# Partner search from Finland

Applicant: Lake Lohja Islands Association (Lohjan Saaristo –seura ry) / LAG Ykkösakseli

1/ Working name for the project: LILAIS (Living Lake Islands or Living Islands)

## **Main Ideology**

Lively islands through sustainable, economical and social solutions

Lake Lohja Islands are located some 80 kilometres northwest of Helsinki, in the western part of the Uusimaa region. Lohjansaari (Lohja Island) is the largest, 20 square metres, of all the 120 islands belonging to this group of islands. The Islands have 500 permanent and 2 000 recreational inhabitants.

Lake Lohja Islands Association has developed the area by producing a village plan and many national Leader and other development projects to get the targets in the village plan to be fulfilled. We are good in creating co-operation between permanent and "summer cottage" people and with the municipality. We have very active summer market place and various happenings. We have got a couple of new young active families to the Islands. After local and national development work and networking it has come time to try to become internationalized.

We would like to share experiences with international partners and learn from each other's activities, methods and organisations with hopefully a longer cooperation between the partners and develop long time cooperation on international level.

# Objec tives

The main objective is to keep the island alive and develop the economical and social activities for and with the people on the Island within the existing resources. The main themes would be biofarming, natural herbs, traditional landscape and tourism/village tourism. Emphasis is put on learning and transferring knowhow and good practices between the partners

# Suggested activities

- Three partners maximum
- Exchange on knowhow, experiences, methods, cultures. Workshops.

## Partner search

If You are interested to start transnational cooperation with Lake Lohja Islands Association in Finland, please contact us. We would like to have 2 LEADER group partners having varying examples of Island economy and ensuring the quality of life of the people living on the islands

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