



**Finnish**

**water restoration and management network**

*An open platform for all that provides information and experiences on improving the status of waters*



# Background

- Established in 2012 as a part of the national Strategy for Restoration of Waters.
    - Supports also the implementation of EU Water Framework Directive in Finland
  - Coordinated by the Finnish Environment Institute
    - Mainly funded by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland
  - Connects all actors together
    - Research institutes, foundations, water protection associations, municipalities, and active citizens
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# Goals



- Bring together expertise in planning of water protection and restoration
  - Promote networking between administration, researchers, local actors and operators and financiers
  - Support local operators by practical information and professional assistance
  - Disseminate up-to-date information for example on financial opportunities, events, and legislation
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# Actions

- Seminars
  - Annual seminar (3 days, every year hundreds of participants physically and via Internet, field excursions)
  - Winter seminar (1 day, focused on one certain issue)
- On the web
  - Teaching material for water protection and restoration, contact information for operating companies and foundations, calendar of events, videos and much more.
  - Newsletter 3 times a year presenting different projects etc.
  - Active Facebook posting and sharing (over 1 000 followers)
- Campaigns
  - Monthly interesting water figure, Local hero of water restoration, 100 Finnish good actions for waters etc.





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Field excursion to the river Simojoki as part of the Annual Seminar 2018.



# Contact

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