



Baltic Farmers Forum on Environment

“Farmers for a Sustainable Future in the Baltic Sea Region”

- Representing 1 470 979 members in farmer organisations in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany (S-H), Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Russia and Sweden.
- Established in 1999
- Actively engaged in the BSAP preparations 2007
- Secretariat July 2008 – June 2009: Federation of Swedish Farmers (LRF)/ Dr Markus Hoffman, Secretary
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Dialogue is the main key to success of the BSAP

- To reach out
- To have the stakeholders onboard
- To convince
- **To learn about other perspectives**
- **To get acceptance**
- **To achieve participation**
- **To build long-term trust and partnerships**





"A good knowledge basis" – is another key to success of the BSAP

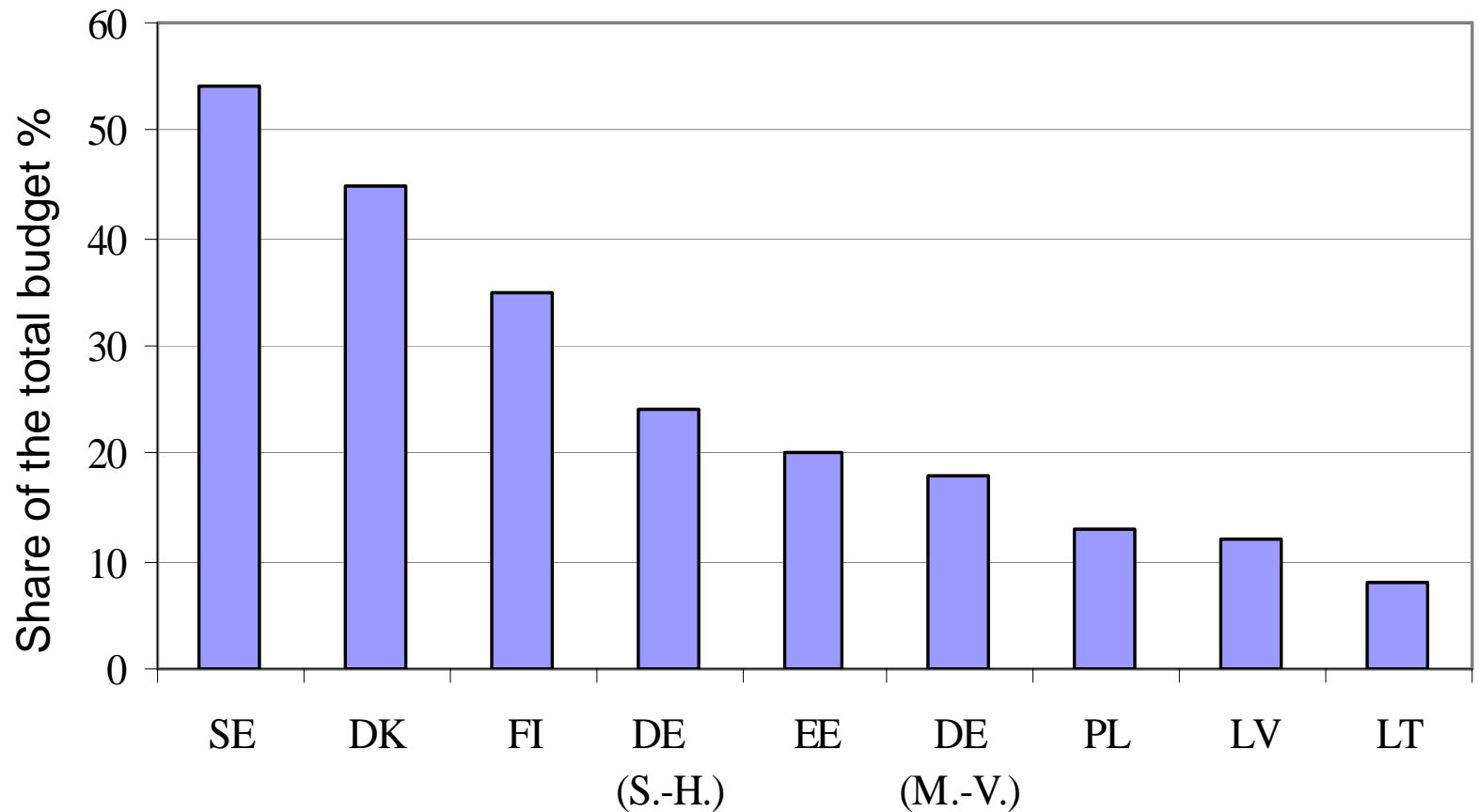
- But "a good knowledge basis" of what?
- **BFFE believes a broadening of the "knowledge" perspectives will benefit the BSAP implementation process**
- Examples from a recently produced Swedish report "The agricultural impact upon the Baltic Sea – a comparison of indicators to describe the nutrient pressure"





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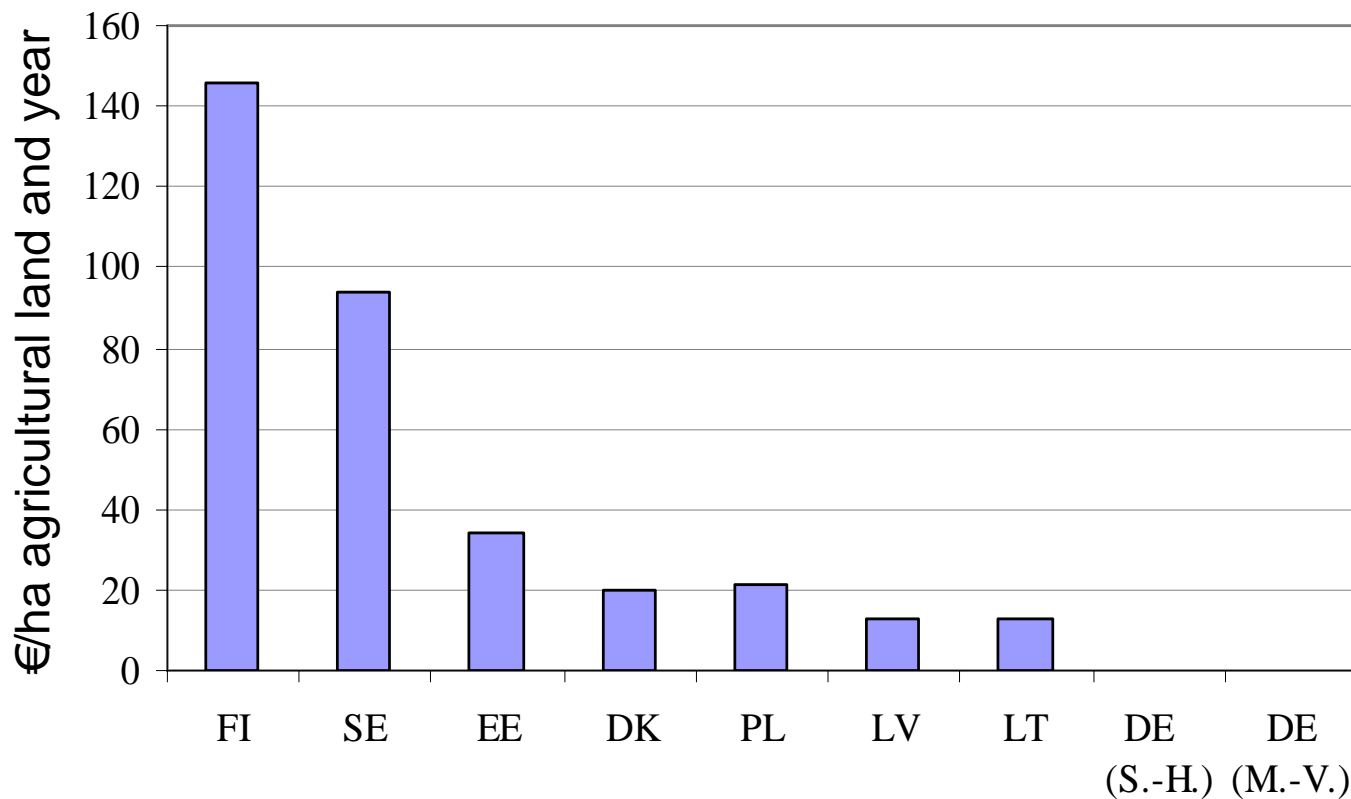
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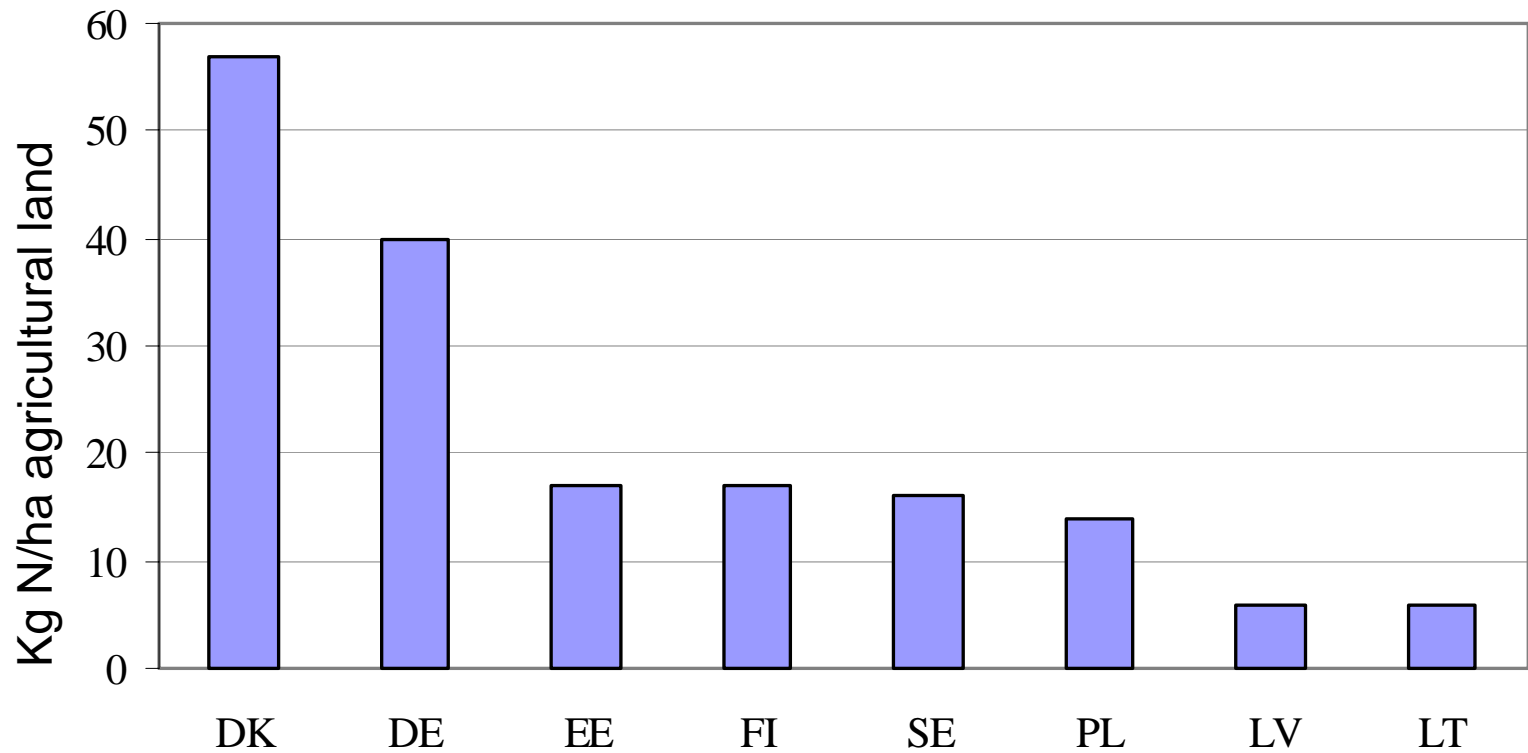
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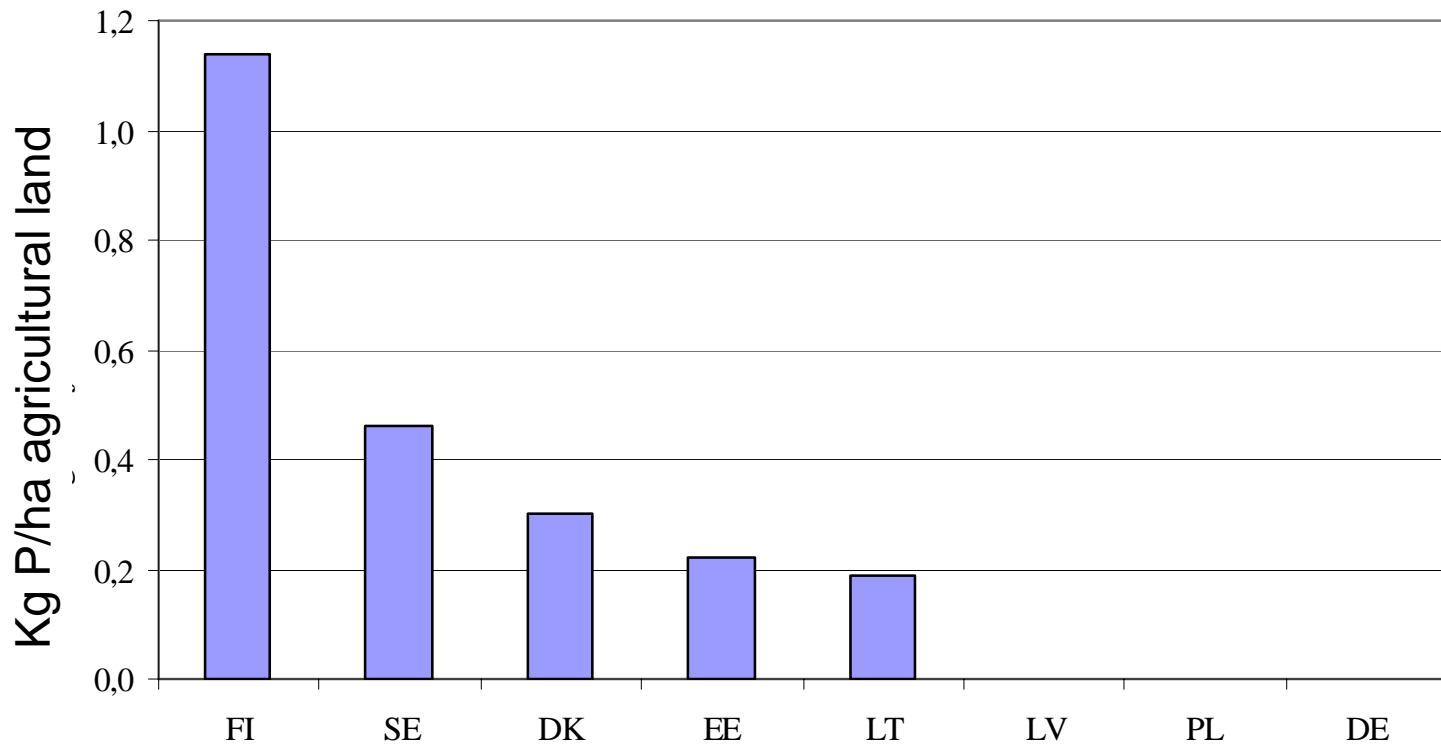


Nitrogen, mean leakage per unit area





Phosphorus, mean leakage per unit area





Full harmonisation with the WFD process - another key to success of the BSAP

- Farmers around the Baltic Sea are now approached from two un-coordinated water environment communities – BSAP & WFD
- **Farmers around around the Baltic Sea expect that two public policy and administrative processes with almost identical objectives should be fully co-aligned**





Impact assessments – another key to success of BSAP

- **BFFE believe that carefully prepared economic and social impact assessments of the forthcoming national action plans are important to seriously address the concerns of the sectors expected to take the lion's share of the nutrient reduction burden**





The EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy - – another key to success of BSAP

- BFFE and other farmer organisations have proactively contributed with own inputs and proposals to meet the targets of the BSAP and other prominent objectives of the strategy
- **BFFE would appreciate support from HELCOM for the proposals targetting BSAP**





The EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy – Some proposals from the farmer organisations

- “Putting best practices in agriculture into work – knowledge, information and extension services”
- “Regional Center for Inventive and Sustainable Manure Processing”
- “Strengthening the Baltic Farmers Forum on the Environment (BFFE)”
- “Implementing real-time nutrient measurements within water management and agriculture”





Additionally, together with the WWF:

A new **Baltic Farmers' Award**

- Mature discussions on this, not everything settled...
- To stimulate voluntary measures to reduce runoff on farms around the Baltic Sea
- Nominations from all countries around the Baltic based on national nomination groups
- A “substantial” amount of money and the price will be handed over at major Baltic event

