

# EAST-HARJU PARTNERSHIP



## STATISTIC DATA

Surface Area in km<sup>2</sup>: 929

Total Population: 17 500

Inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>: 18

Number of Municipalities: 4

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## CHARACTER OF THE REGION

Periurban area, very close to capital Tallinn.  
Very closely linked to Tallinn but still with rural elements.

The area is known for its rich natural environment - local forests, swamps and marshes create excellent opportunities for hiking and skiing.

The area has several important historical architectural objects.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

One of the most important projects carried out by the LAG itself is a project funded by European Social Funds and is aimed to reduce unemployment in the area by training the unemployed and raising their competitiveness on the labour market by this.

Important project developed by project applicant is a viking-theme tourist farm that is currently developing new services with Leader support.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIE

East-Harju Partnership completed the strategy in December 2009.

Two main objectives of the local strategy are:

1. Improving the quality of life in rural areas - developing new services, supporting tourism sector to realize its potential.
2. Use of new know how and new technologies - supporting the use of new innovative and environment friendly technologies (such as solar panels, ICT possibilities etc.)

The strategy also focuses on youth activities - enhancing youth projects, activating youth to take action and responsibility and supporting youth initiatives.



## IDEAS FOR TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION

The LAG is interested in cooperation in following areas:

**Youth** - developing different youth projects.

**Entrepreneurship in periurban areas.**



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