

## FINLAND

### Results in focus groups in case area <Kymenlaakso, Länsi-Uusimaa>

The mission is to implement holistic water management measures and catchment area restorations (WATERDRIVE targets) in Kymenlaakso and Länsi-Uusimaa areas. The aim is to implement at least two local case areas where actions and methods of holistic water management will be presented catchment based in both areas.

### Strategic planning of focus groups

Focus groups are planning together the best methods to improve holistic water management in Kymenlaakso and Länsi-Uusimaa areas. The most functional way is to create promotion and development projects in these areas.

### Main tasks/goals before the meetings

The aim is to activate local actors to develop local water management work and also to improve the quality of agricultural waters in the Baltic Sea basin in response to the challenges of climate change.

The aim is to develop cooperation between different stakeholders and financing in agricultural water management projects. In addition, the best-proven environmental measures from WATERDRIVE-project will be highlighted and put into practice.

### Focus group meeting Kymenlaakso

- **The main purpose of the meeting**

Talking about the best methods to improve holistic water management together in Kymenlaakso area.

- **Participants (at least the stakeholder categories)**

Local water protection association (Kymijoen vesi- ja ympäristö ry), the local Centre for Economic Development and Transformation, farmers, advisors,

- **Main inputs made for the future work in the case area (minutes and resume of meeting)**

Started planning new promotion and development projects in Kymenlaakso.

- **What we learned from the focus groups meeting**

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- **What worked great?**

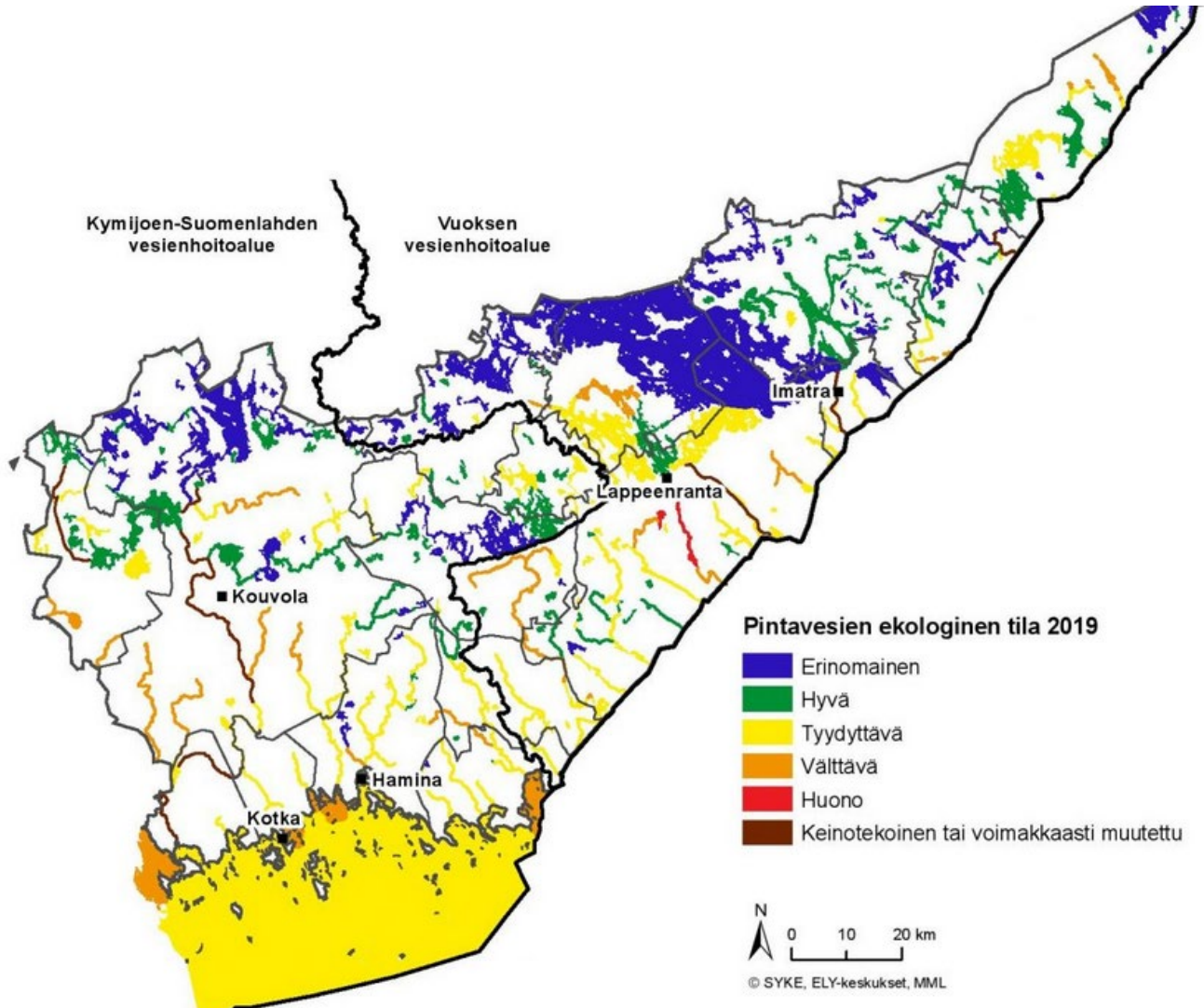
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- **What might be improved at the next meeting (content, format, facilitation, etc)?**

A better understanding of the activities and targets of each organization would open perspectives for the discussion.

- **Possible actions and improvements before and during next meeting**

Development and preparation of regional project work.



1. Surface waters' ecological status - Kymenlaakso area (Kaakkois-Suomi)

## Focus group meeting Länsi-Uusimaa

- **The main purpose of the meeting**

Talking about the best methods to improve holistic water management together in Länsi-Uusimaa area.

- **Participants (at least the stakeholder categories)**

Local water protection association (Länsi-Uudenmaan vesi ja ympäristö ry), World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF), The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK), local municipalities, The River Raasepori-project

- **Main inputs made for the future work in the case area (minutes and resume of meeting)**

Started planning new promotion and development projects in Länsi-Uusimaa.

- **What we learned from the focus groups meeting**

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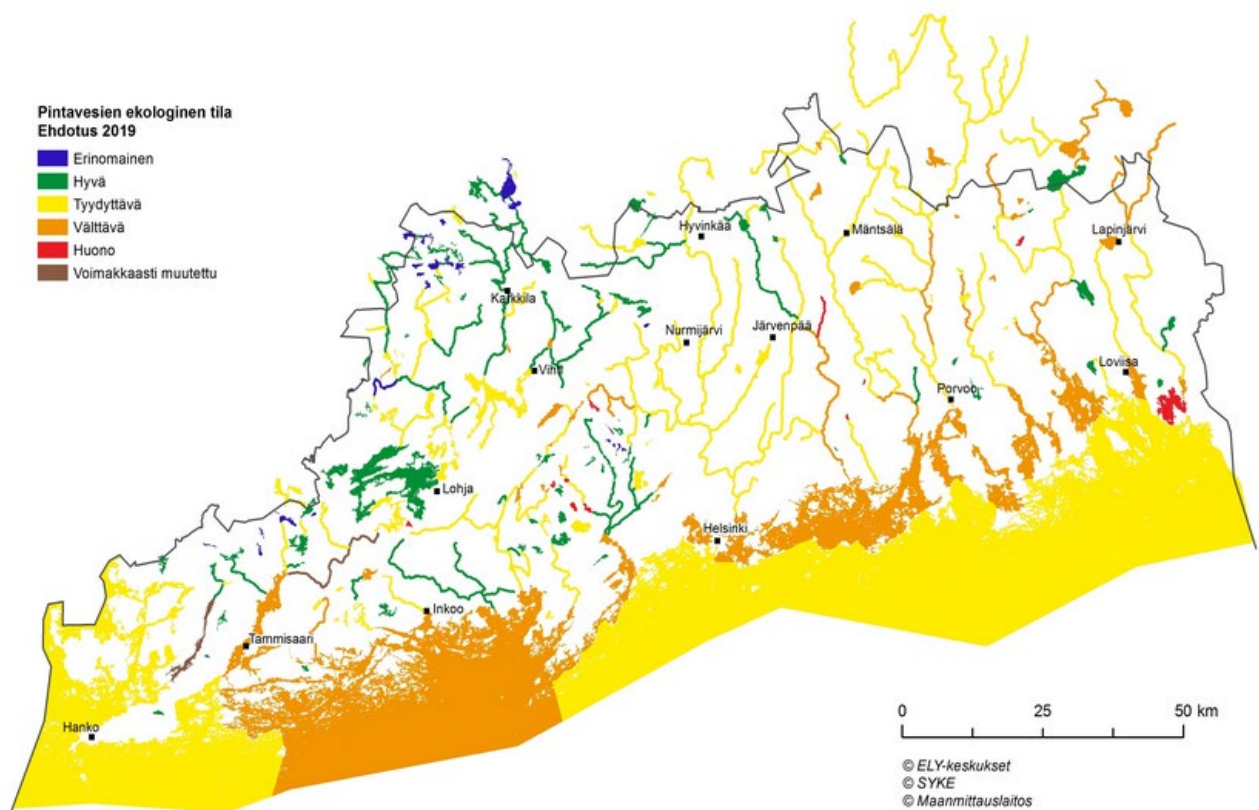
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Looking for the best instruments to finance a promotion / development project



## 2. Surface waters' ecological status – Länsi-Uusimaa area (Uusimaa)

### Results

The concept of holistic water management and catchment area based action model is extending throughout southern Finland.

### Conclusions

Holistic water management and catchment area restorations are needed in all southern Finland and the WATERDRIVE-project is making valuable work with distributing this information.