:30 (15 min)

Discussion



Dobeles novads



Tukuma novads



VIDZEMES
AUGSTSKOLA



Estonian University
of Life Sciences



RAKVERE LINN

ELONKIERTO





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Day 2 — Wednesday, 23 September 2026

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9:30 (5 min)

09:35 (20 min)

9:55 (20 min)

10:15 (10 min)

10:30 (85 min)

11:55 (5 min)

Session 2. Strategic impact and future use

Moderator opening message *Niclas Wancke*

Nature in health promotion and learning *Erja Rappe*, Senior Researcher Age Institute, DSc (Agriculture and Forestry), Docent University of Helsinki

The project's strategic output and final potential

Sirpa Kurppa, Friends of Elonkierto Association

Short break

Discussion panel — comments and questions from end users

Panellists representing the key target partnering

Regional/local public authorities

- Environmental design *Liene Laurinoviča*, Dobeles, Latvia
- Park planning *Kärt-Mari Paju*, Rakvere, Estonia; and *Renata Gražinienė*, Biržai District Municipality, Lithuania
- Health care/therapy *Vidas Karvelis*, Klaipėda District Municipality, Lithuania

Research and educational institutions

- Mental Health from Nature *Ann Ojala*, Senior Scientist, "Recreation and nature values" group, Luke, Finland
- Lifelong education *Hanne Lakkenborg-Kristensen*, Professor, Aarhus University, Department of Food Science — Plants, Food and Sustainability (online)

Strategic exploitation

- Associate partner *Pauliina Myllylä*, Vocational University Lappia
- *Andrea C. Bayer*, M.A. Tourism strategist, freelance writer

Closing — *Niclas Wancke*

Key takeaways and next steps