



LÄÄNEMAA RANNAKALANDUSE SELTS

**Estonian FLAG:
NGO Läänemaa Coastal
Fishing Association - LRS**

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About our FLAG - LDS

NGO Läänemaa Coastal Fishing Association was established in March 2008

It has 92 members, 9 Board members, 1 employee.

- 8 calls for projects during 2010 – 2013
- €2 567 426 support was given to 105 projects
- Investments of €3 320 075
- The budget for projects is 2 254 905 € in 2014 – 2020
- 2 calls finalised
- 36 projects were supported with €1 232 566.



EFF versus EMFF

- **EFF** - defined targets for the fisheries sector, detailed national legislation following the EU regulations, less support for cooperation activities, limited support to cooperative companies
- **EMFF** - clear targets for the fisheries sector, legislative framework at the level of regulations has significantly lower demands
- FLAGs have greater decision-making powers in determining financing. Measures for developing cooperation, measures to support and develop cooperative activities. The spectrum of supporting themes has expanded (rehabilitation of the spawning grounds and promotion of fishing traditions)
- **Challenges for the new period** - to keep the focus on the fisheries sector. More attention to cooperative organisations and cooperation, investments in processing of fisheries products and diversification of activities. Preservation and promotion of fishing traditions.



Achievements of the EFF period

- **Social partnership** - FLAGs are a significant partner for both local government and environmental protection organizations.
- **Strong fisheries identity** - New associations have started activities to organize different (marketing) events, education in recreational fishing and the restoration of fish stocks.
- **Improvement of the image of fisheries** - media coverage has become more positive, cooperation has expanded and fisheries associations are engaged in non-fisheries activities. Fisheries has become a kind of trademark.
- **Fisheries as a business branch**- the activities of fishermen have been diversified, fish processing has increased considerably, locally prepared fish products became visible. Fisheries has become a selling argument for the provision of tourism services and products.



Changes in strategic goals of LDS

- The previous LDS **for 2007-2014** was based on the following principles:
 - For centuries coastal fisheries had a leading role in the economy of the Läänemaa coastal areas, but nowadays this activity is declining.
 - The low profitability of coastal fishing has forced many fishermen to look for other livelihoods and fishing has become for them a secondary activity.
- The new LDS **2014-2020** has following development principles:
 - To further enhance and guarantee the sustainable development of coastal communities in the region
 - A better integration of fisheries with other industries in the Läänemaa area.



2020+

- The Fisheries Fund should remain independent!
- More attention should be paid to co-operation activities and set up of cooperative organisations
- The support to diversification activities for fishermen and adding value of fisheries products (with special attention to processing) should be maintained.



Ja ongi kõik

That's all

Küsimused kommentaarid

Questions and comments

