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Finnish-Swedish collaboration: learnings from INSPECT project

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INSPECT project

” Invasive Species Eradication and Control”

- Finnish-Swedish project established for the control of harmful alien plant species
 - Himalayan balsam and Japanese rose
- **Project coordinator:** Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY center)
- **Project partners:**
 - Västerbotten County Government
 - Municipality of Umeå
 - ProAgria South Ostrobothnia
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 - Metsähallitus
 - The city of Vaasa



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Funding

- The main financier Interreg Botnia-Atlantica
- Other major co-financier in Finland was The federation of Ostrobothnia
- Other smaller financier in Finland (assisting the local eradication work):
 - Kyrönjoki fund
 - The city of Kurikka
 - The city on Kauhajoki
 - Foundation of the Southern Ostrobothnia Agricultural Society



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Main goals

- There were several goals with the project:
 1. To compile separate action plans (for both species)
 2. To inform, inspire and activate public
 3. Starting cross-border co-operation
 4. To find the most effective way to eradicate alien species
 5. How to effectively organize the workforce
- When activating the public, the goal was to get permanent eradication results
 - it is not possible to remove all plants from the target area during the project

INSPECT project

The three main areas of INSPECT have been testing of:

1. Control methods (Himalayan balsam and Japanese rose)
2. communication methods
3. testing of workforce suitable for control work



Pictures: Inspect project



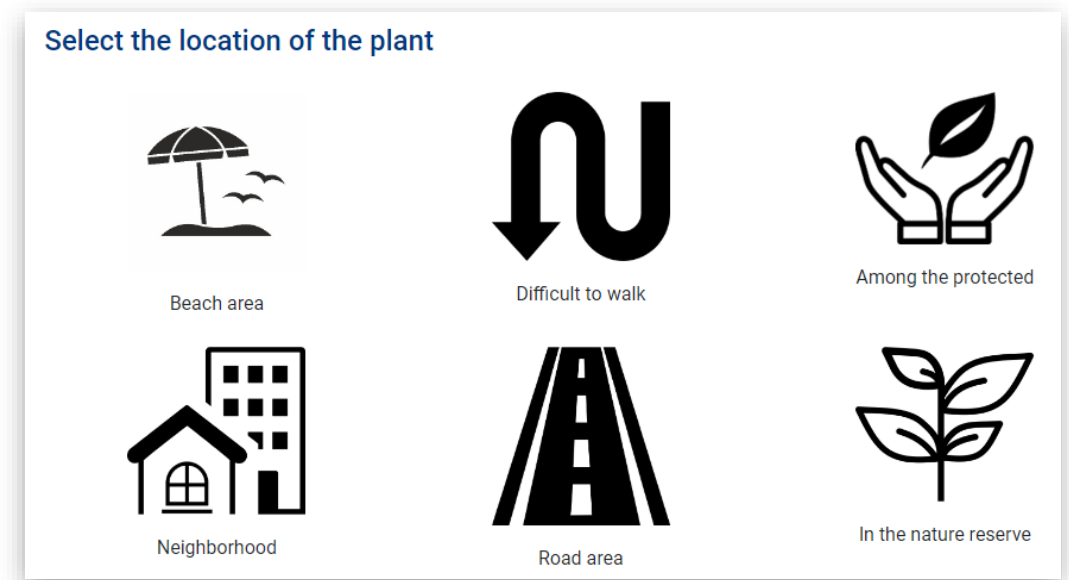
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Throughputs

- The eradication manuals



- The digital tool (eradication advisor)



- You can find INSPECT material here: <https://www.ely-keskus.fi/web/inspect/etusivu>

International collaboration - what we've learned?

Before starting

- Decide what kind of digital tools or work environments will be used
- Decide the project language

During the project

- Utilization of cultural differences
 - for example, the concept of talkoo
- Notice different laws of the countries!
- Handling the alien species waste

International collaboration - what we've learned?

- **Public needs more basic information about alien species!**
 - Positive communication
- Co-operation between countries arouses more interest
 - Different countries have different experience and experts
 - Existing knowledge spreads
- INSPECT project gave important information about the future needs
 - INSPIRE project
- **The project coordinator working in the project plays an important role!**

The situation after INSPECT

- **Co-operation between Vaasa and Umeå green area units**
 - Continues with meetings to exchange experiences
- **The authorities working group** has been formed between the countries

Thank you!

