

## Policy workshop, November 23, CET 0900-1130

### Top-down policies and bottom-up action to make good for water, agriculture, ecosystem services and rural communities

Changes towards more powerful and effective policies and financing is needed to reach the objectives of good water quality, climate resilience, biodiversity and secure food production. This is one of the findings during the Waterdrive project. It is also clear that water management concerns rural communities and connects closely with rural development.

In this workshop, we will discuss a transfer to more innovative and smart water management practices. How can policies provide the incitements and how can we get more action out of invested money. How can we connect top-down policies and bottom-up action to make good for both the water quality and rural communities?

In the workshop, we will discuss four main findings from Waterdrive.

1. **Enabling local level joint action** through supporting cross-sector collaboration, planning and action. It will take 2-3 years before sufficient level of trust has developed and the full power and innovation capacity of the local action group is mobilized.
2. **Integrating water quality objectives with other sustainability objectives** such as climate resilience, biodiversity and food security. It would result in stronger and broader buy-in among landowners and provide multiple benefits.
3. **Allocating resources to priority areas** for enhancing cost-efficiency and doing the right thing at the right place. Areas with high-risks for leaching of nutrients and with adaptation- and mitigation needs for climate change.
4. **Development of competitive business models** with a stronger engagement from the private sector to complement the public sector efforts in water management. There are some good examples of such business models in the region but they are few.

**The link to enter on-line meeting room will be sent to your e-mail!**

You are most welcome to share the invitation within your networks and contacts with interested persons!

Registration is open for the on-line conference at [www.water-drive.eu](http://www.water-drive.eu) .

Let's meet and talk!

WATERDRIVE project team

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## **Agenda, Nov 23, 0900-1130 (CET)**

**Top-down policies and bottom-up action to make good for water, agriculture, ecosystem services and rural communities** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_34PxP7zdQNmDU1dRiuMvYg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_34PxP7zdQNmDU1dRiuMvYg)

0900	<b>Welcome</b> and introduction Staffan Lund, Waterdrive Co-ordinator, SLU
0910	<b>Waterdrive policy work</b> and strategic policy challenges identified, Kaja Peterson, SEI Tallinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling local level joint action.</li> <li>• Integrating water quality objectives with other sustainability objectives</li> <li>• Allocating resources to priority areas</li> <li>• Development of competitive business models</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
0925	<b>Developing policies for more action</b> – Kristina Yngwe, Chair of the Swedish Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Environment
0935	<b>New Danish policy initiative</b> for local level action Flemming Gertz, advisor SEGES
1050	Q&A
<u>1000</u>	<b>Coffee break</b>
1015	<b>Agricultural nutrient inputs</b> – an assessment of implementation Mikael Skou Andersen, Aarhus University and BonusTools2Sea
1030	<b>Panel discussion</b> Inputs from politicians/decision makers. What are the most important issues for change in water management, what activities needs most support and does the CAP strategic plans address these issues? <u>Please, see invited guests on next page.</u>
1120	<b>Wrap-up and reflexions</b> Airi Kulvet, Estonian Baltic Sea Farmer Award Winner and Staffan Lund, Waterdrive 1130 Closing

## Invited guests for the panel discussion

Anne Kalmari	Chair of the Finnish Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Environment	Confirmed
Kristina Yngwe	Chair of the Swedish Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Environment	Confirmed
Janis Grasbergs	Councillor of the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture	Confirmed
Martti Mandel	Estonian attaché of agricultural issues in Brussel.	Confirmed
Svajūnas Plungė	Lithuanian politician and expert at the Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency.	Confirmed
Rafal Wawer	Advisor to the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and hydrologist, Institute of soil science and Plant Cultivation.	Confirmed

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