

The European Landscape Convention in Sweden – two years in force



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ELC in Sweden

- Coordination of implementation is mainly on independent agencies directed by the Government
- Implementation work is not primarily within the governmental level
- Key role by Swedish National Heritage Board since 2006



Swedish ELC implementation 2011- 2013

Equal responsibility by concerned agencies

National coordinating group:

- *Swedish National Heritage Board (chair)*
- *Environmental Protection Agency,*
- *National Board of Housing,
Building and Planning,*
- *Agency for Economic and
Regional Growth*
- *Board of Agriculture,*
- *Forest Agency,*
- *Transport Administration,*
- *County Administrative
Boards*



ELC – National level

- Landscape perspectives in the national strategies for sustainable land use and sustainable water management
- Green Infrastructure – a governmental initiative in order to implement e.g. the ELC and Ecosystem Approach
- Swedish Transport Administration – development project “Landscape in long-term spatial planning”
- References to ELC in development consents and court findings



ELC – Regional level

Great interest for ELC from regions and counties

Landscape analysis/strategies used as basis for regional development programmes and/or regional transport plans. Examples from a handful of the 21 regions/counties so far.

Cross-sector initiatives engaging regional and local authorities, NGO's, universities etc.



ELC – Local level

- Landscape analysis are used in the local authorities comprehensive planning – approx 100 of 290 municipalities so far
- Cross-sector initiatives concerning management administration of green infrastructure areas, World Heritage site (Laponia), etc

Landscape for everyone!

Educational material



Transnational co-operation and exchange

CoE hosting a platform for exchange is crucial for ELC implementation – for good governance of 'landscape'

