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Minutes for the Baltic COMPASS Lithuanian Round Table meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2011, 13-17 p.m., Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics V. Kudirkos st. 18, Vilnius, Lithuania

Present:

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<p>Welcome and introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After welcoming BC partners, stakeholders and beneficiaries it was agreed on Meeting Agenda and was decided to allow as much time as possible for the discussions. After introductions all the participants it was noticed that they represented all the interested groups in Lithuania: Ministry of Agriculture of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (MoA), The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Chamber of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (CARL), Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS), Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics (LIAE), Baltic Environmental Forum Lithuania (BEF). Project Coordinator Staffan Lund (SLU) has introduced Baltic COMPASS objectives, partnership, planned outcomes. The presentation “Baltic COMPASS 2010-2012: the concept, aim and status” by Staffan Lund (SLU) was discussed. 	<p>Irena Krisciukaitiene (LIAE) and Staffan Lund (SLU)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The outcome of WP5 “Guidelines for surface and drainage water quality monitoring in agriculture dominated areas” have been presented by WP5 leader Sirkka Tattari. The following WP5 key issues were identified in the discussions with the stakeholders: the possibilities to get more detail acquaintance of the SWAT model; study on land erosion; evaluation of the hot spots map. The main problems for the further project work in WP 5 were summarised: 1) lack of suitable, detailed and reliable data about nutrient load in Lithuania; 2) lack of finance to obtain measurement equipments for nutrient load estimation; 3) insufficient practical experience and qualified labour input in environmental field. 	<p>Sirkka Tattari (SYKE) WP5</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sirkka Tattari (SYKE) invited one person from Environmental Protection Agency to participate in workshop about modelling in Warsaw (Poland) in June to get acquaintance about SWAT model. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WP6 Regional Synthesis on agro environmental measures by WP6 partner Maria Osbeck, from Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) was presented. The differences of agro environmental measures in selected countries (Poland, Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Germany) according to requirements, compensation level and monitoring were summarized. The key challenges of the implementation of the agro-environmental measures in Lithuania have been presented by WP6 partner from Lithuanian side Zymantas Morkvenas, (BEF): to improve effectiveness of the measures management and monitoring system; to introduce new measures concerning the purchase of new specific agro –environmental equipment, to improve the mechanisms of the current measures, especial to pay attention to their control system; Some suggestions for future policy (programming period) from the representative of Chamber of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (CARL): Edita Karbauskiene, and Henrikas Germanavicius: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Communities should be more involved into the management process concerning the agro-environmental issues; Lack of the motivation to implement agro –environmental measures; Lithuanian situation about Nitrates (N) quantities should be revised. It is evident that current situation concerning (N) is not reliable; The landscape has to be consistently maintained. Some suggestions for future policy (programming period) from the representative of The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Audrius Sepikas; Martynas Pankauskas and Svajunas Plunge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agro-environmental measure would be connected to the problem appeared. By the purpose to reduce the water pollution, eutrophication and pollution of the Baltic Sea, it is necessary to introduce adequate measures; It was noticed that collaboration between Ministries of Agriculture and Environment became better compare to previous period, so in the future all the actions concerning the policy measures are planned to be better harmonized. Useful comments for future BC project development Zigmas Medingis from the Ministry of Agriculture of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (MoA), were mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the farmers could be more introduced with project proceedings; monitoring system has to be improved by adding scarce data; Involvement of rural communities into policy creation and implementation should be strengthened; The public opinion concerning the agro environmental issues has to be studied. 	<p>Maria Osbeck (SEI) and Zymantas Morkvenas (BEF) WP6</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the WP3 and WP4 activities was presented by Dalius Aksenavicius, Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS). It is worth to mention that results of the packages already are evident: the pilot farms are selected, best available techniques and good practices from Scandinavian countries are chosen and started to implement; Rimtautas Petraitis (LAAS) has stressed the importance of cheap and effective implementation of the agro environmental measures. High requirements and the fact that not all the investments are compensated; 	<p>Rimtautas Petraitis, Dalius Aksenavicius (LAAS) and Henning Lyngsø Foged (CBMI Agro Business Park) WP3 and WP4</p>

- WP4 leader Henning Lyngsø Foged (CBMI Agro Business Park) has presented promotion of increased use of the best agro-environmental technologies for sustainable food production in the Baltic Sea region. Dissemination of and feedback on the draft sector study of 3 prioritised technologies:
 - Biogas production from anaerobic digestion of livestock manure;
 - Livestock manure separation technologies (whether with or without connection to biogas production);
 - Drainage and related technologies (SCIEN drainage).

Closing roundtable and wrapping up conclusions:

The discussion after the presentations focussed on biogas production, livestock manure separation, P-management measures, problems concerning the wetlands.

Irena Krisciukaitiene (LIAE) and Staffan Lund (SLU)

The Roundtable process for the future was outlined:

- National Roundtables, spring 2011 (Sharing information);
- National Roundtables, spring 2012 (Making priorities for ministerial conference);
- Baltic Sea Region Ministerial Conference, autumn 2012 (Policy options, Cap revision, Era-net).

Baltic Compass & Baltic Deal joint conference with Baltic Manure and BERAS Implementation as co-organisers, 2 – 3 November 2011, Sånga-Säby, Sweden.



All participants



Presenter Staffan Lund, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and other participants



Dalius Aksenavicius, Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service (LAAS)



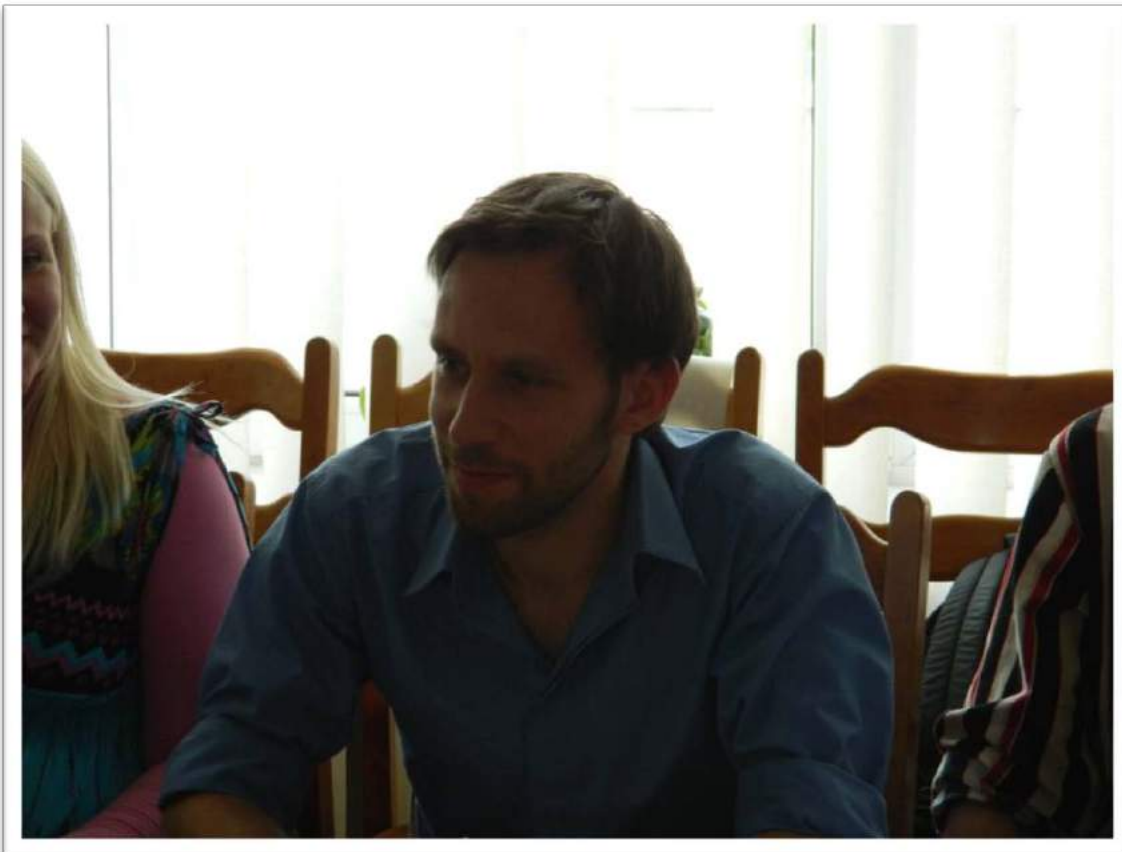
Zymantas Morkvenas, Baltic Environmental Forum Lithuania (BEF) and Zigmas Medingis, Ministry of Agriculture of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (MoA)



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