

West-Harju Municipality

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Lääne-Harju Municipality

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State Governments decision to involuntarily merge four municipalities - Padise, Vasalemma and Keila and Paldiski.



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Strategically important municipality

- Paldiski South Harbour and Northern Harbour, railway
- Ämari Air Base
- Paldiski industrial park, Pakri Science and Industrial Park, Paldiski South Harbour Industrial Park
- Oil Terminal Alexela
- Wind farms 18+45MW
- LNG terminal to fill the pipe
- Gas pipe between Estonia & Finland
- Solar power plants
- 500MW hydroenergy storage plant



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Green municipality

The idea of the Green Municipality grew out of the concern of the members of our community committee on how to preserve the natural and cultural heritage and preserve the values and identity of different communities.

- Inspiration seminar 2019
- Participation in the Green Tiger Program - evaluation, targeting, inspiring
- Partners in LEADER project "Smart Choice Practice"- seminars for community
- Food sharing activities
- Food boxes in 5 regions



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Co-operation with Tallink about textiles, furniture etc

- Shopping bags from Tallink textiles (curtains etc)
- Re-use of furniture in our office and our



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Green municipality projects

- *Everyone is involved – communities, schools, companies, investors...*

Circular economy:

- Development of textile waste recycling systems (**TEXroad**, Saku municipality, Humana) (from 2022)
- **Activities of the Green Office** (KIK project) (from 2022)
- Development of financing model of the circular economy of Lääne-Harju and Saku municipalities (2023)
- Participation in the activities of the **Circular Cities and Regions Initiatives** (CCRI) (Fellow status) (from 2023)
- EU Life program **EC4RURAL project** – local renewable energy (from 2023)
- **CARE project** (Horizon Europe) - the goal is to change the behavior of 100 European households by 2027 by promoting a sustainable lifestyle and also fighting climate change (from 2024)

Education and awareness:

- Green Ambassadors Project (Youth of Western Harju, US Embassy project support) (2023)
- Waste sorting stations for schools and kindergartens in cooperation with the Union of Circular Economy Companies (2023)
- Green Youth Conference 2024 – ROHEJAHT

Our challenges

- Education reform in Estonia
- Russians and Ukrainians
- Imago of former military regions – Paldiski, Rummu, Ämari



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