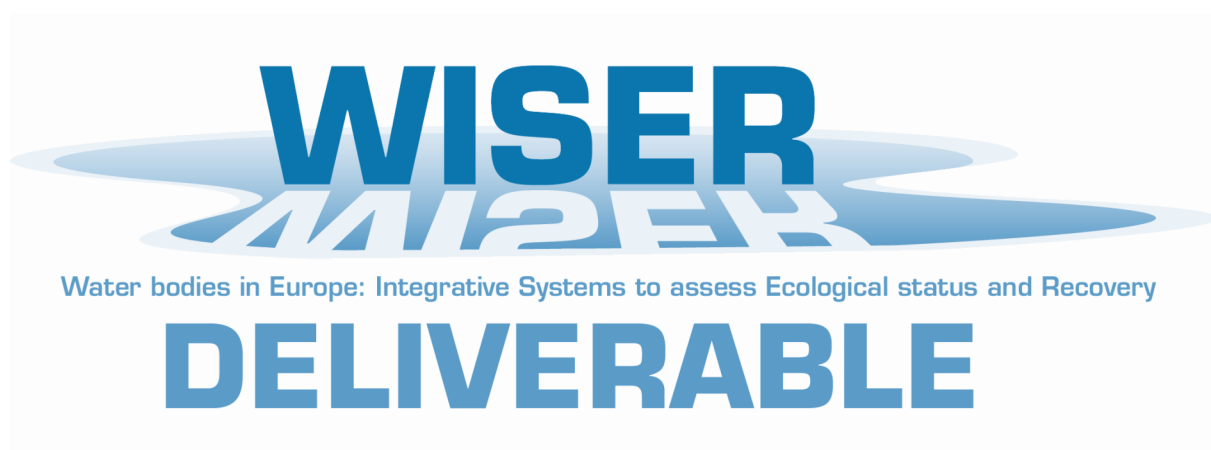


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Non-technical summary

WISER Final Conference will take place on 23-26 January 2012 in Tallinn, Estonia. The objectives of the conference is to disseminate the major scientific results of WISER and to provide a platform to present applicability of the developed tools and approaches. The focus will be on a science-policy interface with specific sessions for in-depth scientific presentations and hands-on sessions for the end users. The meeting will start with the final WISER project meeting (Monday and Tuesday) and continues with the final conference on Wednesday and Thursday. The website of WISER final conference is:

<http://www.wiser.eu/meetings-and-events/final-conference/>

WISER Final Conference

23-26 January 2012

Tallinn, Estonia

First Announcement

August, 2010

Venue

Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel

(<http://hotels.tallink.com/en/mainMenu/spaConferenceHotel/default.htm>)

is a modern business class hotel that has 275 modern hotel rooms; including 242 Standard class double rooms, 9 Standard class single rooms, 20 Double de Luxe and 4 Suite class rooms. All rooms have been designed with style, comfort and security in mind. All rooms are equipped with shower or bath, hairdryer, air conditioning, free WiFi, telephone, bathrobe, TV (incl satellite channels), Pay-TV, safe and a mini bar. The hotel has also rooms for guests with special needs.

The modern Conference Centre that consists of 6 conference halls is located on the second floor of the hotel. The largest theatre-style hall in the conference centre has room for 263 guests. Conference equipment, air conditioning and free WiFi are available in all halls.

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<http://hotels.tallink.com/en/mainMenu/spaConferenceHotel/default.htm>

Transport

Yellow Tallink Taxi (<http://www.tallinktakso.ee/en/content/default.htm>) will meet participants with WISER flyer at Tallinn Airport and provides the transfer to the Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel at a fixed rate.

Programme

The meeting will start with WISER final project meeting (Monday, Tuesday) and follows with the final conference (Wednesday, Monday). WISER final project meeting will start on Monday morning. Thus, many WISER partners would have to arrive already on Sunday (22 Jan). The final conference on the overall project results will start on Wednesday morning and finish on

Thursday afternoon. Please follow the information on the website http://www.wiser.eu/news/final_conference/

Social activities

Visiting of the relaxing spa is free for hotel visitors offering the opportunity to enjoy different types of saunas (saunas with strong and weak levels of steam, Turkish steam sauna, hamam and Finnish sauna) and swimming pools. The spa also has a poolside bar, Jacuzzi, salt water pool, children's pool and outdoor pool that is open all year round.

Conference Dinner will be organised on Wednesday, 25 January

Registration and fee

Will be announced in 2nd Circular in February 2011. Kindly follow the updated information given at the website <http://www.wiser.eu/meetings-and-events/final-conference/>

Currency

Euro from 01 January 2011

Deadlines

- August 2010 – First Announcement on the website
- February 2011 – Second announcement: Call for papers and posters
- August 2011 - Deadline for preliminary Registration
- September 2011 - Third announcement. Final Conference programme
- October 2011 – Deadline for Abstracts
- December 2011 – Book or CD of abstracts
- January 2012 – Conference
- February 2012 – End user summary and booklet

Kindly follow the updated information given at the website <http://www.wiser.eu/meetings-and-events/final-conference/>

You have any questions or you need additional information?

Please contact: conference@wiser.eu.

Estonia and Tallinn

Estonia (Estonian Eesti, officially Republic of Estonia) has a population of 1.3 mln and area of 45,100 km². It borders on the Baltic Sea in the west; the gulfs of Riga and Finland in the southwest and north, respectively; Latvia in the south; and Russia in the east. Tallinn is the capital and largest city. In addition to the capital, other important cities are Tartu, Narva, Parnu, and Viljandi. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estonia>)

Tallinn (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tallinn>) is the capital and largest city of Estonia. It occupies an area of 159 km² with a population of 410 thousands. It is situated on the northern coast of the country, on the banks of the Gulf of Finland, 80 km south of Helsinki.

In Estonia there are more than 1200 lakes, which occupy over 4 % of its territory. Centre for Limnology, previous Võrtsjärv Limnological Station, that presently belongs to Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU, situated in Tartu) was established in 1954 and since then has been responsible for Estonian lake research. Centre for Limnology is experienced in fundamental as well as applied research, including environmental monitoring, fish management, environment impact assessment, lake restoration and nature protection. Most profound research is focused on large lakes Võrtsjärv and Peipsi.

Climate

The annual average temperature in Estonia is between 4.3°C and 6.5°C, being lower on the uplands and higher on the western coast of the islands. The highest air temperature, 35.6°C, was measured on 11 August 1992 in Võru, the lowest, -43.5°C, on 17 January 1940 in Jõgeva. The vegetation period lasts for 180–195 days and the frost-free period 110–190 days. Both are longer on the coast.

The main factor shaping the differences in air temperatures between different regions in Estonia is the Baltic Sea. In winter it keeps the coastal areas much warmer than the inland. At this time, the isotherms run from the north down to the south, during this period it is warmer in the west and colder in the east. The average air temperature in January is -6° to -7°C in Central and East Estonia and -2° to -4°C in Tallinn and the West-Estonian Archipelago. The coldest month is February.

Weather forecasts are available at <http://www.weather.ee/>

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