

# 3rd River University



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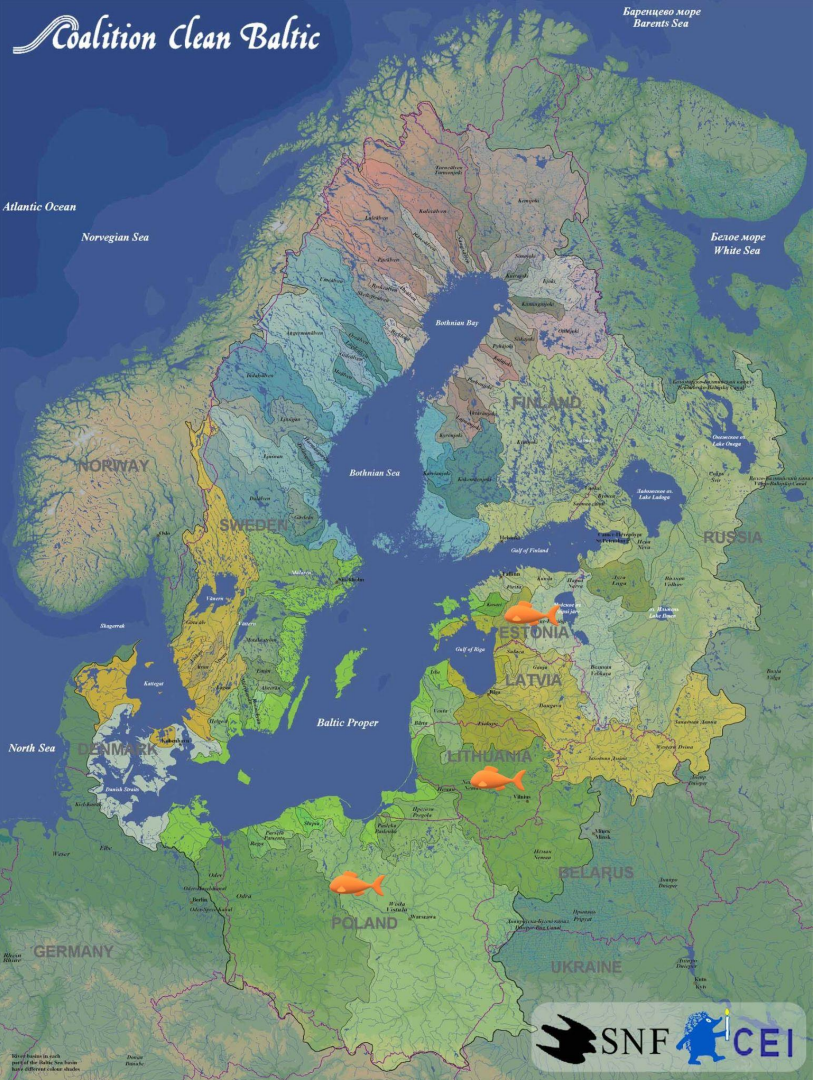
## River University - project background:

**Vision:** Open and international, interdisciplinary River University, sharing river ecosystems knowledge via open access, wide availability and understandable-science platform in Baltic Sea Region (BSR; Europe in the future) for variety of participants - river stakeholders. It supports institutional and official knowledge.

**Motivation** I like to learn & improve, inviting others!

**Value:** contribution to the improvement of BSR condition process; environmental stewardship; shared sense of responsibility around water management; supporting the official education; particular cases (also the transboundary ones) to practise on and solve in the countries, ...

We are/were hosted by the countries: Poland, Lithuania, Estonia



2018 - 2020 - 2021 - 2022 - ...

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# RIVER UNIVERSITY

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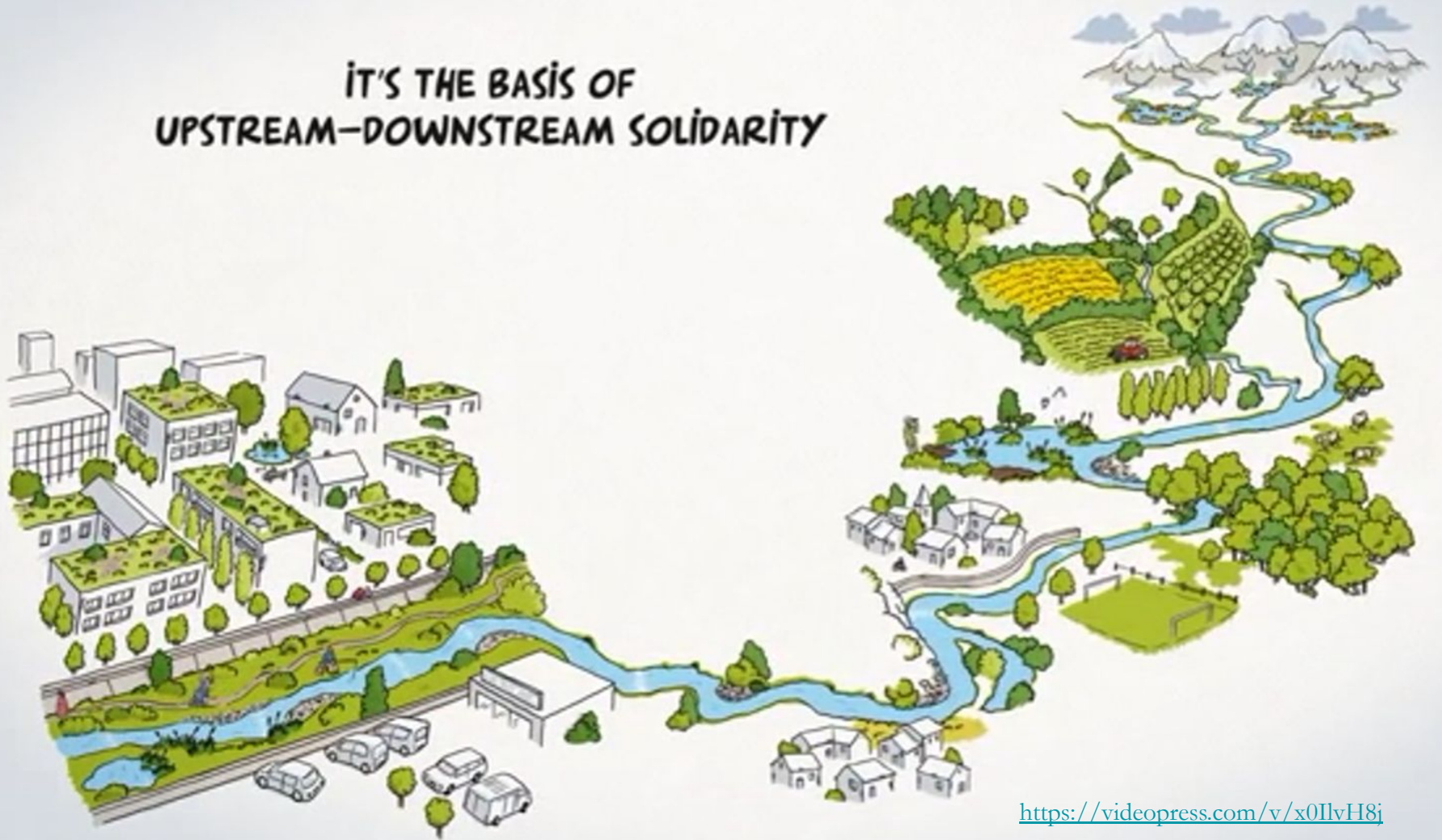






Video: Agnieszka Czajka, 2nd River University

# IT'S THE BASIS OF UPSTREAM-DOWNSTREAM SOLIDARITY



# Open Life Science (OLS)/River University goals!

How to make the river science more open and understandable for all of us, citizens!

Advice elements for making the River University more open, solid & consistent in general

- *Missions and original goals set in the beginning of my project in OLS*

To reach the MILESTONE of co-establishing **3rd edition of River University - 2022 in Estonia**  
**on topic of flood risk management** with co-organizer, Estonian Water Association. **DONE** -  
next edition is on!

Participating as a specialist in so-called 'river people's university' in Poland, organized by River University's 1st edition participant. Option of Polish branch continuation. **invited, ongoing**

Being more recognizable with River Uni initiative and get in touch with decision-makers. **ongoing**

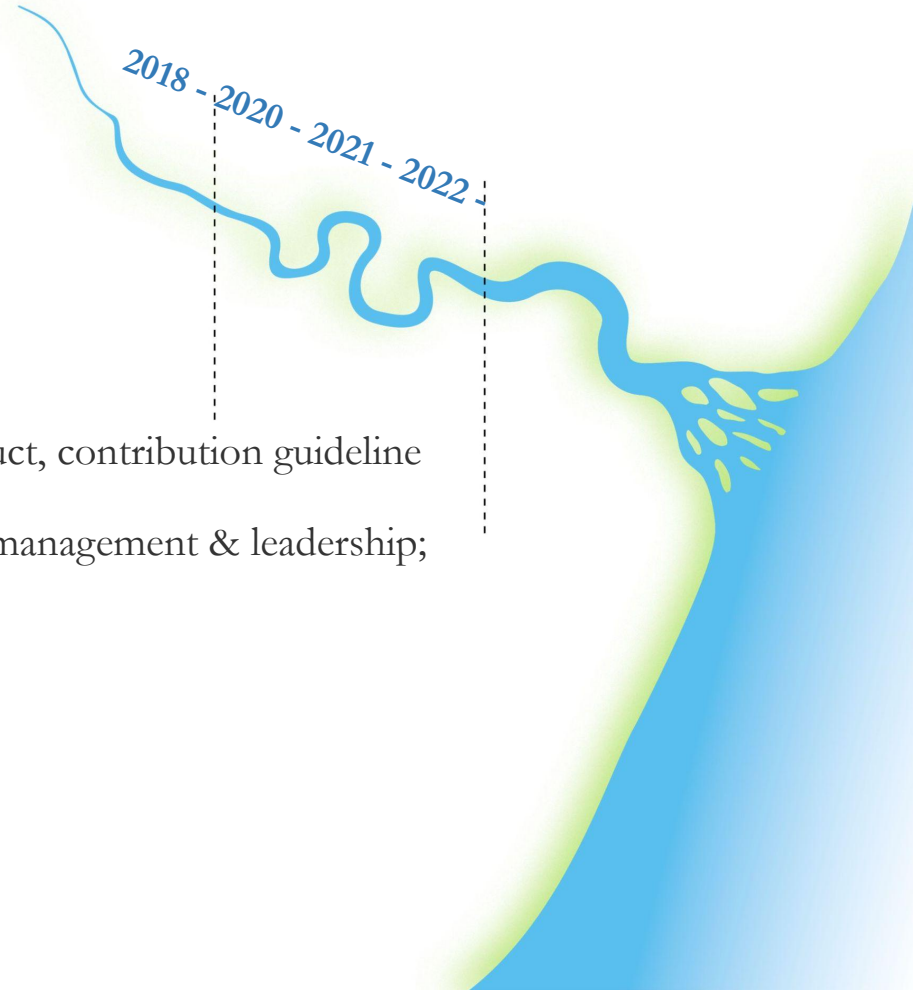
# OLS/River University journey

- *Open Life Science helpful elements:*

**The most useful:** canvas, roadmap, code of conduct, contribution guideline

Open science tools: what it is, how to use it, open management & leadership;

Open licensing,





# River University: where we are now with our flow?

Estonia, 11-15th July

## Structure:

5 days of riverine lectures and field trips:

Onsite with online mode provided, partially

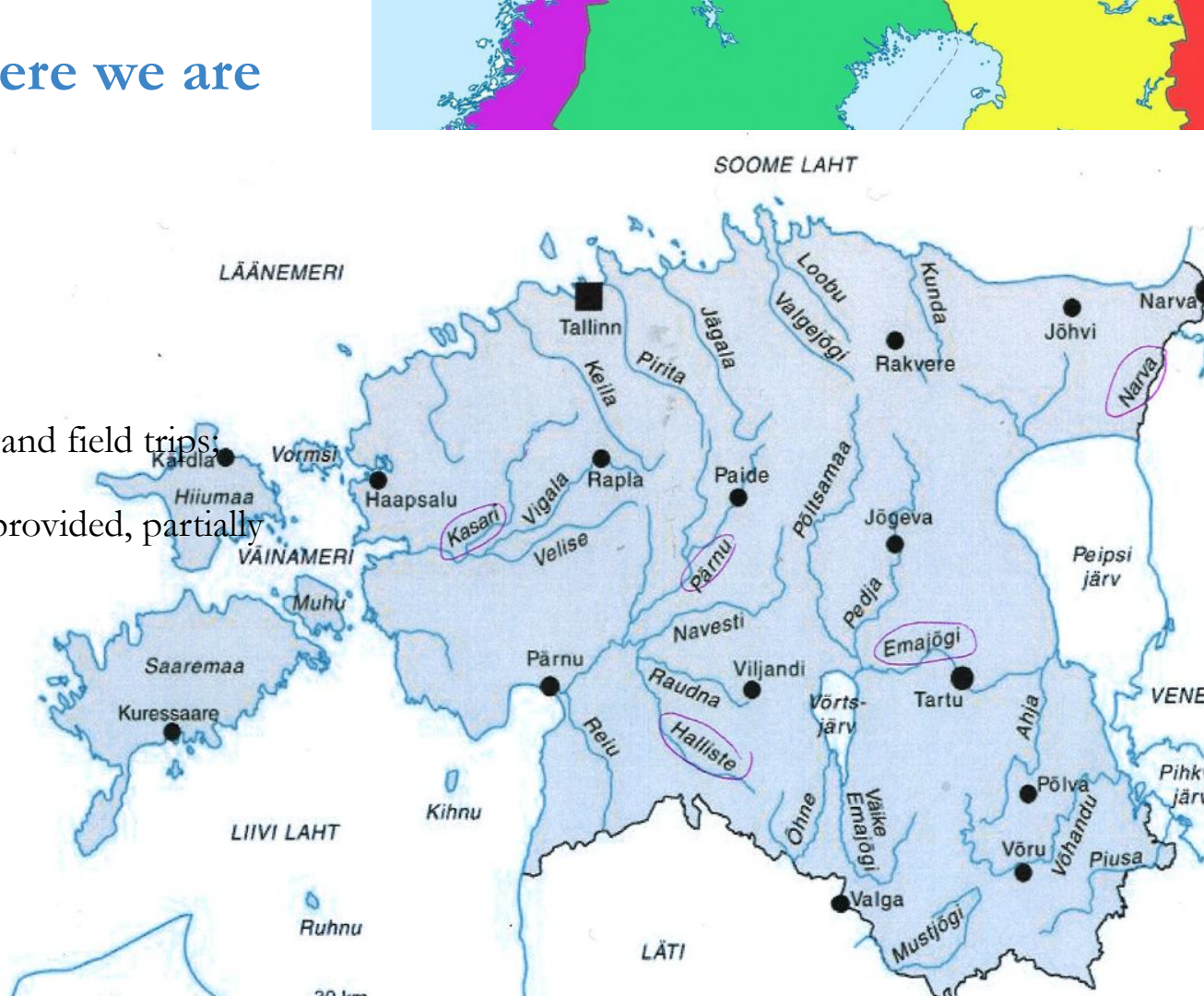
## Experiencing rivers by:

walking, driving,

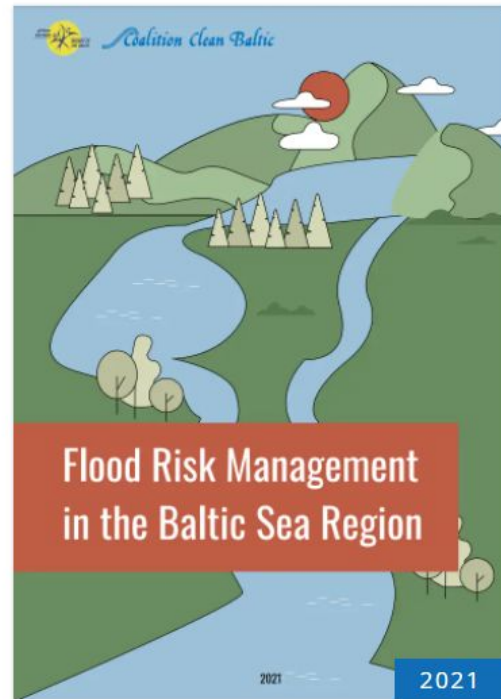
rafting/kayaking,

barefoot experiencing,

...



# 3rd River University: topics



## Flood Risk Management in the Baltic Sea Region

English

Climate change is a recognized fact. It is a global process that affects all aspects of our lives. Water issues, such as floo... Read more



Estonia: The country with a 'fifth season' - BBC Travel

# 3rd River University: next steps

**My immediate next step is:**

Implementing the established plans to reality:  
3rd River University 11-15th July in Estonia;

Preparing the lecture about open science 💧

**Longer term tasks:**

Polishing the general idea of River University on the  
basis of OLS program;

Introducing River Uni to the next country  
of BSR in 2023



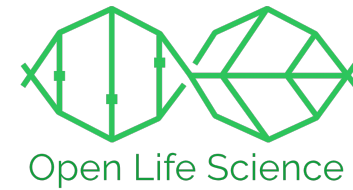
# OLS: Staying connected

Interested in collaboration with CCB's River University?

joining as participant, lecturer, scientist, practitioner, contributor?

in co-developing the initiative in your country? Media supporter?

Want to share your open science (or other) experience?



Let's dive together to the Waters of Open Science! 💧

**LINKS:** [pilot 2018](#), [1st edition](#), [2nd edition](#) of River University;

[canvas](#), [roadmap](#), [vision](#)

Feel free to  
comment on  
files!



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