



# LAG KODUKANT LÄÄNEMAA

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# Läänemaa county



- ... area 2.394 km<sup>2</sup> (5.3% of Estonian territory)
- ... 12 administration areas- 1 town and 11 municipalities
- ... total population 27 562
- ... population in rural areas 16 200
- ... 29% of territory is protected
- ... 233 villages with around 50 active village societies



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- In 2005 the first introduction of the LEADER program was given to the local authorities
- In 2008 the strategy was approved and staff was hired
- The first call for applications was launched in March 2009

The organisation has 53 members

- 11 municipalities
- 13 small entrepreneurs
- 29 NGO's and village societies

# Cooperation



- 2009 sept. studytour to Denmark Slagelse community
- 2009 nov. Danish representatives in Estonia – signing of cooperation agreement
- 2010 may Danish representatives 2nd visit
- 2010 june-july implementation of the project **“Youth taking lead in rural areas”**
- 2010 july-august reporting and conclusion

# Cooperation. But no cooperation?



- Both LAG's will do separate projects
  - needs an approval of the board
  - one LAG's project will cover all costs in their country
- Not to do an official cooperation project because of
  - bureaucracy
  - approval will take more time
  - project calls of partners do not match (timing)
  - different countries have different rules
  - responsibility of the leading party
  - question of final reporting

# Proposals, suggestions



## 1. Simplified cooperation project

- every project that is based on LAG's agreement will be counted as cooperation
- helps to initiate short term and simple projects

## 2. Separate budget for international cooperation

- activates cooperation
- justifies bureaucracy
- allows to hire personell
- stimulates long term projects



# Thank You!



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