

Dovinė River Catchment

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Objectives of the pilot case

- Facilitate participatory stakeholder engagement to identify policy and measure gaps resulting in **low** farmer engagement in **voluntary measures which hinders water quality improvement in the catchment area**
- Facilitate cross-sectoral stakeholder dialogue to identify policy and **compensation measure** opportunities empowering rural communities to act in a way which could result in water quality improvements

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Stakeholders to be involved and their roles

- **Ministries** (cooperation and authority to improve political strategies and policy instruments to foster river basin management)
- **Municipalities** (knowledge and authority to improve stakeholder engagement in river catchment management and communication with stakeholder groups)
- **Farmers** (engage with own experience and knowledge to influence development of policy and compensation measures, act to reduce water pollution from own farms)
- **Businesses** (engage with own experience and knowledge to influence development of policy and compensation measures, act to reduce water pollution from own businesses)
- **Agricultural Advisory Service** (provide local knowledge and link farmers and other stakeholder groups)
- **Environmental Agency and its regional departments** (provide support and supervision of water quality monitoring)
- **Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve and potentially other protected areas** (linking stakeholders and provide knowledge on local situation)



Expected results of the pilot case

- Identified policy and measure interventions needed to foster improvements in Dovinė river catchment management
- Identified suitable compensation or policy model fostering farmer and other stakeholder engagement in Dovinė river catchment management and water quality improvement

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