

# Danish authorities challenged in court

2011

main organisations -  
European  
Commission (EC) and  
green organisations:  
**the ambitious –  
full use of PPP**

main organisation -  
Greenpeace:  
**the disrupted  
system**

main organisation -  
academia  
(DCE, AU):  
**the targeted  
differentiation**

23  
river basin  
management  
plans

2012

main organisations -  
state authorities  
(MIM and FVM):  
**doing it right  
and cost-  
efficient, but ...**

main organisation -  
Sustainable  
Agriculture  
(BL):  
**the fraud**

main organisation -  
Danish Agriculture  
& Food Council  
(L&F):  
**done enough,  
roll back a bit**

2014

*changed maintenance*

The argumentation and actions done in the Danish process of the implementation of the Water Framework Directive cannot be understood sufficiently by the 3 stereotypes of farmer, politician and biologist stakeholders. Through a nuanced analysis 6 typologies has been identified.

Burning points in the process, where communication really has failed, show through writs from the stakeholders. At present no-one has challenged the use of exemptions at EU court.

By confirming the burning point and exposing what separates the stakeholders in a manageable overview it is assumed possible to be able to act upon the problems. Hopefully this can contribute to an improved implementation process.

The splinter group Sustainable Agriculture have not been equally included in the process and are challenging the state agencies more fiercely through more writs and with full force on behalf of all members. They are not likely satisfied by the new Growth plan.

After some changes to the river basin management plan proposals in December 2011 a short "lightning" hearing has been carried out.

Many stakeholders have complained to the Nature and Environment Appeal on several grounds, the common being a too short hearing phase. Complaints have resulted in repealed plans in late 2012. Even with repealed plans several court cases are still on-going.

The on-going court cases and the pressure that they invoke can explain the retreat from the government in the April 2014, where the previous Green Growth plan has been replaced by a plain Growth plan. Generalized measures of e.g. Marginal Zones Act has been reduced, but is still hanging in there with half of the area, and the change maintenance on watercourses has been flushed.

This last event in a top-down process has left a big question mark on which concrete measures shall then be used for reaching an improvement of our waters.

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