

# Baltic Deal – Putting best agricultural practises into work

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# Partners

- 7 partners from 7 countries
  - 2 farmers' federations
  - 5 advisory actors
- 30 associated partners from 10 countries
  - 11 farmers' federations
  - 8 advisory actors
  - 6 ministries
  - 5 others

# Funding

- Baltic Sea Region Program 2007-2013 (80 %)
  - NEFCO/NIB BSAP Trust Fund (20 %)
- Budget: approx. 3,8 million €



# Vision

A greener agriculture for a bluer Baltic Sea driven by knowledge and advice.

# Target

To support farmers to reduce nutrient losses from farms, with maintained production and competitiveness.



Photo A. Kulmala

# Why focus on knowledge and advice?

- Cost-effective
- High acceptance within the farming community with added benefits
- Increased preparedness among farmers
  - in applying for agri-environmental measures in the Rural Development Programs
  - better implementation of national and EU regulations in the agri-environmental area
- But not only "knowledge and advice"....
  - A little bit of measures, investments and policy actions, too

# Outputs

- Baseline studies
- Handbooks
- Study trips for farmers and advisors
- Test of practises and measures
- Toolbox of agri-environmental practises and measures
- Agri-environmental investments
- Network of 100 demonstration farms



# Outputs

- All material is gathered [www.balticdeal.eu](http://www.balticdeal.eu)
- All this information can also be utilized when preparing new RDP's



**MEASURE**

Fertilisation

Grassland

Manure management

Nature areas

Plant cover

Precision farming


Treatment of run-off waters

## Wetlands

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### Primary purpose



Wetland in Finland. Photo: Airi Kulmala

The definition of a wetland varies a little from country to country but in this context, wetlands are understood as wet areas that are permanently or from time to time covered by shallow water.

#### Reducing nutrient loading

Constructed wetlands can help to capture nutrients from agriculture run-off before entering water bodies.


In Finland, the primary purpose of constructing wetlands has been to reduce phosphorus leaching but now the multi-functionality of wetlands is highly desirable.

In Sweden and Denmark the focus has been more on reducing nitrogen.

The objectives can sometimes be contradictory because e.g. absorption of phosphate requires oxic conditions while denitrification requires anoxic conditions.

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