



Programme: Clearance Brussels-Workshop, September 12, 2018

How can we better use and appreciate the multiple economic and ecological services of wetland buffer zones along rivers? And what can be the role of paludiculture, i.e. the agricultural use of wet or rewetted peatlands in such areas? The workshop invites EU-policy-makers, member state and civil society representatives to discuss these questions with a prima view on the European level and the implementation of European law in national legislation. For this, the workshop will offer scientific insights, examples from practice and offer space for discussion of key policy issues at the European and member state level. The latter include especially the Water Framework Directive Review process and the Common Agricultural Policy.

Location: Meeting room of Informationsbüro des Landes Mecklenburg-Vorpommern bei der EU, Boulevard Saint Michel 80, 1040 Brussels

Preliminary Agenda

9:00-9:30 Welcome coffee

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Rafael Ziegler (University of Greifswald, moderator)*

9:45–11:00 Wetland Buffer Zones and their Potential for Water and Climate Protection: |

15' Presentations and discussion

Introduction to the CLEARANCE Project and the Concept of Paludiculture
Wiktoria Kotowski (University of Warsaw)

Water flows in wetland buffer zones
Mateusz Grygoruk (Warsaw University of Life Sciences),

Climate Buffers – Wetland experience from the Netherlands
Paul Vertegaal (Natuurmonumenten)

11:00-12:00 Economic value of Wetland buffer zones:

15' Presentations and discussion

Non-use value of wetland buffer zones – Survey results
Marek Giergiczny (University of Warsaw)

Use-value of wetland buffer zones – Paludiculture options for a circular economy
Claudia Oehmke (Universität Greifswald)

How to calculate the wetland nutrient retention value
Joachim Schrautzer/Kirsten Rücker (University of Kiel, tbc)

12:00-13:00 Lunch break

13:00-15:00 Policy instruments for wetland buffer zones and wet agriculture/paludiculture

European policy context and water policies relevant for wetland buffer zones

Michael Bender (GRÜNE LIGA)

Is Europe ready for Paludiculture? Implications of the EU Policy Framework

Jan Peters (Succow Stiftung)

Round of invited comments

Sergiy Moroz (European Environmental Bureau) – Water and Agriculture Policy

Evdokia Achilleos (DG Env. – t.b.c.) – Natural Water Retention Measures

Eev Silver (Wetlands International – European Section) – Green Infrastructure

nn. (Member state view)

Group discussion on policy instruments and nutrient reduction potentials of paludiculture and wet buffer zones: barriers and opportunities

15:30-16:00 Sharing of group discussion results

16:00-17:00 Paludiculture on wet bufferzones – The Brussels statement

Presentation and discussion of Draft input paper for WFD Revision and CAP process

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