

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

RAKVERE, ESTONIA, AUGUST 25-26, 2010

INVITATION

EU farmers and policy makers increasingly acknowledge that biodiversity and agricultural production need not necessarily be in conflict, but can potentially strengthen each other. Understanding the relations between biodiversity and sustainable agricultural production and translating such knowledge into management practices that can be applied at the scale of farms and landscapes, is of key importance for a robust and environmentally friendly agriculture in Europe. In this context, the concept of Functional AgroBiodiversity (FAB) has recently been introduced. FAB has been defined as "those elements of biodiversity at the scale of agricultural fields or landscapes, which provide ecosystem services that support sustainable agricultural production and can also deliver benefits to the regional and global environment and the public at large". The project 'European Learning Network on Functional AgroBiodiversity' (ELN-FAB) aims to bring together the knowledge and practical experience of agrobiodiversity.



The network is set to provide a platform and facility for exchange of knowledge and practical experiences with other EU Member States, between farmers, policymakers, scientists, businesses and NGOs, to enable fast and effective implementation of best practices in order to help to optimize agrobiodiversity benefits and promote sustainable agriculture.

Target group: we expect to the seminar people from scientific communities, policymakers who are related to agri-environment policy and representatives of the farmers' community.

Topics of the seminar: during the 1,5 day seminar we will get familiar with the Functional AgroBiodiversity concept, what are the drivers behind this approach and what we can do to make natural processes to work for us to achieve food production together with healthy ecosystem. Seminar includes also a field trip.





European Learning Network on Functional AgroBiodiversity

Registration: Please send us (fabseminar@pmk.agri.ee) the registration form by e-mail. **Registration closes 15th July!**

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Agricultural Research Centre in Estonia
European Centre for Nature Conservation
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Seminar is free of charge (including program, coffee and tea, lunches, dinner and excursion), participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel cost. Seminar is held in English and you are welcome to present a poster during the seminar.

Additional information will be available from the website of Agricultural Research Centre: <http://pmk.agri.ee/pkt/fabseminar>

Seminar location and venue:

Seminar will be held in **Rakvere** (<http://www.rakvere.ee/>) at the Aqva Hotel (<http://www.aqvahotels.ee>) in northern Estonia



Address of the hotel:

Aqva Hotel
Parkali 4, Rakvere

For accommodation please contact us at fabseminar@pmk.agri.ee for further information.



Arrival to Rakvere

On arrival by plane you will arrive to Lennart Meri Tallinn airport. The easiest and fastest way to reach Rakvere from Tallinn is to travel by bus leaving from Tallinn Bus Station (see schedule

<http://www.bussireisid.ee/index.html?MENU=&KEEL=en>).

For detailed directions you will receive additional document when registration is confirmed, it is also available at the web: <http://pmk.agri.ee/pkt/fabseminar>

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