

COOPERATION IDEA

Fisheries Local Action Groups

Seeking information about lampara nets and purse seines

In South-West Finland, the most common fishing gears have traditionally been gillnets, fyke nets and Finnish traps called "katiska". Nowadays, due to the climate change, especially in wintertime, fishermen need to expand their know-how into other types of gears.

Additionally, seals have had a large impact on coastal fishing on Bothnian Sea area, especially during late-August to November, historically, the most substantial fishing seasons. While winters become warmer, and time for ice fishing is shortened by weeks (or even disappears completely), this leaves more predation time for seals. However, the water is still very cold, and involves many risks and current fishing gear is too expensive and fragile to be efficient.

For this reason, traditional static gears are not suitable anymore, and the Bothnian Sea and Lake Pyhajarvi FLAG is looking for other European FLAGs interested in sharing experience in using other types of gear, which can respond to the dual challenges that seals and diminishing ice cover represent. Experiences in the use of lampara nets and/or purse seines in coastal, and more specifically, shallow waters, under 20 metres in depth (mostly 5-12 metres) are of particular interest.

The project's main goal is the training of fishermen on new gear and know-how. In return, Bothnian Sea and Lake Pyhajarvi FLAG offers information about fyke net fishing for coastal species. Specific actions would be jointly drawn up by the project partners.

Thematic category: *Education and training; climate change; small-scale and coastal fisheries.*

Looking for partner located: in European Union

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