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# DEMO FARM

*Development of Latvian-Estonian network  
for demonstration of environmentally  
friendly farming practices*

Seminar on European Learning Network on Functional  
AgroBiodiversity (ELN-FAB) in Baltic Sea Region  
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## Demonstration?



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## Why DEMO FARM?

- lack of integration of environmental and nature protection aspects in Latvian and Estonian farming practices  
(mainly short time planning, lack of positive examples)
- lack of exchange of best available experiences and techniques for environmentally friendly farming in cross-border context  
(some good initiatives in both countries, but no cooperation/synergy so far)

## Project objectives:

- To support LAT-EST cooperation in nature protection and set up a core for demonstration farm network in order to improve environmental education facilities and support environmentally friendly entrepreneurship
- To ensure dissemination of project experience to other networks (farmers, nature conservationists etc.), policy makers and ensure the publicity of project results
- To ensure integration of network in cross-border and national tourism packages and farmer education programs

## Basic project information:

### Project duration:

- October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2011

### Project partners:

- Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre, LRATC (Lead partner);
- Latvian Fund for Nature, LFN;
- Estonian Fund for Nature, EFN.

### Project financing:

- 85% EST-LAT programme (ERDF);
- 15% National co-funding (LV - 5% Ministry of Self Government and Regional Development).

Selection of demonstration farms

Capacity building of the demonstration farms

Promotion of the network and project results

## Selection of demonstration farms

Development of farm selection criteria

Public campaign for involving farms

Evaluation of submitted applications

On site evaluation of the best farms

## Capacity building of the demonstration farms

Integrated farm management plans

Internet based farm management tool

Demonstration tools

Farmers trainings and experience exchange activities

## Promotion of the network and project results

Analyses of tourism potential and development of  
joint marketing strategy for the network farms

Open doors events in farms

Development of joint recommendations for  
environmentally friendly agriculture

Seminars and conferences

## More information about the project:

In English:

[http://www.lkf.lv/pub/?doc\\_id=29408](http://www.lkf.lv/pub/?doc_id=29408)

In Latvian:

<http://www.lkfc.lv/?id=400999>

[http://www.lkf.lv/pub/?doc\\_id=29437](http://www.lkf.lv/pub/?doc_id=29437)

In Estonian:

<http://www.elfond.ee/et/teemad/teised-teemad/saa-aestev-areng/elfi-saa-aestva-arengu-programm/maaelu-programm/demo-farm>

## International conferences:

- **Demonstration of environmentally friendly farming practices**  
Estonia, March 2-4, 2011
- **Project final conference**  
Latvia, September 16-17, 2011

**Aitāh – Thank you - Paldies!**

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