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Developing Sustainable Karelian Landscapes



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“All key objectives of the project strive for good governance!”

KARLANDS for Good Governance

Karelian landscapes are facing new challenges due to globalization, climate change and pressures to intensify the use of natural resources.

KARLANDS strives to foster good governance in Karelian landscapes in Finland (Kainuu and North Karelia) and Russia (Republic of Karelia) through the integration of landscape planning to enable more sustainable use of nature resources while maintaining biodiversity.

Aims of the Project

To create a common GIS database for natural resources, biodiversity, and recreation in the Muezerskiy and Kostomukshskiy districts in Russia and the municipalities of Ilomantsi, Lieksa and Kuhmo in Finland.

To update the natural resources inventory and biodiversity data using satellite remote sensing.

To evaluate the impact of nature use intensification in a cross-border context using various value chains (e.g., bioenergy development versus oil consumption, nature tourism versus natural resource utilization).

To establish a platform for effective communication and participation.

To develop an integrated landscape plan to help the integration of nature use, conservation and recreation.

Results for Transboundary Cooperation and Actions

Online GIS provides up-to-date spatial information for forest resource and nature use (e.g., forestry, tourism, conservation, mining). It is also a tool for developing cross-border cooperation.

A landscape plan integrates potential high conservation value areas, the development of intensive forestry, recreation, and tourism. The plan also helps to find potential conflict areas and illustrates alternative opportunities for sustainable nature use.

A platform for cooperation, communication and consultation makes it easy to participate in the actions and facilitates the continuation of the activities after the project lifetime.



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