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Putting best agricultural practises into work

Baltic Deal gathers farmers and farmers' advisory organisations around the Baltic Sea in a unique effort to raise the competence concerning agri-environmental practises and measures.

The aim is to support farmers to reduce nutrient losses from farms, with maintained production and competitiveness.



The national advisory services play an important role in developing a more sustainable agriculture in the Baltic Sea region. Baltic Deal provides advisory organisations with improved, cost efficient methods and tools of how to support farmers to reduce nutrient losses from farms.

Knowledge exchange

Baltic Deal aims to increase the knowledge exchange of sustainable agri-environmental practices in the Baltic Sea region.

The project establishes a network for farmers and advisory services to exchange knowledge about good practises and learn from each other. Baltic Deal also makes study trips for farmers and advisors both within the country and to other countries in the Baltic Sea region.



Pilot activities

Good practises for improved water management is tested in everyday farming and adjusted to farming conditions in each country.

In pilot areas, such as at the B7 islands, the seven largest islands in the Baltic Sea, farmers test how to apply good agri-environmental practises. Tested measures are for example using plant cover outside growing season, improved fertilization methods, manure management and treatment of run-off waters.



Demonstration farms

The project establishes and maintains a network of 100 demonstration farms around the Baltic Sea. The farms

demonstrate suitable agri-environmental investments, practises and measures from a farm business perspective.

Joint effort to reduce nutrient losses

The eutrophication status of the Baltic Sea is still unsatisfactory, despite decreased nutrient loads in recent decades. The problem of farm nutrient run-off eventually entering the Baltic Sea is recognised by the farmer's federations in all the countries surrounding the Baltic Sea.

Baltic Deal is a joint effort to improve the Baltic Sea environmental status by using cost efficient and competitive measures to reduce the nutrient losses from agriculture.

Baltic Deal has seven project partners in seven countries. Two of them are farmers' federations and five are advisory services.

Partners:

- Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre (LRATC), Latvia
- The Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF International), Sweden
- Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland
- Rural Development Foundation (MES), Estonia
- Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS), Lithuania
- Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinow Branch Office in Radom (CDR), Poland
- The Knowledge Centre for Agriculture (VFL), Denmark

The project also has over 30 associated partners in all the nine countries around the Baltic Sea, including Russia. The associated partners are farmers' associations, advisory services, ministries and other agricultural institutes and organisations.

