

Central Baltic Programme

NAT-TOUR-EXPO

Estonian Nature Tourism Association ETNA Partner meeting 27.03.25

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2024 activities

Seminars and Events

- 9 April Nature Tourism Strategy Day
- 15 October Autumn Seminar on Nature Tourism

Fairs and B2B Meetings

- 8 February B2B meeting at Tourest Hosted Buyer Programme B2B Workshop 2024
- 13 February B2B meeting at the "Five Countries Workshop" in London
- 5–7 March ITB Fair in Germany in cooperation with VisitEstonia
- 12–14 July Participation at Global BirdFair in Oakham, in cooperation with VisitEstonia
- 17 September Travel Bulletin Road Show in Manchester
- 5–7 November 2024 Where Travel & Tourism Meet | World Travel Market London

Newsletters and Social Media

- Seasonal updates sent directly to contacts via email
- Promotion of new services and products to VisitEstonia and DMOs



Project Achievements up today 2025

•16–19 January – Travel Fair in Finland
•30 January – B2B Tourest Hosted Buyers Meeting

•28 February – Strategy meeting with VisitEstonia on future topics (see attached presentation)

•4–6 March – ITB Berlin (the largest tourism trade fair)

- Summary in progress, but links to ELTÜ's English profile were sent to **20 contacts** via the fair's online platform
- On-site, information about ELTÜ members was shared with **83 B2B contacts**



Upcoming Events and Activities

•28 March – Study Trip and Workshop in Latvia (within the UK project)
Focus: Developing a cross-border Estonia–Latvia nature tourism package/tour.
•1 April – Nature Tourism Spring Seminar – Inspiration Day at Nelijärve
Tickets available via Fienta: Loodusturismi inspiratsioonipäev 1. aprillil
Nelijärvel

•14 May – Baltic Connecting B2B Event in Latvia

ELTÜ will take part in B2B meetings with representatives from Japan, South Korea, UAE, Australia, USA, and Canada.

•31 May – Aegviidu Hiking Festival

Invitation to join Estonia's "Hiking Capital" event. ELTÜ will host a shared tent, offering members the chance to present themselves.

Joint Panel Discussion: "What is the role of a hiking guide?" (tentative speakers: Mart Reimann, Jarek Jõepera, Mariell Jüssi, and others)

•11–13 July – Global Birdfair 2025

ELTÜ will host a welcome stand and present:

"Weekend Escape into Estonia's Wild – A Family Adventure Beyond Birdwatching"

Exploring how the whole family can enjoy Estonia's nature, even when one member is a passionate birder.

•4–6 November – World Travel Market London (WTM)

In cooperation with Toolbox and Reisiekspert.

•10 November – B2B Workshop in Helsinki, Finland



Further activities to be carried out under the project budget include:

- Website updates and improvements tailored to English-speaking visitors
- FAM trip for UK tour operators (2–5 September 2025)
- Advertisements and articles in relevant magazines and online portals
- Digital ads for web platforms and campaign visibility
- Technical improvements to the website to support international promotion



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