LAG Pirkan Helmi ry

Pirkan Helmi ry was founded in 1999 to encourage its rural residents to develop their own home community, improve its amenities and create new jobs and enterprises.

It is one of the 54 local action groups (LAG) implementing the Leader initiative in Finland and the period 2014-2020 is it's 3rd EU funding period.



LAG Pirkan Helmi operates



in the Southern Tampere Region immediately south of the major city of Tampere. The region itself consists of the towns of Akaa and Valkeakoski and the municipalities of Pälkäne and Urjala. The total area of the region is 1191 km² and there are about 50.000 inhabitants.



- Pirkan Helmi activities include LEADER-project promotion, training, research, communication and guidance actions — also carrying out projects itself.
- Funded allready over 200 local, community-based LEADER-projects with more than 12 mil. eur, carried out 15 projects itself with different fundings (Youth in action, Erasmus+, Leader).
- Strong practical experience in rural and community-based local development activities, and capacity to build up networks of local actors with similar interests, well connected among the rural developers in Finland and a valued member of the national rural network





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