

Healthy River – Healthy Me –
Healthy Sea:
Joint actions for common challenges

Project Meeting
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Main objectives of the Project

- Introduce integrated ecosystem health and source-to-sea thinking into RBM
- Develop and strengthen Public Advisory River Teams (PARTs) in Nemunas and Daugava basins and establish new PARTs in Narva, Odra and Pregolya
- Activate the role of NGOs in existing national, bi- and multilateral RBM bodies

Project duration: 2018-06-01 - 2019-05-31

The final products the project will deliver

- (1) wide public engagement in integrated ecosystem-based river basin management and
- (2) understanding personal footprint and responsibility for both ecosystem- and human health.

The final products must meet the following requirements:

- be simple, attractive and understood by all stakeholders (by connecting human and ecosystem health)
- be tangible (by Public Advisory River Teams established in all priority basins)
- be sustainable (public participation well established and integrated into river basin management)

Core activities

- **Public Advisory River Teams meetings:**
 - 2 per basin in Nemunas, Daugava,
 - 1 per basin – Narva, Odra and Pregolya - 1 joint international conference
 - 1 annual workshop - for all basins
- **Transboundary rafting/kayaking expedition on Daugava** (from Belarus – to Latvia), for 15-20 prs. (2-3 per basin) to share knowledge and promote water protection
- **Information campaign:** Woven “River Belt”, produced by stakeholders (e.g. schools) and symbolising each river basin will to be delivered to Daugavpils Museum
- **Continuation of River Watch** public monitoring with new elements included: microplastic and groundwater level
- **Screening of eel for hazardous substances** (at least for mercury) in selected basins
- **Network of angling clubs engaged in protection of migratory species** and their habitats, to share experiences and learn from each other,
- **Various awareness raising materials**, e.g. for salmon information centres adapted to national conditions,
- **“River University”** education programme in Poland
- **Public awareness actions** in relation to the International Day of Action for Rivers and Against Dams, World Fish Migration Day, etc.

Partners

- [Coalition Clean Baltic](#)
- [Coalition Save Rivers / Koalicja Ratujmy Rzeki](#)
- [Lithuanian Fund for Nature / Lietuvos Gamtos Fondas](#)
- [Klaipeda Ecological Club "Žvejone" / Klaipėdos ekologinis klubas](#)
- [Environmental Protection Club of Latvia / Vides aizsardzības klubs](#)
- [The Green Belt of Latvia / Latvijas Zāla Josta](#)
- [Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation](#)
- [Center for Environmental Solutions](#)
- [Ecohome / Neman Environment Group \(part of Ecohome\)](#)
- [Friends of the Baltic](#)
- [Green Planet](#)
- [Lake Peipsi Project \(Pskov\) / Chudskoye Project](#)