

# RIVER UNIVERSITY

## AGENDA



**21 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**6th EDITION**

**LITHUANIA**

Freshwater biodiversity, sustainable nature tourism,  
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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

Klaipėda 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

#### DINNER

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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**

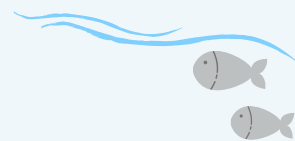
*Paolo Salvador, Klaipeda University*

17:00 - 19:00

## **RIVER UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT**

19:00

**DINNER**



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**Wednesday, September 24 2025**

**BROADER FOCUS**

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(CET+1)

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

**DINNER**



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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** 

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