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# WHO ARE WE?

- Representing, supporting and protecting the interests of rural (biomass) business operators.
- Established in 1996, a non-governmental organization with voluntary membership.
- Different working groups operate within the chamber whose roles regulate the internal activities within their sectors and influence their development.
- Activities: Helping in finding business partners, exchanging market and price information, organising forums and information days and making arrangements for participation in trade fairs in Estonia and abroad.



# Our members are:

- Estonian farmers, their co-operatives and sectorial organizations
- Estonian food processing industries
- Estonian rural economy companies (incl agribusiness companies)
- Estonian forest owners' co-operatives



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- Coordinate one of the work packages (WP5)
  - producers/farmers involvement
  - Host events

**OUR ROLE**

# Life SIP WetEST WP 5

Improve the status of 3-5 pilot catchments

- List of 8 water catchment areas were compiled based on annual nitrate content (15 mg/L)- 3 were selected for this program
- farm-based consultation and evidence informed production practice
- Maximise the effect of agro-environmental subsidies for targeted action towards improving the status of water bodies in the catchments
- Concept of living-labs - develop best practices for consulting agricultural producers
- Spread the learnings from the living lab pilots to other parts of Estonia

# ACTIONS in WP 5

- **Surface water will be monitored - up- and downstream of the agricultural area**
  - **Discharge,  $N_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $NO_2^-$ ,  $P_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $PO_4^{3-}$ , BOD,  $COD_{Mn}$ , pH, temp, EC and  $O_2$  will be measured 12 times per year and**
  - **Pesticides will be measured four times per year**
- **Existence and performance of land reclamation systems is mapped**
- **The distribution of soil types and their mechanical composition is mapped**
- **Drainage water will be monitored 24 times a year and pesticides 14 times per year**
- **Vertical study of the dynamics of soil nutrient elements  $NH_4^+$ ,  $NO_3^-$ -N,  $N_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ , P, K, Ca, Mg, Cu, Mn, B, Al, Fe,  $C_{\text{org}}$**

# Engagement strategy



- 30 selected farmers will implement farm-specific water protection measures over a four-year period – four-year action plan
- Mapping the needs and worries of farmers – interviews, farm visits
- Individual cooperation agreements and advisory support
- Living-labs - Individualized action plans, over 50 training and field events for 1,000 farmers and international study visits to share experiences and establish collaboration networks

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- Individual consultations – 4 per year
  - Living-Lab collaboration networks
  - Events and seminars, study visits
  - Improvement of Good Agricultural Practices
  - Recognition and awarding
  - Evaluation and feedback

# Involvement process

# Tools and channels



- Digital discussion groups
- Farmers have access to information materials created and published by experts, instructions materials prepared in other sectoral projects, and the results of pilot practices.
- Local farmer groups/associations
- Involve farmers in preparation of Water Management Plans
- Communication to reach a wider audience

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# THANK YOU!



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