

## Capacity building for farmers on preserving soil health

### Description and key objectives

The project is offering farmers e-learning sessions, field practice and workshops on soil health management. It has set up five study groups in four Finnish regions. The project aims to:

- Transfer the latest soil management know-how.
- Raise awareness of the importance of soil health and foster interest in improving it.
- Facilitate cooperation among farmers and establish a framework for building up capacity.
- Increase the resource efficiency of agriculture by improved soil management.

### Key achievements

- Management tools and methods tested on eight Finnish farms growing a range of crops.
- Farmers are drawing up their own soil health management plans.
- The use of a blend of learning methods shown to be an effective way of training farmers.
- Farmers recognise the economic benefits of improved soil health.

<b>Total project budget</b>	€ 700 000
EU contribution (EAFRD)	€ 235 200
National/regional contribution	€ 324 800
Private/own funds	€ 140 000

<b>RDP Measure</b>	Cooperation, M16
<b>Timeframe</b>	2015-ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.maan-kasvukunto.fi">www.maan-kasvukunto.fi</a>

