



B7 – possibilities for cooperation projects?

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In the B7 SC meeting on 23th of May 2014 in Hiiumaa a discussion was held on future island cooperation. Possible grounds for cooperation were pointed out:

- transport connections,
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management,
- decrease of population,
- sustainable energy,
- vocational education and distance learning,
- language learning,
- integration of refugees,
- LEADER cooperation

There is a constant need for islands to develop the social and economic life, incl via EU projects, incl transnational projects.

The most challenging is to find reliable partners.

Sources for the financing, and Hiiumaa proposals for project elaboration are:

- Central Baltic program: Competitive economy (Target group SME-s)
- 1) Green economy, incl renewable energy sources and value added of natural raw material. Energy independent buildings (Hiiumaa propotype)
- 2) Sustainable tourism in islands. Promotion of yacht harbors and networking, elaboration of services.
- 3) Integration of curricula in vocational training in the Central Baltic region in tourism, green economy, maritime professions, etc.
- 4) Environmental protection. Good condition of the Baltic Sea, agriculture, innovative treatment technology (possible partner Stockholm water festival?)

- Nordic Dimension – local food, bio economy, NGO cooperation
- LEADER – local food, trainings, public involvement, technology transfer, exchange of experiences
- SIDA – bilateral projects
- Seed money fund for project preparation