

Indicator 21: Cooperation partners



Figure: Conservation of the Baltic requires cooperation. This photograph shows workers of the Helsinki Environment Centre and the Finnish Environment Institute aboard the research vessel Muikku (Vendace). The Baltic Challenge, established by the cities of Helsinki and Turku has already been taken up by 200 bodies in the states of the Baltic region. One of the objectives of the Baltic Challenge is healthy marine nature. Partners include municipalities, companies, organizations, colleges, universities, local bodies and national institutions.

Status:

The city of Helsinki has many cooperation partners in the conservation of biodiversity. In the Helsinki Action Plan for the Conservation of Biodiversity (LUMO) 2008-2017, a total of 37 cooperation partners are mentioned. Distinction is not made between different residents' associations, so the actual number is even greater. In most of the LUMO programmes actions, responsibility for the action lies with a municipal department, though two actions the responsible body is the University of Helsinki. In some isolated cases, responsibility lied with Helen (Helsinki Energy), the Port of Helsinki or House or Maintenance Companies, in addition to an official. As well as with domestic partners, Helsinki also participates in international cooperation in the conservation of biodiversity. Cooperation arrangements were assessed in 2014 in a questionnaire survey of municipal departments and companies. When the questionnaire survey results are added to the information available from the LUMO programme, the number of cooperation partners rises to more than 80. Cooperation with all of these partners is not conducted on an annual basis. It can be concluded that there are many cooperation partners but the full picture of accomplished cooperation initiatives is not well known.

Score:

0 points: No official or unofficial cooperation partners

1 point: 1 – 6 cooperation partners

2 points: 7 – 12 cooperation partners

3 points: 13-19 cooperation partners

4 points: 20 or more cooperation partners

Monitoring:

Helsinki is given an excellent result for this indicator, accordingly the objective is to ensure that the level does not fall. This indicator is monitored in conjunction with the biodiversity programme LUMO. In addition, during years in which this indicator is monitored, further information can be requested directly from the departments.

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