

Project “Towards joint management of the transboundary Gauja/Koiva river basin district”

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The river basin district **Gauja/Koiva** is transboundary, shared between two countries - Latvia and Estonia. In the Gauja/ Koiva River basin, rivers and streams, as well as groundwater flow across the Latvian – Estonian border more than once; therefore waters that originate in one country are used in the another. Thus, it is essential to **enhance management of shared surface and groundwater resources by development of a joint river basin management plan for the transboundary Gauja/Koiva river basin district.**

We – partners from Latvia and Estonia – have united our efforts in the **Gauja/ Koiva project** aiming to enhance management of the Gauja/ Koiva river basin by implementing joint actions.

To achieve our goals we will:

- create joint maps for the whole Gauja/Koiva river basin;
- compare existing methods of the water quality assessment in both countries;
- obtain new data via water quality monitoring;
- elaborate proposals for changes to harmonize water quality assessment;

- revise water quality objectives, establish common objectives for the whole basin;
- compare methodologies used to estimate pressures on waters;
- evaluate the observed impacts and their trends;
- analyze economic aspects of water uses and water services;
- elaborate the proposal for the programme of measures to improve water quality;
- develop maps, brochures, info stands, web-site on different aspects of the joint river management;
- organize cross-border events to discuss water uses and pressures and results of the project.

Relevant stakeholders: Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development and Estonian Ministry of the Environment, Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre, Estonian Environmental Informational Centre, Nature Conservation Agency of Latvia, Latvian and Estonian Regional Environmental Boards as well as municipalities located in the Gauja/ Koiva river basin district, planning regions, National Association of Anglers etc.

For further information, please visit:
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Water is a very important resource to provide our everyday's life quality – we are drinking it, using it in our households; we are swimming, boating, fishing and resting near the waters. Therefore **water quality** is a crucial issue for each individual.

Project partners:

Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology
(Lead partner)



Ministry of Environmental protection and regional development



University of Latvia, Institute of Biology



Baltic Environmental Forum-Latvia



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