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Water Framework Directive
Participation of the population in the definition of water policy

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Three political levels in Denmark (until 2007)

- State, legislation
- Counties, waterplanning
- Municipalities, actions, sewage treatment etc
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- Since 1977 water planning has been a part of Regional planning
- Legal frames:
- Regional planning includes public involvement
  - Idea phase of 8 weeks
  - Plan is elaborated
  - Public hearing in 8 weeks
  - The plan is enacted in the county council
  - Claims on planning for 8 weeks
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Supplementary initiatives

- Green Councils (NGOs, Farmer org, hunters etc)
- Regularly meetings with the municipalities
- Regularly meeting with the farmers organization
- Regularly meetings ith the major NGOs
- Environmental awards for industries
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The water plans are enacted of the County Councils as a mixture of representative democracy and interest democracy
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After 2007: two political levels in Denmark
– State, legislation, waterplanning
– Municipalities, actions, sewage treatment etc
Legal frames
Implementation of WFD into Danish Legislation

• Act on Environmental objectives for the water environment (miljømålsloven) enacted of the Danish Parliament 11th December 2003
  – Denmark divided in 12 water districts and one district in common with Germany
  – Enacts the content of a Water plan
    – Participation of the public in the water planning
Legal frames
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- Legal frames in WFD in Denmark after 2007
  - Plan is elaborated
  - Public hearing for 1 year
  - The plan is enacted of the state
  - Claims on water planning for 6 months
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Supplementary initiatives after 2007

UNKNOWN but I hope the will continue
Thank you for your attention!