



# End Conference of the Interreg IVB project AQUARIUS

**Date:** 12-13 October

**Place:** Fuglsøcentret, Dragsmurvej 6, DK-8420 Knebel

**How to get there:** See this webpage <http://www.fuglsoecentret.dk/english.html>

**Sign up:** Send a mail to [ked@vfl.dk](mailto:ked@vfl.dk) and get further instructions on how to attend the conference.

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### 10:00 Registration and coffee

Posters will be available for viewing

### 11:00 Welcome and introduction to the programme

by Managing Director from Knowledge Centre for Agriculture in Denmark, Jan Mousing

### 11:05 Opening of the Conference

by Danish Minister of Agriculture, Henrik Høegh

How to make the farmer a part of the solution of adapting to climate change? How to find solutions for good water environment and profitability in agriculture to go hand in hand in a changing climate?

### 11:15 Climate change in the North Sea Region

what kind of changes can we expect and how is it going to influence farming opportunities and the availability and quality of water, presentation of the Aquarius Baseline by the University of Wageningen, the province of Drenthe and the farmers organisation.

Further considerations from the Interreg IVB project Climate & Water, CLIWAT, by Senior advisor, Hans Jørgen Henriksen from Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)

### 11:45 Introduction to the Aquarius Project

Who is involved, case studies, work with pilots, by project coordinator Irene Wiborg

### 11:55 Results and Recommendations from the Aquarius Project

How can we create win-win solutions? What have we learnt about the concept of farmers as water managers? How can managing water under a changing climate create multiple benefits?

- Water Quality
- Water Quantity – Floods
- Water Quantity – Drought

### 13:00 Lunch

### 14:00 Breakout sessions to discuss the recommendations:

The aim of the breakout sessions will be gathering the views of non-project members about win-win solutions, farmers as water managers and multiple benefits; plus a sharing of experiences to improve the recommendations. There will be sessions on:

- Water Quality

- Water Quantity - Floods
- Water Quantity - Droughts

**15:00 Coffee**

**15:30 Panel discussion on recommendations**

This is the opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the overall findings and links between the pilot and other experiences. The panel will consist of a member from each of the pilot areas. Jan Mousing, Managing Director of Knowledge Centre for Agriculture, will be moderator during this session.

**16:30 Closing remarks from invited contributors from the pilot areas.**

**17:00 Closing of conference**

by representative from the North Sea Commission

**17:15 Break**

**18:00 Poster session, national poster presentation, and drinks**

**19:00 Conference dinner**

**Please note: the outputs produced from the conference discussion will be turned into a report and placed on the website within a month of the conference close.**

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**Learning Day – Next Steps**

**All activities take place from 8.30 – 13.00**

**1. Demonstration tour**

- Excursion for farmers and others interested in practical examples to nearby sites to look at some of the challenges for agriculture and their possibly solutions.
- During the excursion farm advisors and farmers will get the opportunity to discuss, how they can contribute to solutions for water environment in a changing climate, where agriculture is taken into account, as well. In other words to discuss how win-win solutions can be achieved.

**2. How to spread the messages from local to European level?**

- Presentation from other projects on adaptation and other issues.
- Presentation of WaterCAP, a new cluster project building on and further developing the results from related North Sea Area climate and water projects. the idea

**3. Learning session for the implementing level, for instance water authorities, on how to implement water issues. What have we learned from Aquarius, and how can it be of use for the future work on how to implement water issues in a changing climate?**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and departure