

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 27 May

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome and opening**

Morning Session – progress and latest achievements on nature protection in military training area Adazi

9:15 – 9:30 Short introduction of LIFE project "Birds in Adazi"
Project manager Laura Jukāme, Environmental Division of State Centre for Defence Military Objects and Procurement

9:30 – 9:45 Introduction to military training area Adazi
Captain Didzis Jurciņš, National Armed Forces Logistics Command 3rd Regional Support Centre

9:45 – 10:00 Protected habitats and unique landscapes created by military training in MTA Adazi
Agnese Priede, Nature Conservation Agency

10:00 – 10:15 Protected bird species inhabiting MTA Adazi
Dr.biol. Viesturs Ķerus, Latvian Ornithological Society

10:15 – 10:30 Nature Management Actions in MTA Adazi
Project field coordinator Ieva Mārdega, Environmental Division of State Centre for Defence Military Objects and Procurement

10:15 – 10:30 **Coffee break** ☕

Noon Session – protection of birds inhabiting disturbance dependent habitats

11:00 – 11:15 The importance of military areas for bird conservation in the EU
Dr.biol. Viesturs Ķerus, Latvian Ornithological Society

11:15 – 11:30 European Roller *Coracias garrulus* – long term studies and conservation in Latvia
Edmunds Račinskis, Latvian Ornithological Society

11:30 – 11:45 Protection of Tawny Pipit *Anthus campestris* in military training areas in Lithuania
Irma Jakimaviciute, Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania

11:45 – 12:00 Conservation of Black Grouse in military areas – examples from Poland
Tomasz Wilk, Polish Society for the Protection of Birds

12:00 – 12:30 French experience:
● Special Protection agreement of the *Gypaetus barbatus* during military flying
Stanislas Prouvost, French Ministry of Defence
● Experimental study on bird strike management and protection of *Tetrax tetrax* in military air-base • *Serge Payan, French Ministry of Defence*
● Actions for the birds protection in the military camp (training area) of «Les Garrigues» • *Sandrine Keller, Syndicat Mixte Des Gorges Du Gardon*

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch at the Hotel Astor, Zigfrīda Annas Meierovica bulvāris 10**

**Afternoon session –
managing of disturbance dependent habitats – methods, examples, recommendations**

- 14:00 – 14:15 Nature management on Properties of the Federal Armed Forces
Bettina Quaas, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany
- 14:15 – 14:30 Nature management methods in military training areas
Henrik Olsen, Danish Defence Estates and Infrastructure Organisation
- 14:30 – 14:45 Management of heath habitats in MTA Adazi
Ieva Mārdega, Environmental Division of State Centre for Defence Military Objects and Procurement
- 14:45 – 15:00 Controlled burning and other management methods of heath habitats
Sami Heikkilä, Ministry of Defence, Finland
- 15:00 – 15:15 Discussion
- 15:15 – 16:00 Coffee break ☕**

**Evening session –
Nature Protection in Military – coordination, cooperation and communication**

- 16:00 – 16:15 Presentation of lieutenant colonel Māris Tūtiņš, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, Latvia
- 16:15 – 16:30 Management of protected species in Estonian Military Training Areas
Heddy Klasen, Ministry of Defence, Estonia
- 16:30 – 16:45 Four Strategies of Habitat and Species Management in Swiss Military Training Areas • Dr.sc.nat. David Külling, Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, armasuisse
- 16:45 – 17:00 US Army's Sustainable Range Program Lessons Learned in Communication, Cooperation and Coordination Between Military and Civilian Communities
Ryan Garber, US Army in Europe, Sustainable Range Program
- 17:00 – 17:25 The French MoD Nature protection policy, the partnerships with NGOs, and LIFE FRENCH DEFENSE Natur2mil on four military areas and Natura 2000 sites
Perrine Paris-Sidibe, Conservatoire d'espaces naturels Rhône-Alpes and Stanislas Prouvost, French Ministry of Defence
- 17:25 – 17:35 Closing of the day and organizational information about evening programme and the following day
- 19:30 – 21:30 Dinner at Baltic Beach Hotel, Jūrmala**

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- 7:40 (8:00) Departure to Adazi Military Base from your hotel**
- 8:50 – 9:15 Registration, welcome**
- 9:15 – 13:00 Field visit of MTA Adazi
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at Adazi Military Base**
- 9:15 – 13:00 Departing for Riga (Adazi (14:00) – Riga, at hotel (14:45) – Riga Airport (15:30))