

Saaremaa LAG – NGO West-Estonian Islands Partnership





Terje Aus Sulvi Munk Ivar Ansper What has happened in Saaremaa, Estonia?

Interesting and complicated history because of little bit aggressive neighbours from Sweden, Russia, Denmark, Poland, Germany.

Despite of that Estonia celebrated 100 years anniversary this year.

Some wellknown historical events: hypothesis of Ultima Thule, Sigtuna gates, War of Umera 1218, Danish flag (1219), Fabian Gottlieb von Bellinghausen (Antarctica 1820), War of Freedom (1918-1920), Singing revolution (1988), etc









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What we have in Saaremaa, Estonia?

Beautiful nature: valuable species (plants, animals, fishes, birds), long coastline, ...

Culture and traditions: dancing, singing, handwork,

Very good-vacation place (especially in summer): hiking, bike travelling, ...

Local healthy food

Good education and sporting opportunities

Friendly but maybe not so temperamental people

Beautiful Estonian language all over Estonia:

HI - TERE

GOODBYE - <u>NÄGEMIST</u>

PLEASE - PALUN

THANK YOU - <u>AITÄH</u>

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kaheksa, üheksa, kümme

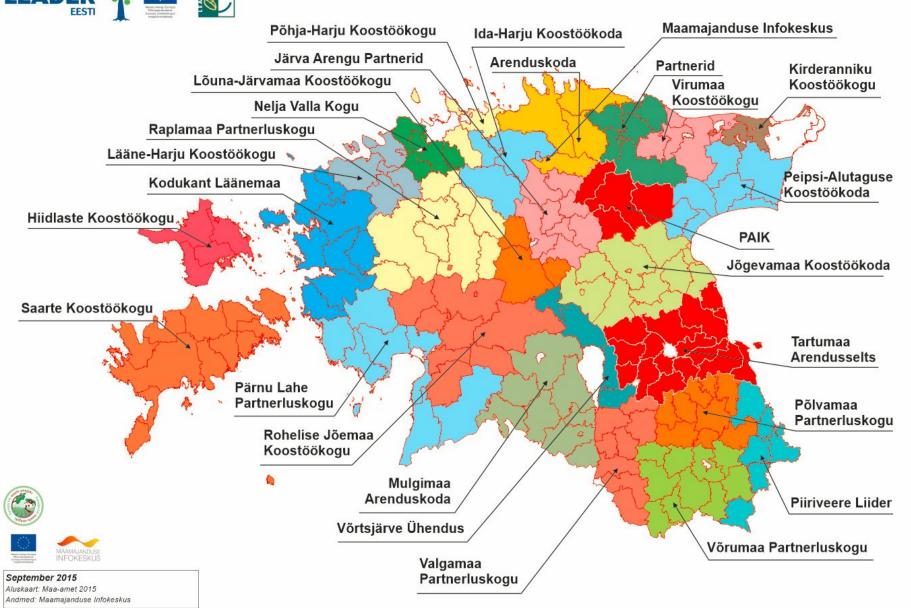
JÄÄ-ÄÄR, ÖÖ, ...







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83 members (3 municipalities: Saaremaa, Muhu and Ruhnu, 54 NGO-s, 26 enterprises).

Main priority is supporting and promoting development initiatives, culture and environment, which support and facilitate the development of local enterprise and increase knowledge and subsistence in the region.

Keywords: Sea and islands – insularity! Uniqueness mainly thanks to our location and isolation – beautiful folk costumes, different use of language, traditions etc., Ship and boat building industry.

Problems: Emigration of younger population, Disappearance of traditional occupations and necessary skills and knewledges from rural areas.

Supported measures:

- ADDING VALUE TO LOCAL PRODUCTS;
- IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS;
- COOPERATION AND JOINT ACTIVITIES.



-Supported projects

In the period of 2007-2013 Saaremaa LAG has supported through the LEADER program 378 projects including 2 transnational cooperation projects (Planet said to me, Growing Gastronauts).

Total sum of accepted application ~5 mln eur (including 20% of running costs).

In the period of 2014-2020 has been made five rounds so far and general conclusion is: lot of applicants and few money. Also has been started 2 Transnational cooperation projects: Marine traditions for area marketing (preliminary) and FinEst Bandcamp.





Supported project examples









Since the end of 2012 the producers of Saaremaa have used the blue "Made in Saaremaa" mark on their products.

This regional mark presents the consumer with an easy method of identifying products produced in Saaremaa that are available in stores, at the marketplace and at food establishments.







IT'S MANY USES











THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

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