



Workshop programme, 15.30 – 16.30, 24 April 2024

Workshop 1. Catchment approach to horse keeping

How can you reach horse owners with knowledge and inspiration to reduce nutrient leakage to our waterways and lakes? Ann Wahlström from Vallentuna municipality and Barbro Beck-Friis from WRS will tell us about their work with horse farm advisory services within Oxundaåns and Åkerströmmens catchment areas in northern Stockholm County. The purpose is to provide an overall understanding of which measures have the best effect of reducing the supply of nutrients to the water. They work to improve communication and to help horse keepers to seek financial assistance for measures. This workshop provides an opportunity to discuss good examples, pitfalls and share your experiences.

Workshop 2. Horse manure as a nutrient resource

How can we use horse manure in crop production? What are the challenges? How can we develop efficient and sustainable management of the manure? This workshop will deal with different scales and methods for managing huge amounts of manure, as well as the contacts between stables and city farmers, hobby farmers and small associations for community gardens. Louise Gårdenborg, RISE, and Marie Albinsson, Ecoloop, will share their experiences from two different projects. Maria Elfström, Upplands-Bro municipality, will demonstrate a solution called “Manure Map”, dedicated for small hobby farmers to find stables with excess of manure.

Workshop 3. Effects and experiences from water measures on horse farms

This workshop will focus on the effects of implemented measures for better water on horse farms. What are the effects in the actual environment? What are the synergy effects, such as improved work environment in stables and financial savings? Two Swedish horse farms, Julmyra Horse Center and Lurbo equestrian center, will share their experiences with implementing and monitoring measures, and what they see as the most valuable results for people, horses, and the environment. Together the workshop participants will discuss challenges and how can we use good results as arguments for more action.

Workshop 4. Project development and new collaborations

This workshop will focus on how to develop joint projects and on the value of collaborations between different stakeholders. We will hear examples of how the Horizon project EUnetHorse was initiated and what is needed to transform the horse industry in a more environmentally sustainable direction. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their needs and brainstorm project ideas. The purpose of the workshop is to inspire new collaborations and to give an opportunity for networking.