



## FARMING FOR THE FUTURE

### Ecological Recycling Agriculture to save the Baltic Sea

Hotel Euroopa, Tallinn, Estonia  
26-27 February 2013

#### *Tuesday February 26:*

**11:00-13:00**     **Registration**

**12:00-13:00**     **Lunch**

**13:00-14:30**     **Sustainable agriculture to save the Baltic Sea**

**Welcome**

Anne Luik, Estonian Organic Farming Foundation, Estonia University of Life Science

**Goals for Sustainable Agriculture in the Baltic Sea Action Plan**

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**Challenges and opportunities for the organic movement**

Dorota Metera, IFOAM

**14:45-16:15**     **Ecological Recycling Agriculture (ERA)**

**ERA principles and possibilities**

Artur Granstedt, Södertörn University

**Environmental impacts of organic production through life cycle**

Sirli Pehme, Estonia University of Life Science

**Self-sufficiency in practice**

Example from Estonia

**Farms in cooperation**

Arja Peltomäki, Kankkila, Finland

**16:30-18:30**     **Baltic Sea Organic Networking**

Opportunity to present your organization

and make contacts with the others

**20:00**             **Dinner**





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#### *Wednesday February 27:*

- 9:00- 10:20**      **Steps towards a more sustainable agriculture**  
Policy interventions for sustainable agriculture  
Peter Einarsson  
**Guidelines for farmers and advisors for conversion to ERA**  
Karin Stein-Bachinger, Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research  
**Advisors' trainings for ERA conversion**  
Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre
- 10:40-12:00**      **Sustainable Food Societies**  
**Sustainable Food Societies around the Baltic Sea**  
Maria Staniszewska, Polish Ecological Club  
**Diet for a Clean Baltic**  
Sara Jervfors, Södertälje Municipality and Lisa Trolle, Saltå Kvarn  
**Marketing of local and regional food**  
Riina Noodapera, Culinary Heritage Europe
- 12:00-13:00**      **Lunch**
- 13:00-15:30**      **Conversion workshops**  
How to make organic agriculture more sustainable  
Conversion to sustainable agriculture  
Building sustainable food societies
- 15:30-16:30**      **Ways forward – Summary of the workshops and panel discussion**
- 16:30**              **End of the conference**

Conference registration within February 8, [click here](#)

Book accommodation at the conference venue [here](#)

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**Conversion workshops February 27, 13:00-15:30**

Choose between the following three parallel workshops:

### **How to make organic farming more sustainable**

Just following basic organic regulation in practice is not always enough to achieve the full idea behind the organic movement. As an example Saltå kvarn, organic processor and supplier, presents their toolbox for more sustainable organic agriculture. The toolbox contains specific criteria which contribute to the farm's positive environmental impact. The measures are related to the principles of Ecological Recycling Agriculture and to the concept developed by the Stockholm Resilience Centre, called the Planetary Boundaries. By meeting the measures the farmer adapts his/her activities to what the Baltic Sea and the planet can withstand.

The workshop offers concrete steps for farmers towards a more sustainable agriculture. It also invites participants to discuss what we need in addition to organic regulations and in what directions organic rules should develop to secure sustainability for the environment and viability for organic producers, processors and distributors.

### **Conversion to sustainable agriculture**

A fully developed ecological recycling farm creatively combines ecological, economic and social sustainability to a win-win functioning unit with the help of good cooperation with consumers and food chain actors. But how do we reach that when the starting point is more or less far from this ideal and seemingly overwhelming obstacles lie in the way?

This workshop invites advisors, but also other stakeholders who want to learn more about the Ecological Recycling Agriculture conversion process. In the workshop we discuss the steps from first contact with the farmer, analysis, rough sketch, decision to convert, first steps and support during conversion process.

### **Building sustainable food societies**

How can the whole food chain, from farmer to consumer, be organized to contribute to environmental, economical and social sustainability? To convert to a sustainable food production we need not only organic farmers, but also that their organic products are demanded by consumers. Consumers need knowledge about and access to organic products. The processing and distribution therefore need to be organized in a way that makes organic farming profitable and the organic choice attractive to the consumers. Which roles can producers, processors, distributors, public kitchens, restaurants and tourism, authorities, certifying bodies, individual consumers and associations play when connecting all actors into well functioning networks?

The workshop gives examples of how sustainable food societies can work. It also encourages the participants to bring their own experiences of obstacles and possibilities to the discussion on how we can cooperate to strengthen local and regional organic networks. All actors from farmer to consumer are invited to take part.

