



CASE STUDY N°18



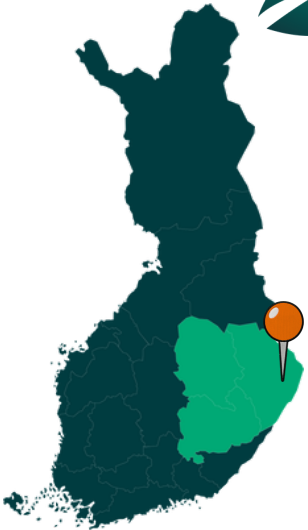
The SUSGRASS (Nurmi) Living Lab in Finland aims to bring together farmers and relevant stakeholders to co-develop practical, science-based solutions for grass production. The initiative addresses fragmentation in development efforts by creating a shared environment for testing, innovation, communication, and cooperation. Its objective is to ensure that grass production innovations are rooted in real needs and shared knowledge, while making existing collaborative functions more visible and effective.



Organisation: Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

Sector: Agriculture

Location: North Karelia, North and South Savo regions, Finland (testing centred in Maaninka)

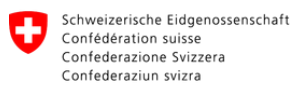


Operating primarily in North Savo, North Karelia, and South Savo—and with impact extending across Finland—the Living Lab combines field-level experimentation, peer learning, and open communication. Testing activities are carried out at the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) in Maaninka and on 10–20 designated Living Lab farms (currently nine), with additional development taking place in stakeholder infrastructures.



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The Living Lab seeks to strengthen the resilience, climate-smart performance, and profitability of grass-based agricultural systems. By fostering cooperation among farmers, researchers, advisors, educators, and civil society, SUSGRASS supports continuous improvement and inclusive participation, contributing to environmentally beneficial and economically sustainable forage systems.