

RIVER UNIVERSITY

AGENDA



21 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

All times are EEST
(CET+1)

From 15:00

20:00

ARRIVAL AT THE LOCATION - AUKSTUMALES KRANTAS

WELCOME DINNER

BEFORE ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE:
GETTING TO KNOW KLAIPĖDA

**Klaipeda University
Botanical Garden**



**Nemuno deltos
regioninis parkas**



**Grey Dunes
Educational Trail**



Sajūdžio parkas



Malūno parko



Klaipėda Tourist Information Center



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Monday, September 22 2025

GETTING TO KNOW THE REGION

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08:30 - 09:30

BREAKFAST

10:00 - 10:30

WELCOME WORDS

Ewa Leś, Coalition Clean Baltic & Boris Belchev, Alcedo Wildlife Tours

10:30 - 10:45

COALITION CLEAN BALTIC - WHO WE ARE?

Mikhail Durkin, Coalition Clean Baltic

10:45 - 11:15

INTRODUCTION TO BALTIC'S AMAZONIA

Žilvinas Česna, The Nemunas Delta Regional Park

11:15 - 11:45

WATER MANAGEMENT'S CHALLENGES IN NEMUNAS DELTA

Vytautas Laurinaitis, Mayor of Šilutė municipality

11:45 - 12:45

THE FUTURE OF RIVERINE DELTAS

Discussion

13:00 - 17:00

BOAT TRIP

LUNCH PACKED

17:00 - 19:00

SOURCE TO SEA POLLUTION BY PLASTIC

Eugeniy Lobanov, Coalition Clean Baltic

19:00

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Tuesday, September 23 2025

BIODIVERSE DAY

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08:30 - 09:30

BREAKFAST

09:30 - 10:00

DIVERSITY OF FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN ECOSYSTEMS

Ingrida Šatkauskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

10:00 - 13:00

BIODIVERSITY: INVERTEBRATES WORKSHOP

Ingrida Šatkauskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 - 16:00

VISITING THE AUKŠTUMALOS PEATLAND

Boris Belchev, Alcedo Wildlife Tours

16:00 - 16:30

WETLANDS RESTORATION AS THE OPPORTUNITY AND LIMITATION OF NATURE-BASED TOURISM AND RECREATION

Pawel Pawlaczyk, Institute of Protection of Environment - National Research Institute in Poland

16:30 - 17:00

GREAT CORMORANT IN THE NEMUNAS DELTA

Paolo Salvador, Valentinas Lepeška, Liliana Izotova, Klaipeda University

17:00 - 19:00

RIVER UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

19:00

DINNER



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Wednesday, September 24 2025

BROADER FOCUS

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07:00 - 14:00

BREAKFAST PACKED

CANOE NATURE TOUR (8.5 KM)

Boris Belchev, Alcedo Wildlife Tour

Robertas Staponkus, Lithuanian Fund for Nature and Klaipeda University

14:00 - 15:00

LUNCH

15:00 - 16:30

RIVER UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

16:30 - 17:00

IMPACT OF RIVERS IN THE BALTIC CATCHMENT

Małgorzata Żochowska, Aleksandra Najda, Race for the Baltic

17:00 - 17:30

HOW CHANGING TIDAL LIMITS CAN IMPACT TIDAL FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS?

Charlie Roddis, Nottingham Trent University

17:30 - 18:00

SKAVICA CASE OF DRIN RIVER, ALBANIA

Ferzileta Gjika, Opposition to Skavica Dam coalition (online speaker)

19:00

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Thursday, September 25 2025

COUNTRY'S CASES

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08:30 - 09:30

BREAKFAST

10:00 - 10:30

HOW TO CHANGE URBAN WATER RESERVOIRS TO BE MORE USEFUL FOR AMPHIBIANS? WARSAW EXAMPLE, POLAND

Zuzanna Kulis, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, SGGW Centre for Climate Research

10:30 - 11:00

ENVIRONMENTAL (RIVER) DESINFORMATION AND MISINFORMATION. THE CASE OF POLAND

Anita Dmitruczuk, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna

11:00 - 12:00

DISCUSSION

12:00 - 13:00

LUNCH

13:00 - 16:30

VISITING THE RUSNE ISLAND (40KM)

Boris Belchev, Alcedo Wildlife Tours

17:00 - 18:00

CONCLUSIONS OF RIVER UNIVERSITY 2025 CERTIFICATION

19:00 - 20:00

DINNER

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Friday, September 26 2025

DEPARTURE DAY

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08:30 - 09:30

BREAKFAST

Can be packed to go for early bird travellers - let us know!



**READY TO CONTINUE? -
FEEL INVITED TO CO-SHAPING RIVER UNIVERSITY**

Contact its founder: Ewa Leś, ewa.les@ccb.se

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