**The Nordic-Baltic Rural and Maritime Award 2018**

**The Nordic-Baltic Regions Rural Network Support Units –**

**Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden**

**have initiated The Nordic-Baltic Rural Award**

**The Awards Gala Event will be held in Örnsköldsvik, Sweden May 19:th 2018 during the Swedish Rural Parliament. Without internal ranking three good practices of rural development initiatives, projects or investments will finally be awarded.**

Please send the completed form and photos via e-mail to landsbygdsnatverket@jordbruksverket.se

Deadline for submission is **28th of Feb 2018**

**There are no specific categories for the award. All investments, actions and projects supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) or the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) can be nominated. It can be during the former or the running programming period. Please do answer as many of the questions below as possible.**

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| **Country: (Member state who is nominating)** |
| [ ]  FI | [ ]  EE | [ ]  LV | [ ]  LT |
| [ ]  PL | [ ]  DE | [ ]  DK | [ ]  SE |

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| **Title of the project** |
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| **Information about the project, investment, initiative** |
| Start date: |  | End date if completed, or the current stage: |  |
| Duration of the (planned) actions in months: |  | Total project budget (in EUR): |  |
| Countries involved (if TNC): |  | Number of partners: |  |
| Administrative number: Please give the administrative number the initiative has at the Managing Authority |

**Description of the project**

**Summary of the project** (up to 100 words)

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**Objectives**Need for the project and background: Why was the project started? Who developed the idea? What kind of targets has or is the project expected to achieve? (up to 300 words)

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**Transferability and sustainability of the results**

What was achieved? What is the added value of the project? Can the results or methodology of the project be used by others? How will the project or actions started during the project continue after completion? What new possibilities has the investment opened for? (up to 100 words)

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**Lessons learnt**

What new experiences were learnt? Were there any educational aspects? Challenges overcomed (up to 100 words)

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**Why should the project receive the award.**

1. **Benefits for local area development**

How have the regions, organisations and stakeholders, who participated, benefited from the project or the investment? What were the results? (up to 100 words)

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1. **Cooperation and Partnership**

How has this project promoted cooperation and partnership locally, regionally and/or transnationally? What kind of stakeholder groups were involved - during and/or after - the project? (up to 100 words)

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1. **Target groups**

Who were engaged in the initiative? What different sectors were represented? Who are benefitting from the initiative? (up to 100 words)

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1. **Inclusion of young, new citizens or other disadvantaged groups**

In what way have disadvantaged groups been included and engaged in the planning and implementation of this initiative? (up to 100 words)

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1. **Level of innovation**

What was new or innovative about the project? This could be a unique or specific new action, solution, result or effect. (up to 100 words)

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1. **Impact on regional development**

What are the positive effects of the project for those who participated, particularly partners in the Nordic-Baltic regions? (up to 100 words)

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1. **Geographical coverage, community/county/national:**

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| [ ]  *Community/village*  | [ ]  S*everal communities/villages* | [ ]  R*egional*  |
| [ ]  *National* | [ ]  *Transnational* |  |

1. **Financing:**

From which EU-fund was the support given?

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| [ ]  *EAFRD*  | [ ]  EMFF / EFF |

1. **Relation to the general goals for the funding program**

*In what way does this initiative contribute to the goals of the EAFRD and/or EMFF?*

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1. **Relation to the goals of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**

*In what way does this initiative contributes to or is related to the goals of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, EUSBSR?*

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**Any other elements of the project which might be interesting?**

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**Project contact:** (in Nordic-Baltic region)

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| Title (Mr/Ms) and name: |  | Name of organisation: |  |
| Position in the project: |  | Address of organisation: |  |
| E-mail: |  | Telephone (inc. country code): |  |
| Languages spoken: |  | Project website: |  |

**Project document:**

*Please attach at least five photos describing the activity (not just faces of participants) and relevant documents and information that help the evaluation*

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Please note that the information you provided will be published on the Rural Networks webpage.