Engineering With Nature Engages European Union Program.

The European Union Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) program LAND4FLOOD project invited Dr. Todd Bridges to provide a keynote during their recent workshop in Riga Latvia. The LAND4FLOOD project includes representatives from more than 30 European countries who are working to advance opportunities for partnering with private land owners to reduce flood risks and impacts. The approach makes use of landscape-scale and natural features to provide flood storage along with the production of additional environmental and social benefits and services. The LAND4FLOOD project invited Dr. Bridges to provide a keynote on the USACE Engineering With Nature (EWN) initiative and activities being led by USACE and its partners to make use of Natural and Nature-Based Features to support flood risk reduction and system resilience. Several opportunities for follow-on collaboration between EWN and LAND4FLOOD over the next two years, including a joint North America-Europe workshop on the use of natural landscapes in flood risk management, were developed for action.

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