

Answer to Questionnaire “Local Deals for Better Water Management” on behalf of the Danish Pilot project within AQUARIUS

The questionnaire was constructed by: European Water Stewardship (EWS) and the Rural Investment Support for Europe (RISE) Foundation

The questionnaire is part of a EWS and RISE initiated project called “Local Deals for Better Water Management”.

Question 1

Do you know any examples of current Local Deals? If yes, what are, from your point of view, the 3 main benefits of the Local Deal? (e.g. for the catchment area?)

The Lundgaards Creek Stakeholder Group for land-water management within a sub catchment consisted of representatives for all primary stakeholders (rights and duties to water or land) at all relevant levels in a Danish Context (national authorities, local authorities, farmers, local and national farmers' advisory service). Participation was performed according to "best practice" in Commission's "Guideline no. 8: Public Participation in relation to the Water Framework Directive", meaning that all primary stakeholders participated in all project phases. Project activities were agreed on and sought implemented with full self-determination for all parties involved. In the group's terms of reference seeking measures leading to win-win solutions was the primary objective

For the catchment area the 3 main benefits of group composition, organization and objective were :

- 1) win-win measures in the self-interest of all stakeholders/in the interest of both water environment and agriculture would (potentially) lead to long-term sustainable development (better enforceability in EU commission terms)
- 2) Due to stakeholder composition results from successful demonstration activities would (potentially) be easy to disseminate within the sub-catchment as well as whole catchment and nationally
- 3) A sustainable development would (potentially) be quicker obtainable

Name of Project: The Lundgaards Creek Stakeholder Group (nov. 2009- dec.2011)

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Question 2

Are you or have you been actively involved in a Local Deal? If yes, please indicate what, from your point of view, are the 3 main factors for a successful Local Deal, and the 3 main challenges.

- 1) Representatives for stakeholders need complete backing from organizational hinterland (both administrative and political hinterland)
- 2) Stakeholders must recognize that due to the specific group composition they are actually able to influence structural change (also on a national level)
- 3) Stakeholders must recognize necessity of experimentation and of acting in uncertainty

(Still the Lundgaard's Creek Stakeholder Group, same contacts as before mentioned)

Question 3

Do you know of any initiatives that are currently setting up new Local Deal projects?

Based on experiences from the Lundgaard's Creek Stakeholder Group (and other projects) the stakeholders are working on setting up a large scale project for the Catchment area of the largest Danish Fiord, Limfjorden. Stakeholders in this project will include a number of local municipalities, local and national agricultural advisory service, farmers, a number of knowledge institutions (Univ departments and consultancy companies). The overall aim is to gradually build a "National test centre for alternative measures" (alternative to the measures mentioned in current national plans)

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Question 4

Are you interested in creating a new Local Deal?

We are very interested in joining an international project based on the creation of win-win solutions/win-win measures. We really do believe that this is the way forward and we acknowledge that in order to be successful we need all the sharing of international experience that we can get. That counts for both theory and especially experience in practice. Considering the project mentioned in question 3 (National test centre for alternative measures) we will be able to contribute with both practical and theoretical insights as to how to construct win-win solutions in practice.

Also we would kindly ask you to share the results of this survey with us as soon as you have them. No matter if we will be asked to take part in your project or not, we really need to get an overview of who are currently thinking along the same lines and trying to construct win-win solutions in practice at a European basis. This knowledge will be invaluable to our own progress. So please share the survey results with us!

We will also contact Katrien Moubax directly via mail.