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# Catchment coordinator's role

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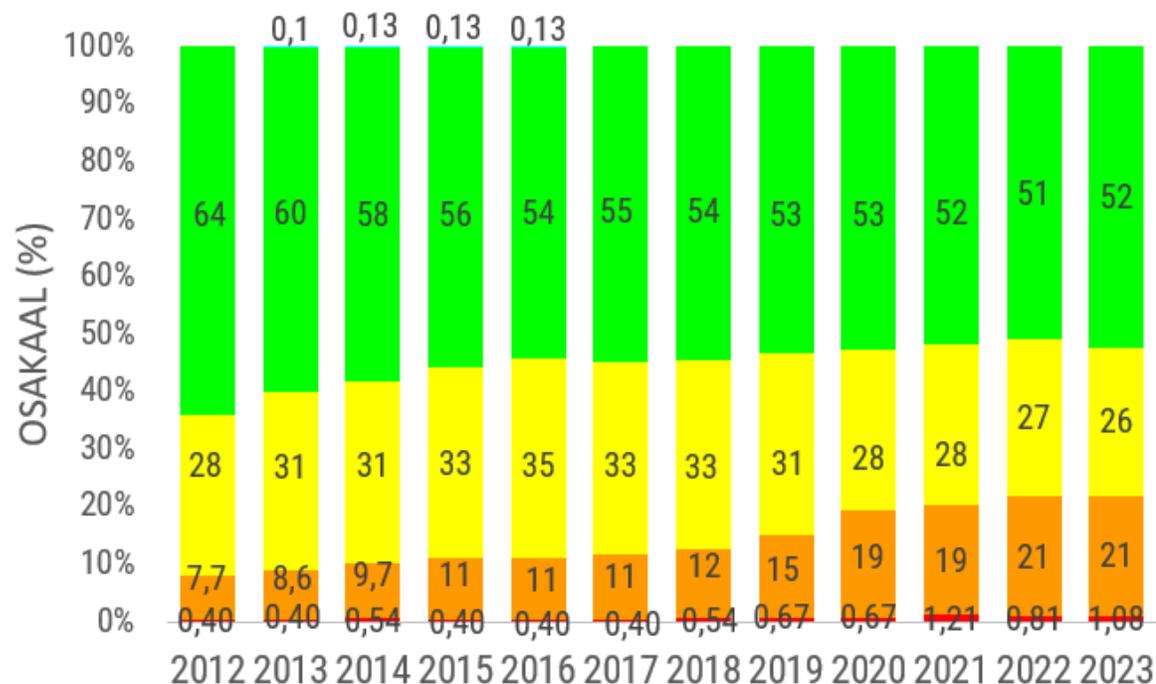
Enabling collaborative efforts for systemic change  
in Estonian river basin management 2025-2033

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# Objective – improving the status of waters and more effective water protection

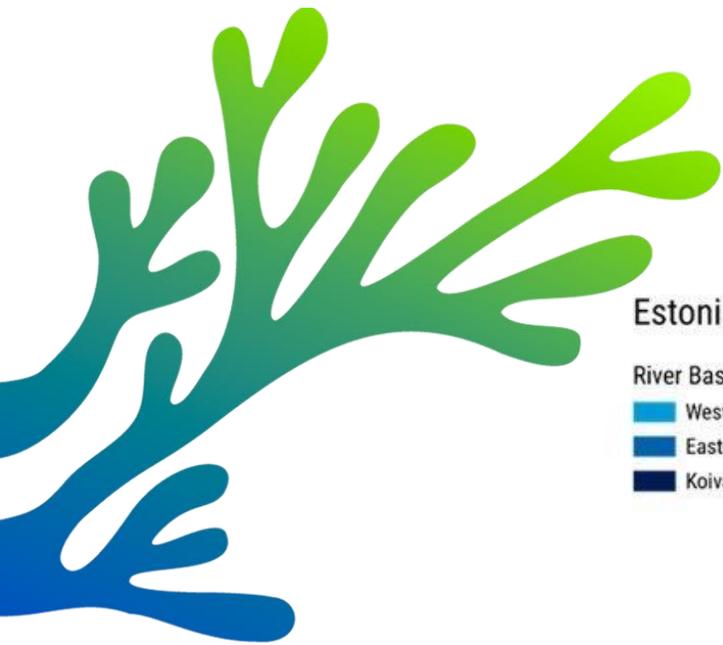
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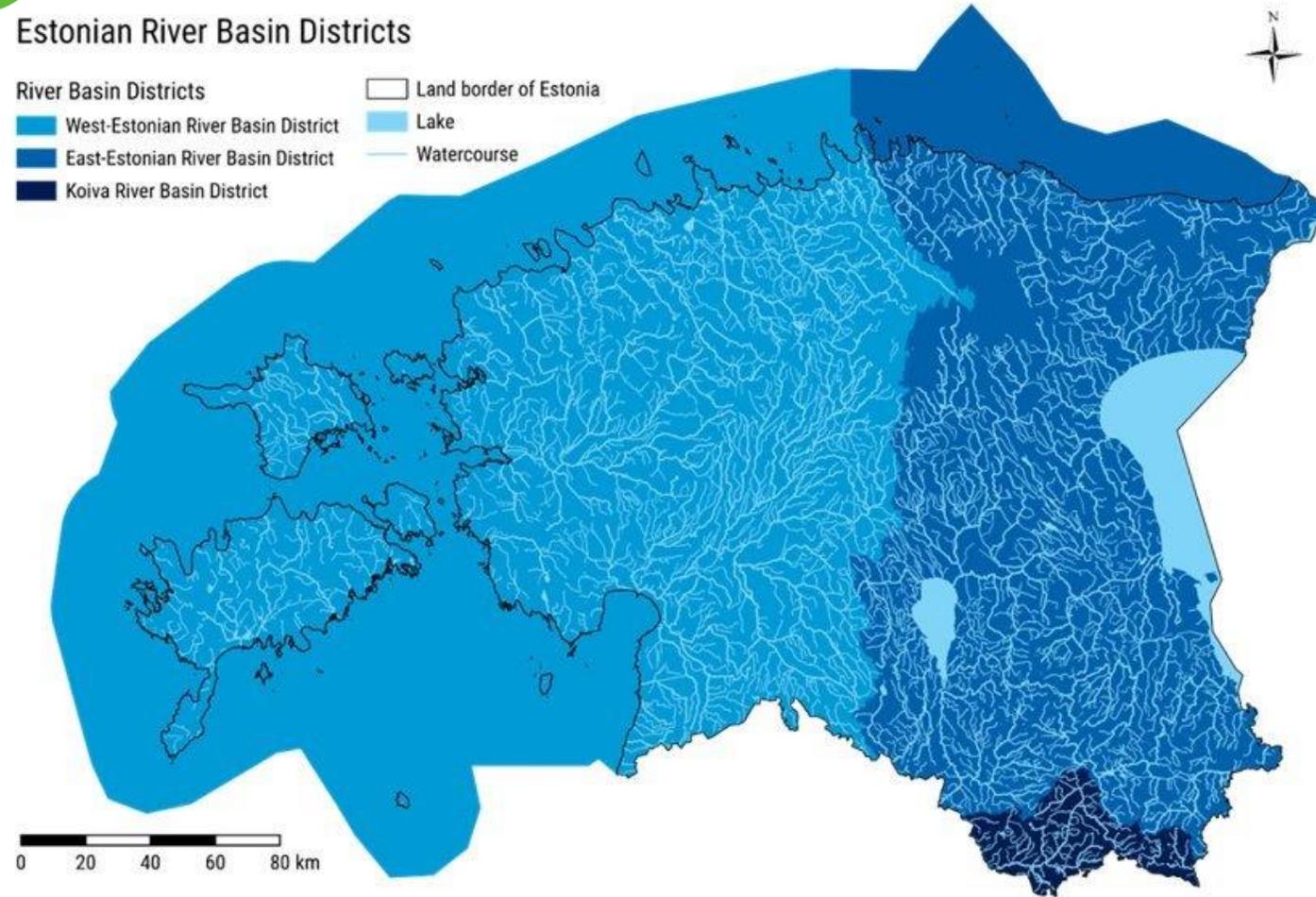
## Challenges

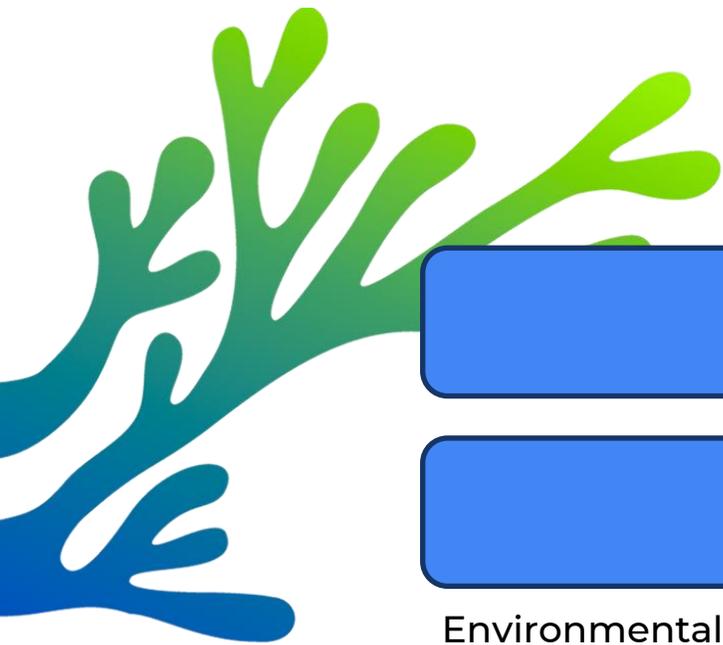
- We can't reach all involved stakeholders and some measures are not implemented
- Environmental awareness is low
- Clean water is too often taken for granted
- Country's problem, not „our“ problem
- Information overload, too much and complicated
- Environmental issues are not a priority



## Estonian River Basin Districts

- River Basin Districts
- West-Estonian River Basin District
  - East-Estonian River Basin District
  - Koiva River Basin District
- Land border of Estonia
- Lake
- Watercourse





Project Manager – Ministry of Climate

17 partners

Environmental Board, Environmental Agency, Environmental Investment Centre, Estonian Environmental Research Centre, Estonian Public Broadcasting, Estonian Land and Spatial Development Board, The Information Technology Centre of the Ministry of the Environment, Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge, Tallinn University of Technology, University of Tartu, Tallinna University, Estonian University of Life Sciences, The Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce, Baltic Environmental Forum Estonia, Wildlife Estonia, Estonian Environmental Law Center

10 work packages

RBM governance, agriculture, melioration, hazardous substances, monitoring, complementary funding, Harku lake and Haapsalu bay status improvement, environmental knowledge.



## Water-ranger´s role (1)



- Cooperation with Tallinn University School of Governance, Law and Society
- 9 active project pilot areas
- who are the stakeholders in pilot areas, what they do/know/need about RBMP
- how can water-rangers support different stakeholders
  - everyday issues
  - new practices in WETEST project
  - implementing RBMP measures



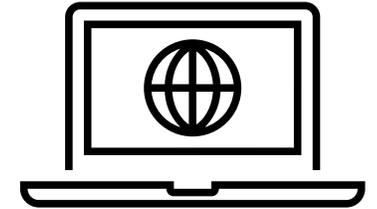
## Water-ranger´s role (2)

- formation of community action groups
  - implementation of practices in WetEST
  - implementation of measures in RBMP
  - establish communication channels and improve involvement
  - advisory role for RBM planning
- role and tasks are in development depending on continuous everyday experience
  - possibilities and capabilities of enhancing involvement in RBMP planning processes
  - more feedback from stakeholders from water-ranger´s everyday work





## RBMP information system



- information system development
  - all in 1
  - information about RBM waterbodies, pressures, status, measures,
  - involvement and communication about RBM planning
  - feedback, proposals
  - public view, officer's view, water-ranger's view



Thank you!

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