

**Invitation:**

# **CLEARANCE Workshop**

**on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**in Warsaw, Poland**

How can we better use and appreciate the multiple economic and ecological services of wetland buffer zones along rivers? What can be the role of wet agriculture - for nature protection as well as for the local economy? What are costs and benefits of wetland buffer zones development?

The workshop invites experts and stakeholders from water authorities, agriculture, academia and civil society to discuss these questions and consider concrete demonstration and implementation possibilities in Poland. It will consist of presentations and group discussions.

**Starting Time: 9am**

**Closing time: 4pm**

**Location:**

University of Warsaw Biological and Chemical Research Centre

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## **Preliminary Agenda**

**9:00-9:30 Registration & Welcome coffee**

**9:30-9:45 Welcome & introduction**

**Introduction to the CLEARANCE Project and the Concept of Wet Agriculture**

*Wiktor Kotowski (University of Warsaw)*

**9:45–13:00 Wetland Buffer Zones and their Potential for Water and Climate Protection – Presentations *and discussion***

**EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – Policy Area: NUTRI**

*Water authorities representative - tbc*

**Nutrient capture abilities of wetland buffer zones**

*Mateusz Grygoruk (Warsaw University of Life Science)*

**Use-value of wetland buffer zones – Paludiculture options for a circular economy**

*Claudia Oehmke (Universität Greifswald, Partner im Greifswald Moor Centrum)*

**Importance of wetland buffer zones development in the Narew catchment & opportunities to use wetland biomass**

*Piotr Banaszuk (Bialystok University of Technology)*

**Tourism, construction and paludiculture**

*Aldert van Weeren (Entrepreneur)*

**Learning from practice: Land consolidation and wetland restoration**

*Lene Moth (Municipality of Ringkøbing-Skjerne and VESTJSK (farmers organisation))*

**13:00-14:00** Lunch break

**14:00-16:00 Afternoon group discussion with stakeholders of options**

The aim of the afternoon working session is to answer the question: How to implement wetland buffer zone restoration and wet agriculture in Poland? How to advance wetlands buffer zone management in circular economy efforts via paludiculture (wet agriculture) and new products and value chains? We will discuss these questions in the context of goals of Water Framework Directive, the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the EU agricultural policy.

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