

This is the first announcement of the conference. Please save the date!

Dear Colleagues,

we are glad to invite you to take part in the **international online conference** within the framework of the project **“Nature-based solutions in open wetlands restoration for biodiversity, water quality improvement and climate mitigation”** on **12th June 2025**. This project is being implemented in partnership with the Snowchange Cooperative (www.snowchange.org) from Finland and the Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group (uncg.org.ua/en) and supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Our trilateral project facilitates establishment of the functional network of organisations and experts on restoration, conservation and stewardship of wetlands and peatlands along the wide spatial range – from boreal Fennoscandia via Poland – to Ukrainian Polesia. Expertise and good practice exchange and transfer are ensuring mutual capacity building and awareness rising in the sphere of wetland conservation management for the sake of biodiversity, climate, and defence in the modern highly turbulent conditions. Specifically, the project is to raise the profile of the Ukrainian semi-natural peatlands and wetlands amidst the country's defence and perspectives of rebuilding.

The preliminary conference agenda will comprise the presentations as follows:

- **Peatlands Restoration in Europe – State of the Play, Perspectives, and National Defence Aspect.**
Wiktor Kotowski, University of Warsaw
- **Boreal Peatlands Restoration. Finland's Experience.**
Tero Mustonen, Snowchange Cooperative
- **Economic incentives and ecological losses: how subsidies contribute to the conversion of peatlands and wetlands into arable land.**
Kateryna Harbarchuk, Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group
- **Wetlands and peatlands in spatial planning - threats and possibilities.**
Petro Tiestov, Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group
- **Experience in studying spontaneous restoration of wetlands at the site of the former Kakhovka Reservoir.** Oleksii Vasyliuk Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
- **Will Rewarding Farmers for Providing Public Goods Help Wetland Restoration?**
Katarzyna Zagórska, Warsaw Centre of Ecological Economics (WOEE), University of Warsaw
- **Restoration of Wetlands for the Sake of Biodiversity and Climate in Transition Economy.**
Paweł Pawlaczyk, Club of Naturalists
- **International Wetlands' Restoration Web Atlas.**
Tiina Oinonen, Snowchange Cooperative

THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CHANGING THE AGENDA.