



WESTERN-HARJU PARTNERSHIP

consultation * project management * monitoring * communication

Western-Harju Partnership is a NGO that is founded with a mission to promote the rural life, support and carry out local initiatives in cooperation with local NGOs, entrepreneurs and municipalities.

Introduction of Western Harju Partnership in Prezi: <https://prezi.com/view/DkMiMOnFN6Nh3ua0iUFR>



Forest coverage:
51.1% of total area
ca 2.2 mln ha
1,33 mil people

Poland (8x) and Czech (2x) areas bigger from EST

● Ecosystems, biodiversity & environment

High % of forests and peatlands = 26 000 + species
Estonia ranks high (14th) on the accessibility of environmental information in a global environmental democracy study.

● Social and cultural

Every man`s right * Free national parks * State owned 46%
Estonian Indigenous Religion; literally: faith of Earth, faith of the Land, where people worship at sacred groves

● Economics

75% of total forested area, 1.6 mln ha is manageable
Sector balancing with foreign trade +1,6 bil €, 8,1% of GDP
Wooden houses & details * Sawn timber * Wooden furniture



3 different ownerships

2 Mature forest - healing forests "Lohusalu"

The story by local municipality
mature forest, threatened by intensive use
turned into therapeutic, community, biodiversity

1 Mature forest - park meadow "Penta"

The story by private forest owner
Naturally grown forest on a former village land
turned into species rich park/wooden meadow

3 No intervention forests - community forests "Ohtu".

The story by State Forest Agency,
no intervention forests
used by community