



24TH BALTIC PEAT PRODUCERS FORUM

Navigating climate impact,
economic resilience,
and innovation
in a transforming sector!

23 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2026
PÄRNU, ESTONIA



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Programme

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

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| 13:00-14:00 | Registration and welcome coffee
<i>Pärnu Concert Hall</i> |
| 14:00-17:00 | Field trip
Lavassaare peat production area
Restoration project by Tootsi
Turvas (Neova Group) |
| 19:00-23:00 | Ice-Breaking Reception &
Exhibition
<i>Pärnu Concert Hall</i> |

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THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

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| 9:00-10:00 | Registration, morning coffee & exhibition |
| 10:00-10:15 | Opening remarks |
| | SESSION I: SCIENCE & POLICY |
| 10:20-11:05 | Advances in Canadian Methods for GHG Inventory of Peat Extraction - The Main Takeaways for the EU
Kelly Bona, Ph.D.
<i>Environment and Climate Change Canada</i> |
| 11:05-11:50 | Peat in EU politics
Sami Tulonen
<i>Aula Europe</i> |
| 11:50-12:20 | Coffee break |
| 12:20-12:50 | Horticultural peat in agriculture
Kerli Ats
<i>The Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce</i> |
| 12:50-13:30 | Panel discussion
Peat — obstacle or solution?
Kelly Bona, Sami Tulonen, Hando Sutter, Kerli Ats |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch & Exhibition |

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SESSION 2: ROADMAP

14:30-14:50

Finnish roadmap for peat

Niko Silvan, Dr. (agr. & for.)

Natural Resources Institute Finland

14:50-15:10

Estonian Roadmap for peat

Ene Jürjens

Estonian Ministry of Climate

15:10-15:30

Latvian roadmap for peat

Ilze Ozola

Latvian National Peatland Society

15:30-16:00

Break

SESSION 3: REGIONAL UPDATES

16:00-16:10

Rickard Axdorff

Swedish Peat Industry Association

16:10-16:20

Pasi Rantonen

Finnish Peat & Growing Media

16:20-16:30

Annika Päsik

Estonian Peat Association

16:30-16:40

Ingrida Krigere

Latvian Peat Association

16:40-16:50

Giedrius Kavaliauskas

Lithuanian Peat Producers Association

16:40-16:50

Q&A

19:00-00:00

Forum dinner party

Club Sunset at the Pärnu Beach

House (Ranna pst 3)

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FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER

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| 9:30-10:00 | Registration, morning coffee & exhibition |
| 10:00-10:40 | Solar power and other renewable energy projects on former peat extraction areas: ecological and land-use considerations
Lauri Alanen
<i>Neova Group</i> |
| 10:40-11:20 | From Local Practice to International Policy - Climate Activities of the International Peatland Society
Anna Helena Purre
<i>International Peatland Society</i> |
| 11:20-12:00 | "Sustainable growing media": Why we're using the term incorrectly and what to do about it
Alexander Sentinella
<i>Growing Media Europe</i> |
| 12:00-12:30 | Coffee break |

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| 12:30-13:00 | <p>Sustainable peatland management - lessons from tropical peatlands.</p> <p>Dr. Lulie Melling</p> <p><i>Sarawak Tropical Peat Research Institute</i></p> |
| 13:00-14:00 | <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>Does peat enhance or hinder environmental sustainability?</p> <p>Allar Peek, Anna Helena Purre, Lulie Melling, Alexander Sentinella</p> |
| 14:00-14:05 | <p>Closing remarks</p> |
| 14:05-15:00 | <p>Farewell lunch</p> |



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