

## Estonia plans to sell rain water related experience

Covering natural ground with tarmac creates a variety of problems for cities around the world. This removes the natural ability of the ground to absorb water and puts heavy strain on drainage systems leading to possible floods and other problems. Companies and scientists from Estonia and other countries around the Baltic Sea have solutions and knowledge about this problem that could be exported.

Problems of managing rain water stem from its unpredictable nature, big quantities and absorbed waste. Modern technologies allow us to monitor water quality in real-



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time. This knowledge allows us to build better and more efficient drainage systems. Some countries use practises that support land owners who infiltrate all rain water instead of directing it into public drainage systems with financial benefits.

Survey targeting Baltic Sea areas on the subject of rainwater monitoring and management found different solutions that are used locally, could be put to use in the future or exported to other countries.

There are approximately 40 Estonian organisations in the given rain water related segment that could offer different Technologies, products or services to other countries.

Working together in a cluster or co-operation network in the Baltic Sea region gives an unique opportunity for Estonian organisations to participate in bigger and more sophisticated projects or procurements with other willing partners.

A seminar for introducing possible funding options and found solutions/technologies will take place on the 29th of August 2014 in Tallinn Technical University, Section III room 110. All interested parties and potential partners are welcome to join and discuss potential future projects.

## General future goals are:

- 1. Marketing of ready-made products/solutions/technologies/expertise in the EU and global markets.
- 2. Finding R&D possibilities and projects for products/solutions/technologies that are still in development phase.

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