

# "Climate Change Mitigation in Organic Soils in Agricultural and Forest Lands" Conference

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The LIFE OrgBalt project is culminating in a final conference! Join us (in person or virtually) as we celebrate LIFE OrgBalt's achievements and gain expert insights on tackling climate change through innovative management of nutrient-rich organic soils. **To learn more and register for the conference, please [fill out this short form](#).**

## Keynote speakers:



**Dace Arāja** Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia  
Deputy State Secretary

***"LIFE OrgBalt project results for developing coherent climate and environment policy for the land use sector"***

Dace Arāja spearheads the coordination and management of sustainable agriculture, climate, and environmental policy at the national level in Latvia.

Ms. Arāja actively contributes to the elaboration of Latvia's position on climate and environmental matters within the European Union. Serving as Counsellor on Agriculture at the Permanent Representation of Latvia to the European Union she played a pivotal role in the elaboration of Latvia's position on crucial EU policies, including the Common Agricultural Policy.



**Emanuele Lugato** European Commission, Joint Research Centre,  
Scientific officer

***"Organic soils within the EU regulatory frameworks and climate related policies: current status and scientific challenges"***

Emanuele Lugato is a project-scientific officer of the European Commission – Joint Research Centre, working on the climate and environmental dimension of agriculture with focus on soils. He is the author of more than 88 papers in peer review journals. Mr. Lugato is also leading the Carbon Removal on Land Project and worked on the SEPLA project "Satellite based mapping and monitoring of European peatland and wetland for LULUCF and agriculture".



**Lucia Causey Hugecova** European Commission, DG for Climate Action,  
Land Economy & Carbon Removals unit

***"EU's Carbon Removal Certification framework and its implications for organic soils"***

Lucia Causey Hugecova is a European Commission official, dynamic and highly motivated individual with 18 years' experience in EU's climate, trade and agricultural policy with focus on agricultural trade and negotiations in a bilateral and multilateral context. Since January 2023 Lucia Causey Hugecova has been working in DG Clima (Land economy and carbon removals unit) leading on the development of carbon removal methodologies in the carbon farming context (in particular focusing on peatlands).