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

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Participation of the population in the definition of water policy

Three political levels in Denmark(untill 2007)

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



Participation of the population in the definition of water policy

- **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)
- Regular meetings with the municipalities
- Regular meeting with the farmers organization
- Regular meetings with 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**



Participation of the population in the definition of water policy

- **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!*

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