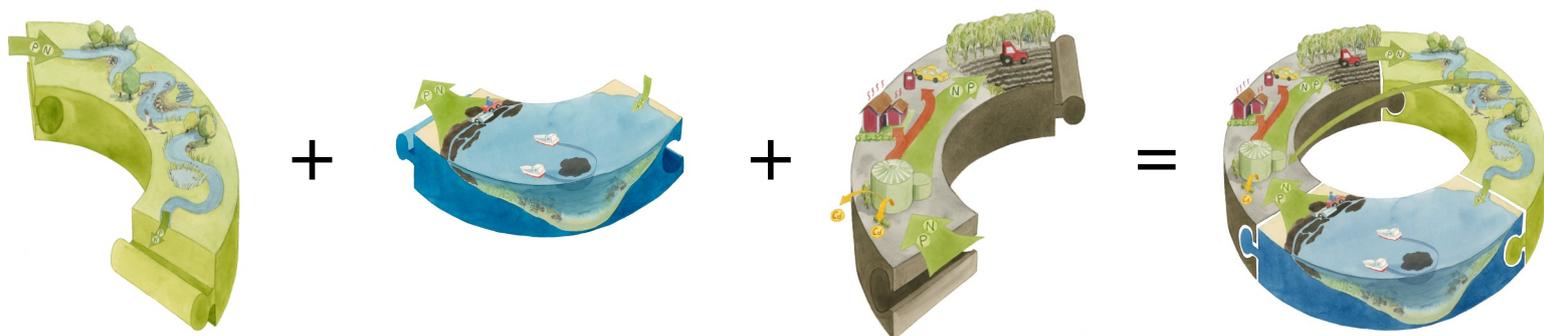


WAB Project Newsletter



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The Successful Conclusion of the WAB Project



From the Lead Partner: Municipality of Trelleborg, Sweden

Welcome to the final issue of the WAB Project Newsletter.

For the last three years the Wetland Algae Biogas project has gathered authorities, scientists, and Non-Governmental Organization's (NGO's) to share best practice and develop new techniques with the aim of counteracting eutrophication. The project has shown that there are feasible ways to circulate nutrients, from the agricultural land and back again via algae and the production of biogas. We have also shown that there are other benefits with this concept – biogas, a fossil free fuel – reuse of Phosphorus, a finite resource – increased biological diversity. We know this project has been a good start towards a system of counteracting eutrophication. But now the challenge of optimization awaits before us if the concept is to be widely spread and have the necessary effects. In that work it is essential for all stake holders to work together to establish incentives for a robust society, with sustainable energy and agricultural industries, and most importantly to improve the environmental status of the Baltic Sea.

We are proud to have initiated cooperation and joint development between regional actors in Sweden and Poland and across the Baltic Sea.

We would gladly see that Sweden and Poland take the lead in developing the WAB concept further, continuing the recovery of our Baltic Sea.

The time to take action is **now**.

Award Winning WAB

The Polish Ministry of Regional Development implemented an evaluation study of the South Baltic Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013. As a result of which **“the WAB Project has been chosen as the model project”**. Its description will be included in a final report summarizing the South Baltic Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013 and serve **“as a positive example of the realization of a project co-financed by the European Union”**.

Wetlands
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Final Report and Continuation

The Wetland Algae and Biogas concept of re-using nutrients and counteracting eutrophication has been successfully displayed during the project lifetime. As a next stage it is necessary to refine the process and make it more efficient to give it a significant role in the vital work of counteracting eutrophication.

The final report from the WAB project is now available and can be viewed here: http://wabproject.pl/files/WAB_FinalReport%20inet.pdf

The WAB project management team would like to thank all of those who contributed to the report and to the successful outcome of the project as a whole.



Click on the picture above to access the WAB final report

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