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Results in focus groups in case area - Jelgava Local Municipality (PP 11)

Summary (short description)

Strategic planning of focus groups

Main tasks/goals before the meetings

- 1) Survey for the project;
- 2) To find out the function and involvement of the local government in connection with the process of monitoring, maintenance and implementation of environmental systems

Focus group meeting 1

Minutes/resume of meeting

Meeting, December 19, 2019; Jaunary 15 and 20, 2020 in Jelgava, Latvia

Results:

- 1) Nutrinflow project completing the questionnaire;
- 2) The local government does not make decisions and laws, but oversees the implementation procedures in rural areas, forests, etc. territories. If the municipality had more decision-making power, it would certainly pay more attention to dams and floodplains, agriculture, drainage projects, forestry and nature conservation, and is considered enough for water management (drinking water and wastewater). Municipal staff acknowledge the need to increase cooperation with local farmers and forest owners, as the municipality should be involved and better informed about opportunities and be reminded of regulatory requirements and administrative responsibilities. The municipality reveals that it is not involved in the preparation of the common agricultural policy (CAP) but acknowledges that it would be happy to participate in it. On the part of the local government, the topicality related to water quality is marked by the topicality of eutrophication of water bodies and watercourses, its prevention and elimination.

Conclusions:

The task of municipal employees is to promote the introduction of environmentally friendly management, observing the norms and regulations set by the state. The aim of the municipality is not only to manage the property owned by the municipality in an environmentally friendly way, but also to promote understanding and honesty of fellow people in their implementation. Latvian municipalities have a supervisory function, not a legislative function, as may be the case in other countries.

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