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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(untill 2007)**

- State, legislation
- Counties, waterplanning
- Municipalities, actions, sewage treatment etc





- 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





**Suppementary initiatives** 

- Green Councils( NGOs, Farmer org, hunters etc)
- Regulary meetings with the municipalities
- Regulary meeing with the farmers organizaion
- Regulary meetings ith the major NGOs
- Environmental awards for industries



The water plans are enacted of the County Councils as a mixture of representative democracy and interest democracy



# After 2007: two political levels in Denmark – State, legislation, waterplanning

- Municipalities, actions, sewage treatment etc



# Legal frames

#### Implementation of WFD into Danish Legislation

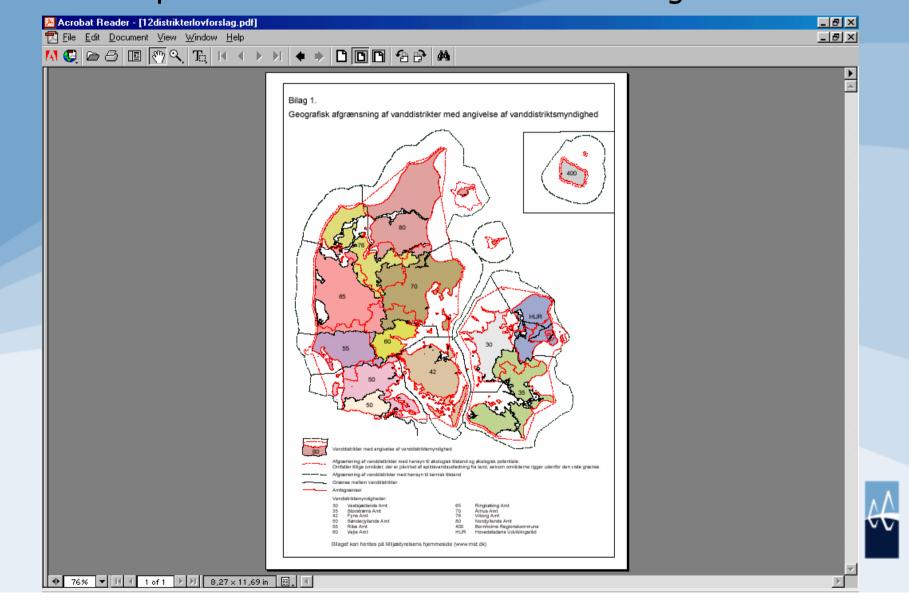
•Act on Environmental objectives for the water environment (miljømålsloven) enacted of the Danish Parliament 11th December 2003

-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 Implementation of WFD into Danish Legislation



- 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



**Suppementary initiatives after 2007** 

# UNKNOWN but I hope the will continue



# Thank you for your attention!

