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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 current and planned involvement of the farm in the involvement in environmentally friendly farming, including in relation to the application of fertilizers and the importance of drainage systems on the farm;
- 3) To acquaint the farms of the adjacent pilot areas with the type, task and intentions of the project;
- 4) To find out the farm's desire / interest to get involved in the project implementation.

Focus group meeting 1

Minutes/resume of meeting

Meeting, 30 January, 2020 in Jelgava, Latvia

Results:

- 1) Nutrinflow project completing the questionnaire;
- 2) The farm operates as a business enterprise in crop production and mentions soil quality and climate change factors as the most important factors in the long-term environmental sector. Income support, investment for future generations and the awareness that you are good for nature serve as an incentive to be even more environmentally friendly. As an obstacle to environmentally friendly management, it is noted that very often both land and water systems are shared with other owners and these issues need to be addressed jointly by all owners, but the problem is to agree and share responsibilities to achieve the goals. Complex issues related to the long-term maintenance of the system are also mentioned as significant obstacles. The introduction of environmentally friendly farming is motivated by responsibility for good land management and research into appropriate measures that improve the systems and how, but if additional funding could be obtained for the implementation of measures, it would be used to improve water availability for farm, wetlands nitrate, phosphate and CO₂ storage.;
- 3) The farm is introduced to the project goals, tasks and intentions, the farm admits that it is happy to participate in the project, as well as in agreement with other project partners (Union Farmers' Parliament and Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies), offers other pilot areas to jointly implement environmentally friendly systems.

Conclusions:

With farm development, it is clear that green farming not only creates responsibility for the environment, but the rational planning of green farming can also bring economic benefits, increased productivity and increased land value, which is a benefit for this farm. the future. It is considered necessary to share positive experiences, technologies, etc. And other farms need to be trained, because the exchange of experience creates positive growth.

Participants:

Z/S "Vilciņi-1" owner, A.Burmistrs

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