



NUTRIENT NEUTRAL MUNICIPALITY

The nutrient neutral municipality concept was developed with six Finnish pilot municipalities between the years 2015 - 2017. The concept is a way for municipalities to find their role in nutrient recycling and in circular economy.

The development project was a part of the Ministry of the Environment's RAKI programme. The study was conducted in Finland, but its principles are suitable for municipality-level work anywhere.

The work continues in a new project (2018-2020) by the Finnish government's key projects funding and its main target is to encourage all Finnish municipalities take responsibility for nutrient recycling and find ways to make most of it.

Municipalities can act as partners to other operators, and nutrient recycling will also benefit the municipalities in return.



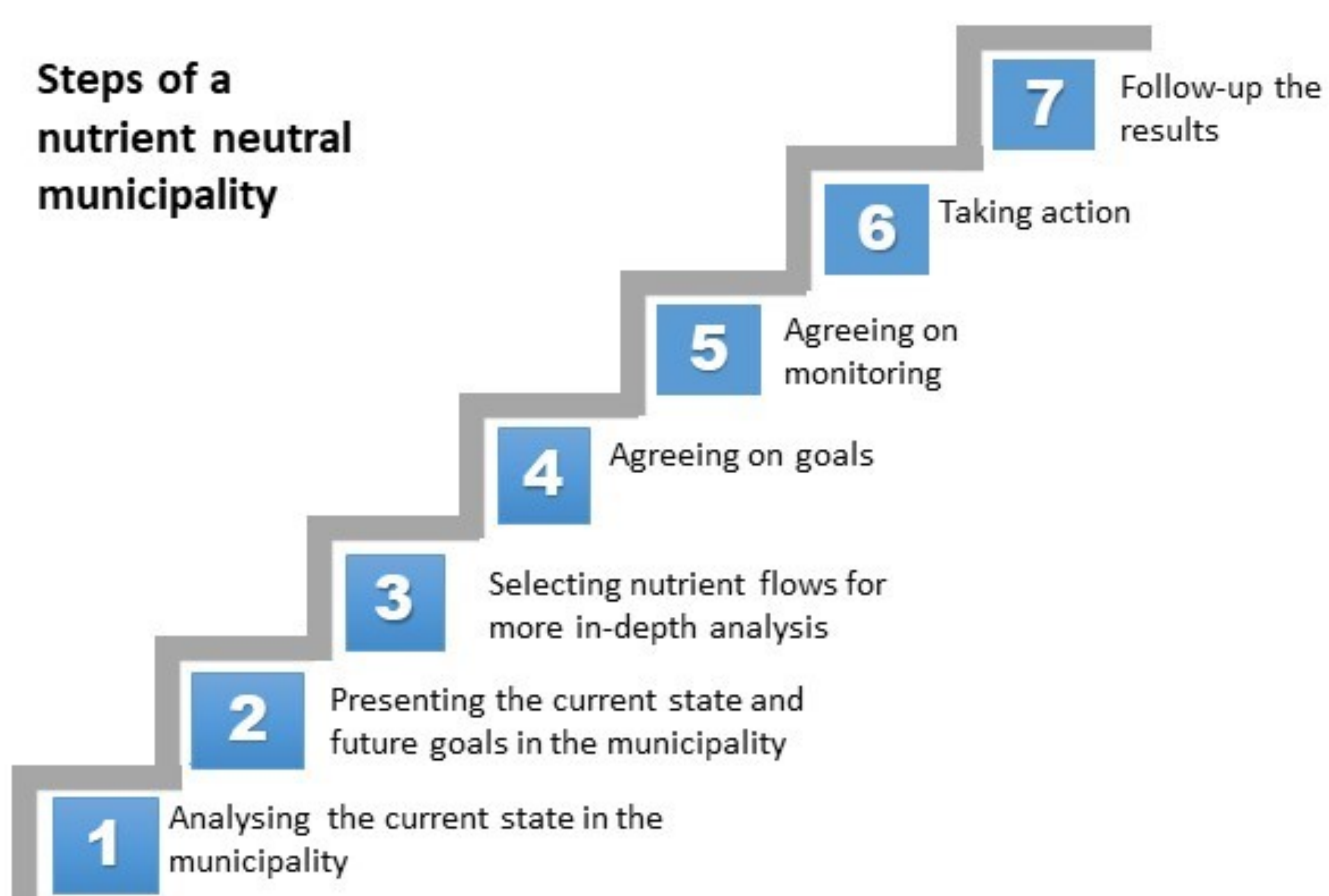
Nutrient neutral municipality

- * is an active nutrient recycling operator
- * is aware of the local nutrient flows and their potential utilisation
- * encourages others with its own example towards sustainable activities
- * promotes nutrient recycling and circular economy with administrative decisions and measures

Nutrient neutral municipality concept

- is an opportunity for municipalities and other regional actors
- * to take an additional step towards sustainable development
- * to support the innovative nutrient recycling business
- * to promote and maintain good environment

Steps of a nutrient neutral municipality



The seven steps

The Nutrient Neutral Municipality concept is a seven-step approach for organizations to implement nutrient recycling in their everyday activities and decision-making processes

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