



Invitation

The Final Conference of the LIFE TERNS project

20 October 2023

Venue: to be confirmed, Vilnius, Lithuania

We kindly invite you to join the Final Conference of the LIFE project TERNS project “Adjustment of key stakeholders’ capacity for improvement of Common and Little terns conservation status in Lithuania” (LIFE TERNS, LIFE17 NAT/LT/000545). Within our project, we have implemented a range of comprehensive actions, focusing on practical habitat management, enhancing governance within Natura 2000 areas, and raising public awareness. Notably, by our efforts the maintaining of the waterway was combined with constructing new islands for terns in the Nemunas river and the Curonian Lagoon. Also, we have employed telemetry to better understand species’ behaviour. Our estimations indicate that these combined efforts have led to a significant increase in the population of the Common and, especially, Little tern.

During the Final Conference, we would like to share the experiences and lessons we have learned throughout the four-year journey of our project, which started in 2018. We also plan to invite other organisations to collaborate and become LOD partners during continuation of the actions aimed at improving the conservation status of the Common and Little tern and other shorebirds breeding on islands.

AGENDA

- Overview of the main results of the LIFE TERNS. Future perspectives and our next steps.
- Maintaining of waterways: benefits for island breeding birds and future possibilities.
- The importance of telemetry method and its advantages in shaping of the protection of Terns and their important habitats.
- Photo exhibition of the LIFE TERNS project.

More detailed agenda with a timeline will be shared closer to the event date.

To register for the conference, kindly [follow this link](#). The registration deadline is 25 September 2023.

Please note that the same link is also intended for registering for the back-to-back seminar on the conservation of island breeding birds, scheduled for 18-19 October in Vilnius.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that the LOD may consider reimbursing travel and cover accommodation expenses for a selected number of participants. If you are interested in applying for it, please kindly indicate this in the registration form. We will be in touch with you by mid-September.

In the case you have any inquiries regarding the seminar, please kindly contact us by lod@birdlife.lt or inga@birdlife.lt.

On behalf of the Lithuanian Ornithological Society,

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