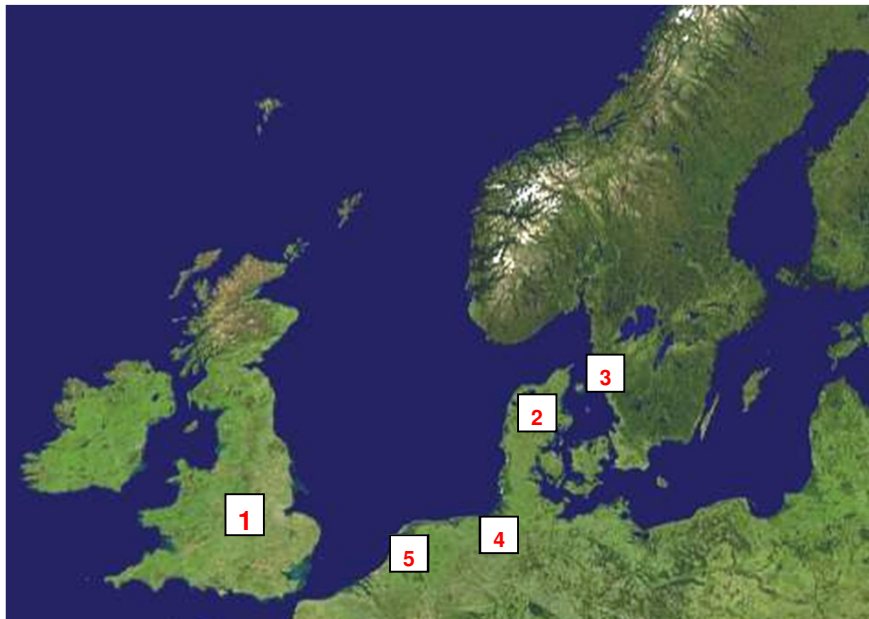


# Water Co Governance for sustainable ecosystems

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# Water CoG

- 5 countries, 9 partners, 3 years, 14 pilots



# Expectations

- Developing local participation and engagement will lead to improved ecosystems



# Expectations

- Increased return on public investment by adopting participatory/co-governance approaches to the management of NSR ecosystems
- Using value of ecosystem services (natural capital)



# Expectations

- Improvements to the environmental status of pilot areas



# Expectations

- Long term cross sector commitment (sustainability) to co-governance approaches in pilot areas
- Three year commitment

# Water Management in Sweden

  
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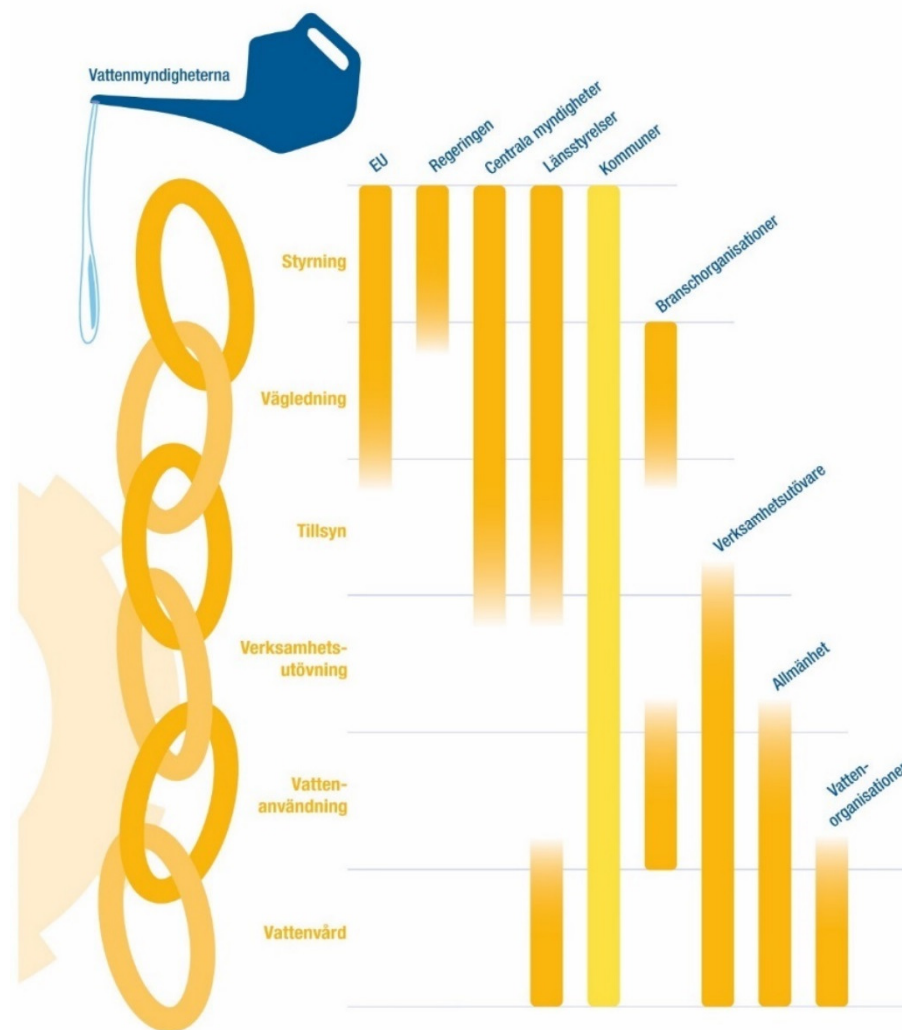




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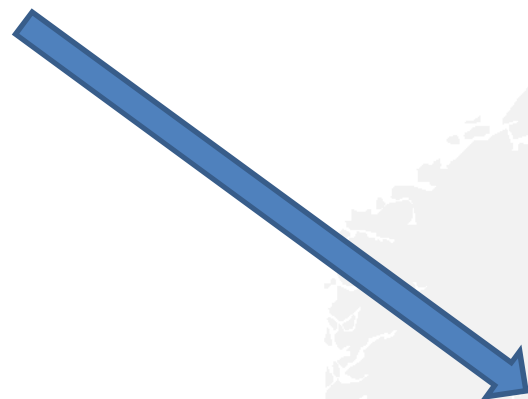
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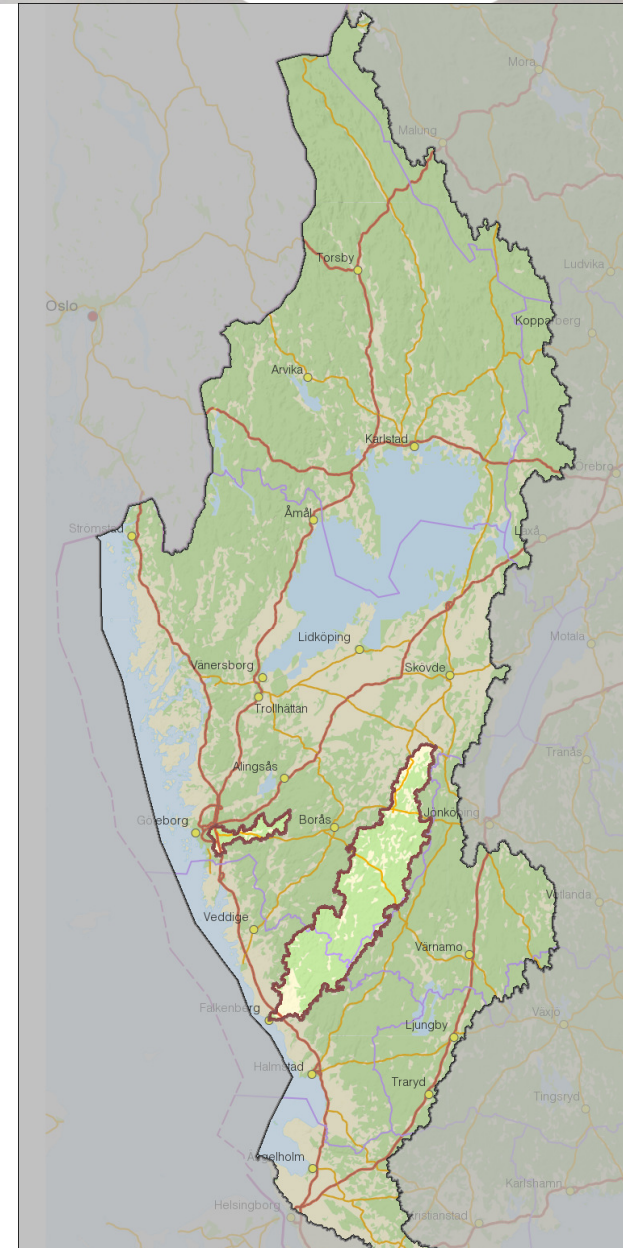
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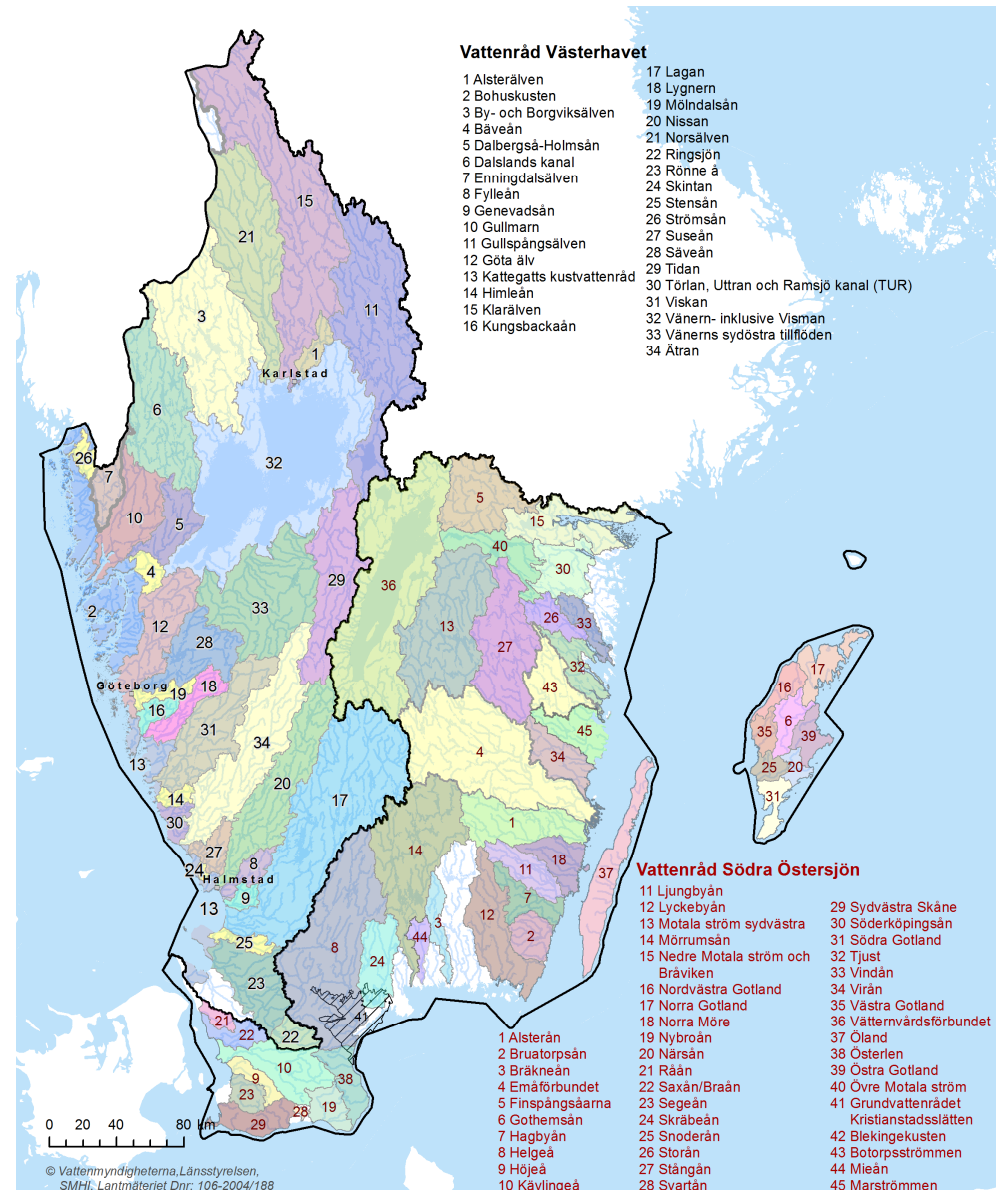


# Swedish pilots

- Learn from and together with local water organisations
- Three catchment areas with different size, different challenges and different structure of local participation
- Mölndalsån
- Himleån
- Ätran



- Swedish system of local participation in water management: Water councils



# Water councils

- Permanent structures
- Builds on voluntary engagement and local knowledge
- Open for everyone



# Swedish pilots

What methods are we testing here?

- Coordinator/catchment officer
- Double amount of funding
- Experience exchange with pilots in other countries

# Research

- Study by Gothenburg University on local participation in Water councils



# Lessons learned so far

## IMPORTANCE OF:

- High level of trust between participants
- Transparent and open process
- Clear goals, roles and responsibilities

# Lessons learned so far

- Initiator/process manager
- Combination of long- and short-term funding crucial



# Lessons learned so far

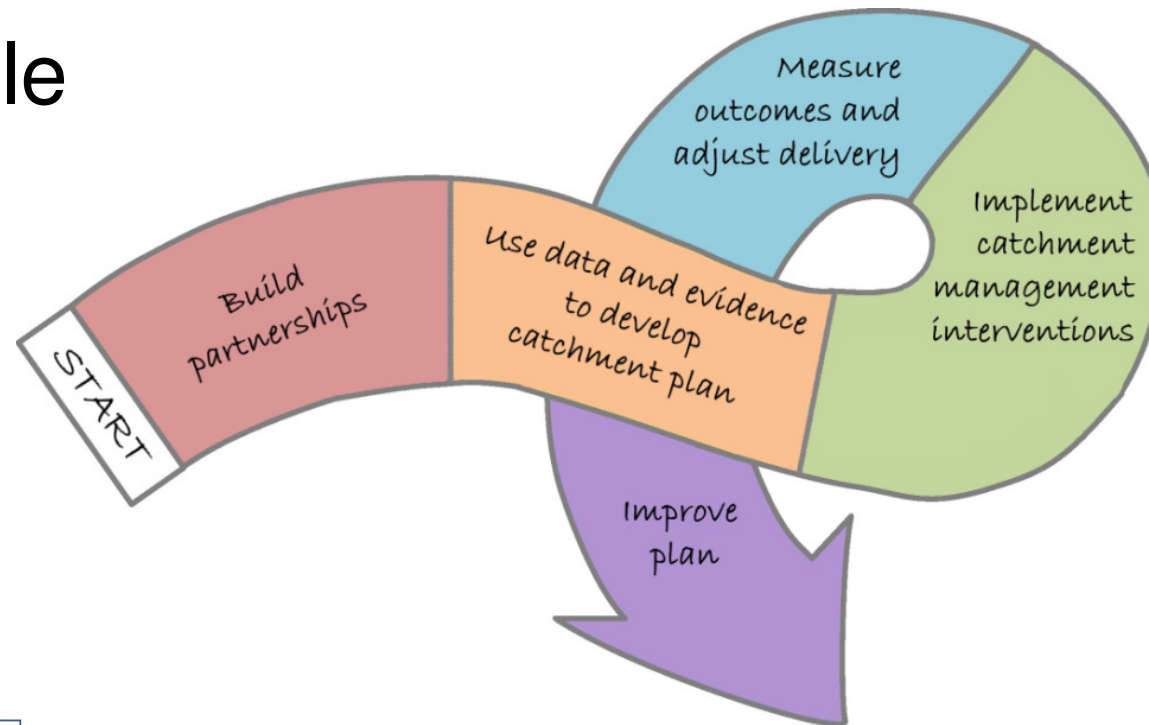
- Sometimes a problem can bring people together and be the spark to increase engagement

Egmond aan Zee:  
August 2006



# Lessons learned so far

- Let it take time!
- Be flexible



# Lessons learned so far

- Don't try to control or run the process!
- Give ownership of the process to the stakeholders

# Thanks!

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