



## Annual Consortium Meeting in Daugavpils

For its third annual meeting, the Emys-R Consortium will gather to summarize the achievements of previous year on wetlands restoration in favour of socially-supported reintroduction of the European pond turtle and associated biodiversity in Europe and outline forthcoming strategies.



2-4 July 2024



University  
Daugavpils, Latvia



# Annual Project Meeting

Daugavpils University

Daugavpils, Latvia

DU Life science and technology institute

Parades Str. 1A, aud. 130

## Agenda

Time is Latvian-Ukrainian (Eastern) Time: when it is 9 am in Daugavpils, it is 8 am in Paris, Berlin, and Warsaw.

Day	Time	What	Persons in charge	Zoom link (room opens 30' before the session starts)
1 July	7pm	Icebreaker	all	everyone brings some delicatessen to share (place to be determined)
2 July Tuesday	09.00-10.00	Welcome coffee		
	10.00-10.15	<b>Welcome speech</b>		<a href="https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93239134423?pwd=MR649M1biGKDPUCgHIUGnj7lIZFQqa.1">https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93239134423?pwd=MR649M1biGKDPUCgHIUGnj7lIZFQqa.1</a>  ID de réunion: 932 3913 4423 Code secret: FZ0BtY
	10.15-10.30	<b>Agenda and Goals</b>	Kathrin and Jean-Yves	same as above
	10.30-11.30	<b>WP6 session</b> Project management and dissemination	Jean-Yves and Kathrin	same as above
	11.30-13.00	<b>WP1 session</b>	Isabelle	same as above
	13.00-15.00	Lunch		
	15.00-16.00	<b>WP2 session</b>	Kathrin	<a href="https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/97209352969?pwd=LyXGkFrCU161IVJRbGqb8GF8dyxHaT.1">https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/97209352969?pwd=LyXGkFrCU161IVJRbGqb8GF8dyxHaT.1</a>  ID de réunion: 972 0935 2969 Code secret: ag19BX
	16.00-17.00	<b>WP5 session</b>	Jean-Yves	same as above
	18.00	Drink (in town)		
3 July Wednesday	08.30-09.00	Coffee		
	09.00-10.30	<b>WP3 session</b>	Arturs	<a href="https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93827719610?pwd=vZuNaleMzM2Zbu44c2KeCYfHwMUjzD.1">https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93827719610?pwd=vZuNaleMzM2Zbu44c2KeCYfHwMUjzD.1</a>

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	10.30-11.00	Coffee break		
	11.00-12.30	<b>WP4 session</b>	Grazyna and Krzysztof	same as above
	12.30-14.30	Lunch		
	14.30-16.30	<b>Building framework for</b> Guidelines of best practices for wetland restoration in favour of Emys reintroduction	all	<a href="https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/99922550619?pwd=hGdJSDfJfTcxM7isqDaWiBqd36dzJO.1">https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/99922550619?pwd=hGdJSDfJfTcxM7isqDaWiBqd36dzJO.1</a>  ID de réunion: 999 2255 0619 Code secret: 2tDhK6
	16.30-17.00	Coffee break		
	17.00-18.30	<b>Moving forward:</b> discussing the mid-term report and prospects for an after Emys-R project	all	same as above
	18.30	Free time		
4 July Thursday	08.30-09.00	Coffee		
	09.00-11.00	<b>Emys-R role in Latvia nature conservation</b>	Department of Nature Conservation Wildlife Protection Division	<a href="https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93856777685?pwd=fE0aaxPxXoD0Qbb6akaFUSAOTON0ly.1">https://cnrs.zoom.us/j/93856777685?pwd=fE0aaxPxXoD0Qbb6akaFUSAOTON0ly.1</a>  ID de réunion: 938 5677 7685 Code secret: J7e3jc
		<b>Emys-R achievements in Emys conservation in Daugavpils and region</b>	Daugavpils city council	same as above
	11.00-11.15	Coffee break		
	11.15-13.00	<b>Meeting summary</b> 10' EmyStars collective feedback, 10' meeting summary, 20' collective discussion, 5' Emys Award Ceremony	Jean-Yves	same as above

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	13.00-14.15	Lunch		
	14.15-16.30	<p><b>Latgale Wetland Biodiversity Park in Daugavpils city walking tour (optional)</b></p> <p>Meeting point by the entrance of the University. Comfortable shoes for walking are needed, a raincoat/umbrella (if the weather is like to rain)</p>		no zoom
	18.30	Free time		

## Reaching Daugavpils

### By train

<https://www.rome2rio.com/>

### By plane via Riga (RIX)

- 1) Reach Riga airport (RIX)
- 2) At RIX airport, take the urban bus (Line 22) to Riga Autoosta bus stop (~20', ~2€/person).
- 3) From Autoosta bus stop, reach the central train station (5' walk).
- 4) There are regular trains running from Riga to Daugavpils (3h30, ~10€/pers): time tables available [here](https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Riga/Daugavpils#trips/transport/Riga/Daugavpils/r/Ttrain/s/0)  
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- 5) On your way back, early flight may lead you to overnight nearby RIX airport: you may consider the Sky High Hotel <http://www.airport-hotel.lv/en> (5' walk to the departure gate)

## Staying in Daugavpils

There are numerous offers in Daugavpils, so feel free to find what fits you best.

You may consider the Park Hotel Latgola <https://hotellatgola.lv> (central, full options including breakfast and restaurant at top floor for best view of the city, bar and spa; 10' walk from the train station – heading SW), 5' walk to Uni – heading W), 10' walk to the Latgale Zoo – behind the Uni), close to the pedestrian Riga Street that is full of nice resto and shops).

## Enjoying Daugavpils

Daugavpils is the second largest city, after Riga the capital, of Latvia.

Daugavpils has a long history that you can enjoy through some remarkable sites. Daugavpils (formerly Dinaburg) used to be part of Poland. It has a unique fortification, namely the Dinaburg fortress, built in 1810-1878. Since 2013, it hosts the Mark Rothko Art centre.

Daugavpils lies on the Daugava River where you can enjoy walks, flowing river surroundings and wildlife. You also may enjoy walks in the urban parks or more physical activities at the sport centre that includes a swimming pool (9am-10pm) <https://www.daugavpilsoc.lv/en/index.html>

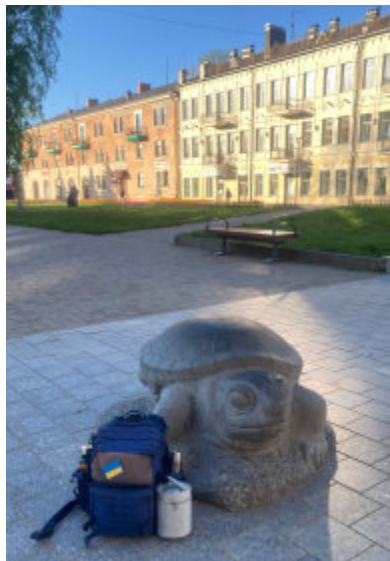
More here: <https://www.visitdaugavpils.lv/en/>



View of the historical centre of Daugavpils



View of the Daugava River



Daugavpils is the place of *Emys* rebirth in Latvia