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# ECO-COMMUNITIES in ESTONIA

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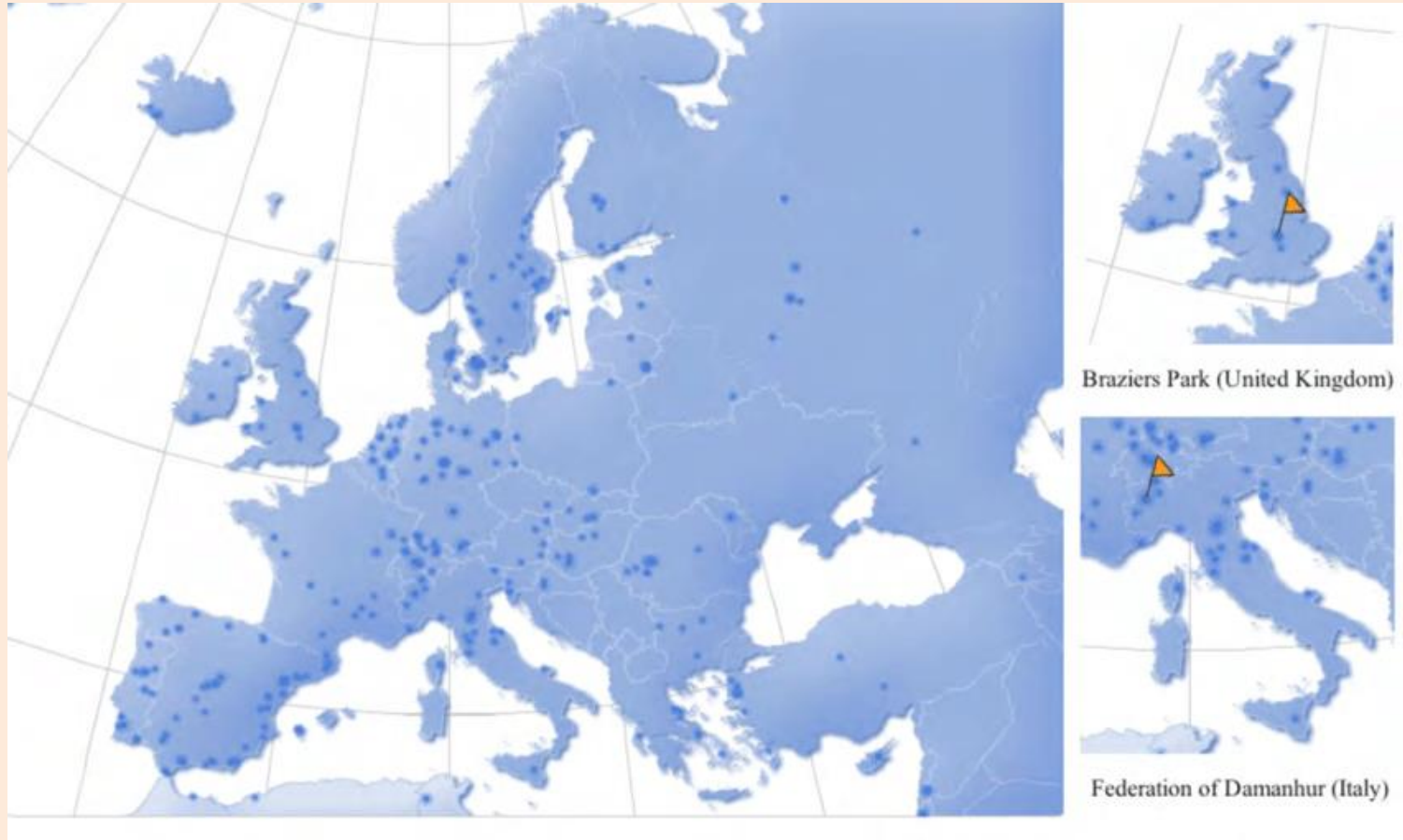
# What are eco-communities?

An ecovillage is an intentional, traditional or urban community that is consciously designed through locally owned participatory processes in all four dimensions of sustainability (social, culture, ecology and economy) to regenerate social and natural environments.

Living and learning centre – laboratory!

GEN-Europe - Global Ecovillage Network since 1995

# Where they are in Europe?



# Findhorn, Scotland



# Damanhur, Italy



# Sieben Linden, Germany



# Eco-communities in Estonia

Lilleoru (1993)

Small Footprint (2014)

Hobukooli Park (2006)

Hundiallika Centre

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GEN-Estonia (2008)

Gaia Academy



# Lilleoru (GEN2018 conference)





# Small Footprint



# Hobukooli Park



# Hundiallika Centre



# A lot has been accomplished with help from EU funds

- Lilleoru
- GEN 2018 conference, ca 700 visitors
- Hobukooli Park, trainings, structures
- Hundiallika Centre, buildings



## Potential for further cooperation

- Eco-communities are training centres attracting thousands of visitors
- Living labs – new technologies
- Real and measurable sustainability
- Experts in community-building
- Global network

## From vision to action

Eco-communities are already playing visible role in enlivening rural communities and there is definitely potential for more.





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