

# InterReg VB NorthSeaRegion

## Project SELF-NSR

### Inputs from Sweden

- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management, and
- City of Malmö (Malmö), Department of Environment, Section of City Development and Climate

### 1) What tasks and services can be transferred to other, (semi-)public or private, partners?

We see two potential projects which could be of interest for SLU and Malmö:

#### *a) A truly circular green economy*

In management of green spaces and especially in place keeping (maintenance of green spaces) many resources are used on a daily basis, and often resources are used simultaneously across administrative borders. Grass may be mowed simultaneously in a public park, at a nearby public housing estate and at a private building complex. No exchange of machinery and manpower is taken place, and no guarantee of efficient use of the resources is given. The reason being that we are dealing with different administrations and different budgets.

The idea is to involve public, semi-public and private actors in order to manage and maintain green spaces within a circular economy. One important question will be to define what sustainable management includes, and another will be to study how resources are best used – being public, semi-public or private. In order to achieve a true circular economy sharing and exchange of all resources should be included.

#### *b) Climate adaptation within a larger city area –Intelligent use of rain water*

Dealing with storm water events in the city is often seen as a case for the public to handle through green spaces and public sewer systems. Despite rain falls on both public and private land, public (municipal) planning often is limited to public areas.

So far, municipal planning has only to a limited extent included the possibilities of private landowners to solve the overall societal challenges related to storm water events. Therefore, there is a need for – but also a certain amount of uncertainty towards - how joint private and public initiatives are planned and coordinated. How may public planning secure optimum relations between both private and public initiatives? Which public frameworks will stimulate the best use of intelligent storm water solutions in private gardens?

### 2. Which (other) stakeholders need to be involved in this process?

In both of the above cases we would need to involve a part of the city, in which public, semi public and private land should be included. Owners and users of these areas should be involved. Further, the municipal planning department should probably play the leading role in a coordination process.

**3. What type of organisational structure is required to cover all (legal, financial, other) aspects of this transfer?**

The potential organizational structure would be a core element to be studied.

**4. Which means and skills are required to enable this transfer?**

The primary challenge will be to identify areas in which we find a mix of landowners (public, semi public and private), and who all see an interest in participating.

**5. What other aspects in this process and the themes covered are still missing?**

The fact that individuals (private) needs to act as an independent, but still as an integrated part of a larger framework (public), will in many cases be seen as a challenge to the existing perception of public / private partnerships. E.g., to what extent may the public involve private in decision making, planning and operational tasks?

**6. In which project/programme do you foresee a role as a partner?**

The idea of a SELF Consortium may suit our ideas very well. E.g., several partners may be working with circular economies, but with different focuses.

**7. What themes, activities and/or role would you like to cover within SELF and/or an additional projects?**

Please see above.

**8. Which suggestions for additional partners do you have for the project (consortium) as a whole, or for the project you will participate in particular (see also the provisory list of partners in the Annex)?**

We may be able to identify additional partners from both academia and practice.

**9. What addition key element(s) do you miss, or would you like to replace in the now mentioned 3 Work Packages, given the specific focus on sustainable communities and /or new/digital services?**

There seem to be a natural progression between the three WP's – what, why and who. In most projects you would need to handle all three aspects, and therefore we find it difficult to identify which one of the WP's we find most relevant. We suggest that the WP structure is revised and related to themes instead of tasks.

**10. What elements/actions or outputs/impacts would you like to add within these Work Packages?**

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