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Seminar

Common Agricultural Policy for 2014-2020: challenges and perspectives in implementing environmental commitments

11th November 2013

Šarūnas hotel, Raitininkų st.4, Vilnius, Lithuania

10 11 2013

18:00 Early arrival by participants

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9:30 Registration.

10:00 Opening of the seminar. Introductory words.

Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Member of EU parliament

Pranas Mierauskas, Chairman of the board, Lithuanian Fund for Nature

10:10 Will new Rural development programmes save the Baltic Sea. *Jüri Rute, DG Agri*

10:35 Fighting eutrophication within Baltic Sea Action Plan. *Mikhail Durkin, HELCOM Professional Secretary*

11:00 Importance of Common agriculture subsidies to implement Baltic region political ambitions for Baltic Sea environment. *Gunnar Norén, executive secretary, Coalition Clean Baltic*

11:25 Coffee break.

11:50 Perspectives from the farmers and producers in new Common Agriculture Policy for 2014-2020. *Juhan Särgava, the Baltic Farmer of the Year 2013*

12:15 Ecological status of the Baltic Sea. *Aistė Kubiliūtė, Environmental Protection Agency*

12:35 Evaluation of Rural development programmes in respect to environmental performance.

Nathaniel Page, Adept, Romania

13:00 Lunch.

14:00 -16:00 Workshops:

Workshop 1 *Farmers cooperation in sharing best agricultural practices and experiences in nutrient reduction*

Experiences in joint projects:

What have we learned so far. Cooperation within Compass and the following Compact. *Staffan Lund, Head of Grants Office, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences;*

Baltic Deal:

Mateusz Sękowski, Agriculture Advisory Centre in Radom, Poland;

Susanna Kaasinen, Baltic Deal, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland.

Meatball/Snowball experience, working on grasslands. Experiences in different countries:

Baiba Strazdina, Latvian Fund for Nature, Nerijus Zableckis, Lithuanian Fund for Nature.

Experiences of agricultural projects on organic farming and industrial animal farms. *Gunnar Norén, Coalition Clean Baltic*

Discussion: how can we improve cooperation among farmers and other stakeholders in the region?

Workshop 2 New agri-environmental measures in perspective of nutrient reduction

Presenting reports about Rural Development Programmes and Agri-environmental schemes in Baltic region states:

Estonia - *Alex Lotman, Estonian Fund for Nature*;

Latvia - *Andriejs Briedis, Latvian Fund for Nature*;

Lithuania - *Agnė Prakapienė, Ministry of Agriculture*;

Sweden- *Emma Svensson, Baltic Compact project*.

Agri-environmental schemes and Natura 2000 payments in Central and Eastern European countries - *Agnes Zolyomi, CEEWEB*.

Discussion: can we reduce nutrient run-off by applying new agri-environmental schemes?

Further steps for CAP period 2014-2020.

16:00 Coffe break.

16:30 Reflections from the break out groups.

16:45 A need for regional agri-environmental platform. Introduction. *Marta Kalinowska, WWF Poland*

17:00 Discussion.

17:45 Wrap up, preparation for next day workshop at EU BSRS Annual Forum.

18:00 End of day.

19:30 Dinner hosted by organisers. *Restaurant "Aula", Pilies st.11, Vilnius*.

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FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

Participation in The 4th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

11.00–12.30 workshop: Sustainable agriculture – price tags and possibilities for the region

Adagio, 4th floor

Venue: Le Méridien Vilnius, Highway A2, the 19th KM, Vilnius

Runoff of nutrients from agriculture is the single biggest source of eutrophication in the Baltic Sea. In the 2013 HELCOM Ministerial Meeting in October, the regional Ministers and EU High-level representative reiterated commitments to prevent pollution from agriculture, and recognized the need to improve the recycling of phosphorus especially in agriculture. Can farmers reduce their nutrient runoff substantially and still be competitive on the market?

Organiser: HELCOM (Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission) and the Lithuanian Fund for Nature

Moderator: *Ms. Ottilia Thoreson, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme*

PROGRAMME

11.00-11.15

Opening and introduction.

- *Edmundas Greimas, Lithuanian Fund for Nature*
- *Mikhail Durkin, Professional Secretary, HELCOM*

11.15-11.30

The Baltic Sea - Our Common Treasure. Economics of Saving the Sea

- *Ms. Siv Ericsson, Stockholm Resilience Center, Sweden*

11.30-11.40

What is realistic from a farmers' perspective

- *Farmer Erikas Laiconas, Lithuanian winner of the Baltic Farmer of the Year Award 2013*

11.40-11.50

How can farmers associations in the Region cooperate and learn from each other – experiences and recommendations

- *Susanna Kaasinen, Baltic Deal, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), Finland.*

11.50-12.00

A need for a regional agri-environmental platform

- *Lennart Gladh, WWF, Sweden*

12.00-12.30

Discussion

- *Can farmers reduce their nutrient runoff substantially and still be competitive on the market?*
- *How can we use policy measures under the new CAP to support them?*
- *Do we need new structures for cooperation in the region to reach our goals?*