

# WHAT CAN POLICY MAKERS DO?

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Photo: Application of gypsum



# WATER PROTECTION IN AGRICULTURE: SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT IS THE KEY

- Healthy soil consists of good status and balance of
  - Biology
  - Physics
  - Chemistry
- Healthy soils give benefit to farmers and the environment especially in the challenging weather conditions
- Climate change: droughts, floods, hot weather, winter rains... sustainable soil management for instance increases the water holding capacity of soils
- Problems to tackle (examples):
  - Growing amount of rental fields
  - Lack of knowledge
  - Lack of financing



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# WATER AND MARINE PROTECTION PROGRAMME “AHTI”

AHTI continues the work of three previous Finnish programmes: Programme For Effectivizing water protection (2019-2023), Nutrient Recycling Programme (2012-2023) and Archipelago Sea Programme (2021-).

The work focuses on:

- 1) reducing nutrient loading,
- 2) efficient management and use of resources,
- 3) improving soil structure and overall condition,
- 4) managing hazardous substances.

The Ahti Programme, coordinated by Ministry of the Environment, is in line with PM Orpo’s government’s programme (2023-2027).



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