Organization of the Swedish river basin district authorities
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Skagerrak and Kattegat Water District Authority
Sweden’s five water districts

- Sweden is divided into five river basin water districts.
- The 21 County Administrative Boards are responsible for realizing the WFD in Sweden.
- One County Administrative Board in each district is appointed River Basin Water District Authority.
- The River Basin Water District Authority coordinate the work within each district and ratifies the Program of Measures and the River Basin Management Plan.
Organisational elements

Government

Swedish EPA
Geological Survey
Governmental agencies

River Basin Authority

County Administrative Boards
Municipalities
Water Councils

National  Regional  Local

Stakeholders  NGOs
An example - Water Councils in the Kattegat & Skagerrak district

VISKAN’s Water Council
- Municipalities
- Land owners
- Industries
- Nature organisations
- Fishing organisations
- Agricultural organisations

BOARD

Working groups

The Public
Experiences, in a few words

- **Uncertainty**, characterises all aspects of past and current work, as a result the working process become iterative rather than deterministic
- **Engagement**, rewarding but requires resources and a long term commitment
- **Transparency**, fundamental but difficult to attain
Thank you!