

The European Landscape Convention in Sweden 2013-2015

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ELC in Sweden, ratification in 2011

- No formal governmental ELC-mission to any state agency.
- Implementation by many parties:
 - State agencies,
 - Universities,
 - Municipalities
 - NGO:s (Non-Governmental Organisations).



- Swedish National Heritage Board

Like most counties in Europe: There is no specific "landscape policy"



• Example of policy areas and agencies:

- Agriculture policy
- Forestry policy
- Regional policy
- Transport policy
- Urban planning
- Heritage conservation
- Nature conservation

ELC – National level

- Cross-sectorial landscape perspectives in Governmental proposals use.
- Introduction of two separate University courses dedicated to ELC.
- PlatsR, places and stories registered by common people.
- National conferences dedicated to ELC, two “Landscape Forums”, one “Peri-Urban landscape”.
- NGO landscape conferences dedicated to ELC, in partnership with Civilscape

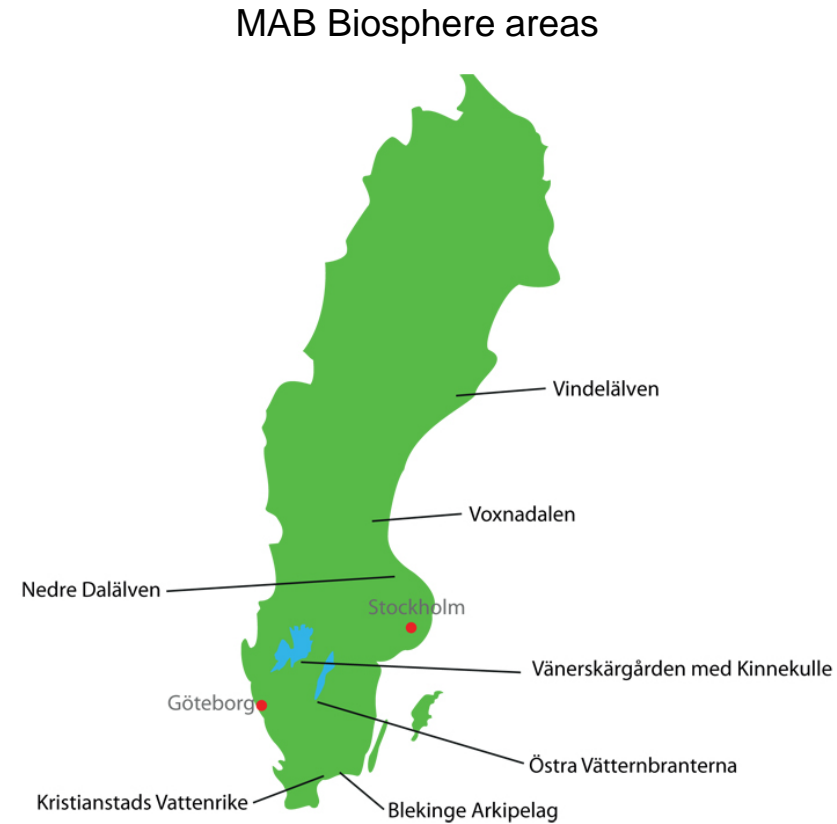
PlatsR, places by all, for all.

The screenshot shows the PlatsR website interface. At the top left is the logo "platsr" with the tagline "Platser med berättelser". To the right are navigation links for "Platser & samlingar" and "Organisationer". Below the logo is a search bar with the text "Sök på webbplatsen" and a "Sök" button. To the right of the search bar are links for "Skapa plats", "Skapa samling", "Logga in", "Bli medlem", and "Logga in med" (with a Facebook icon). The main content area features a large black and white photograph of a group of people walking in a snowy landscape. Below the photo is a caption: "Redaktionen tipsar: Den underbaraste julhelgen." To the right of the photo is a map of Sweden with numerous blue location pins. Below the map is the text "Utforska 3011 platser och samlingar".



ELC – National level

- Joint governmental mission on management of natural and cultural reserve
- Landscape focus in the management of MAB Biosphere areas (UNESCO).
- Research and development projects on ELC, such themes as Food and landscape.
- Only few cases with Nordic transboundary ELC projects.



ELC – Regional level

Increasing regional interest for ELC, not least regarding cooperation and democracy.

One “Landscape observatory” active in a county administrative board (state).

One annual ELC “Landscape day”, by both NGO:s and authorities.

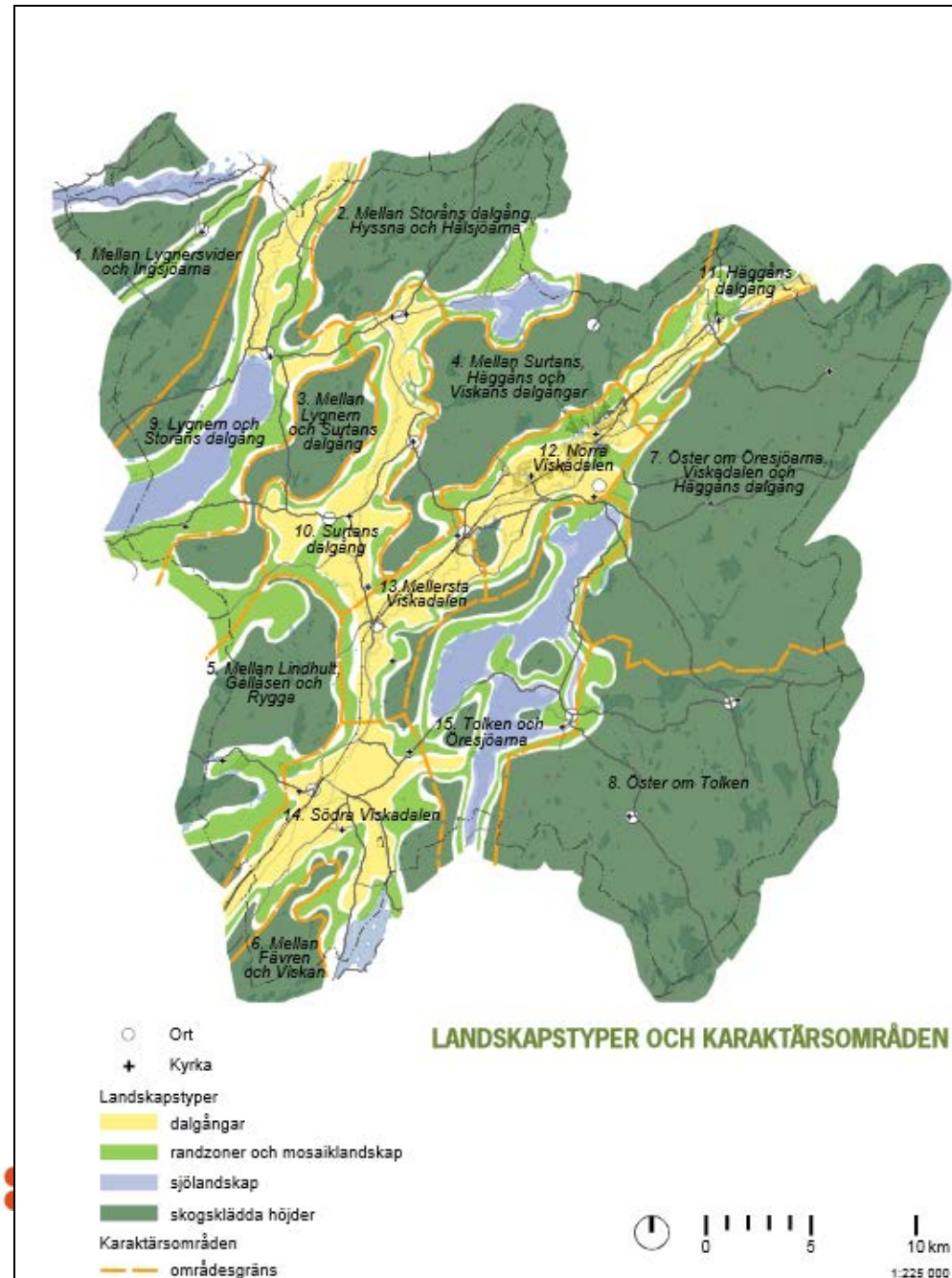
Regional ELC-projects for themes on landscape characterization and local democracy.



ELC – Local level

- Landscape analysis are used in the municipalities comprehensive planning.
- Cross-sector initiatives concerning management administration of Green infrastructure areas, World Heritage site (Laponia), etc

Example: Municipality comprehensive planning



Further work and national challenges

- Strong impact of urbanization.
- Strong sectorial EU policy influence.
- Big sectorial infrastructure projects on energy and biofuel
- Since decades strong sector education, agencies and legislation.
- No specific governmental ELC missions to national agencies
- The concept "environment" instead of "landscape" in legislation.

challenging perspectives
urbanized geographical

