

### Controversial challenges of periurban areas

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Founded: 2008

• Area: 939 km<sup>2</sup>

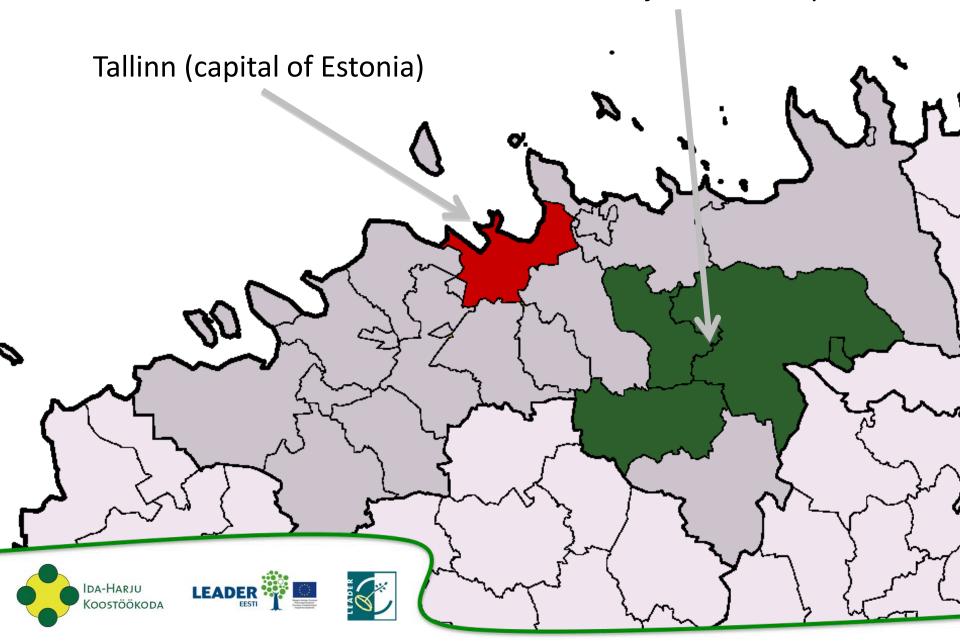
Population: ~17 500 inhabitants







#### LAG East – Harju Partnership area



#### Periurban

- the space around urban areas which merges into the rural landscape, containing settlements of less than 20,000.

Periurban areas constitute an interface between the **75%** of **EU citizens** living in Europe's towns and cities, and the adjacent countryside.

Of the 'top twenty' peri-urban regions, nine are in the Netherlands, five in the UK, and the others in Germany, Poland and Belgium.







# **Urbanisation in Europe**

COUNTRY	% of urbanisation
MALTA	91
ESTONIA	69
BULGARIA	67
PORTUGAL	66







# INTEGRATED RURAL – URBAN DEVELOPMENT







## Challenges

Managing uncontrolled expansion (urban sprawl)

City as cooperation partner

LAG as mediator between community, public and private sector

Own services vs. dependence on the city







# Ethical challenges

Site marketing

Social stratification

Limiting in-migration (limits to houses built)







### **KEEPING OWN IDENTITY**







# Thank you for your attention!

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