

# Foundation Private Forest Centre, peatlands and work related to EU regulations

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## Private Forest Centre (PFC)

- Government foundation
- Objectives to raise competence of private forest owners and to promote environmentally friendly and effective private forestry
- Main tasks:
  - Administrating national and EU subsidies
  - Developing private forestry support system
  - Other development activities related to private forestry



## PFC relation to peatlands?

- No direct linkage
- PFC is administrating national support measure for forest land improvement
- Objective of the support measure is to improve water regime, accessibility and economic use of forest land
- Support is given to improve existing drainage systems

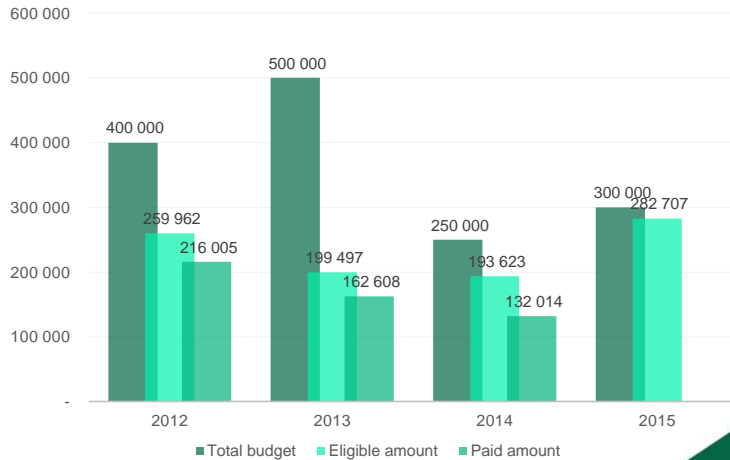


## Support requested for following activities

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Removing sludge from drainage ditches (rm)	153 615	125 858	127 018	115 256
Removing sludge from recipient ditches (rm)	31 482	9 424	16 936	15 685
Construction of thalweg (rm)	5736	3500	7726	10 253
Upgrading culvert d30 (rm)	44	195	28	185
Upgrading culvert d40 (rm)	59	63	40	168
Upgrading culvert d50 (rm)	257	456	391	404
Upgrading culvert d60 (rm)	136	76	9	43
Upgrading culvert d80 (rm)	155	67	18	12
Upgrading culvert d100 (rm)	-	14	-	-
Statement of acceptance of work	109	60	56	59
Land improvement plan	112	64	57	57



## National support for forest land improvement 2012-2015



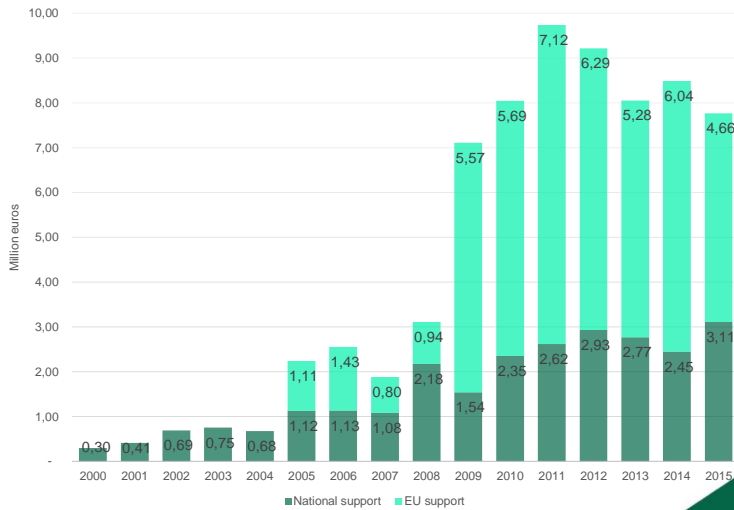
## PFC tasks related to EU programs and policies

Administrating forestry support measures in  
Estonian Rural Development Plan (ERDP):

- NATURA 2000 compensation measure for restrictions on private forest land
- Measure to improve the development of forest area and forest vitality
- 8 different activities, largest share for pre-commercial thinnings



## Forestry subsidies in Estonia 2000-2015



## Pros &amp; Cons of joining EU for PFC



- Compensations paid to forest owners for Natura 2000 restrictions on forest land
- Support for pre-commercial thinnings



- Increased bureaucracy and administrative burden



Thank you!

