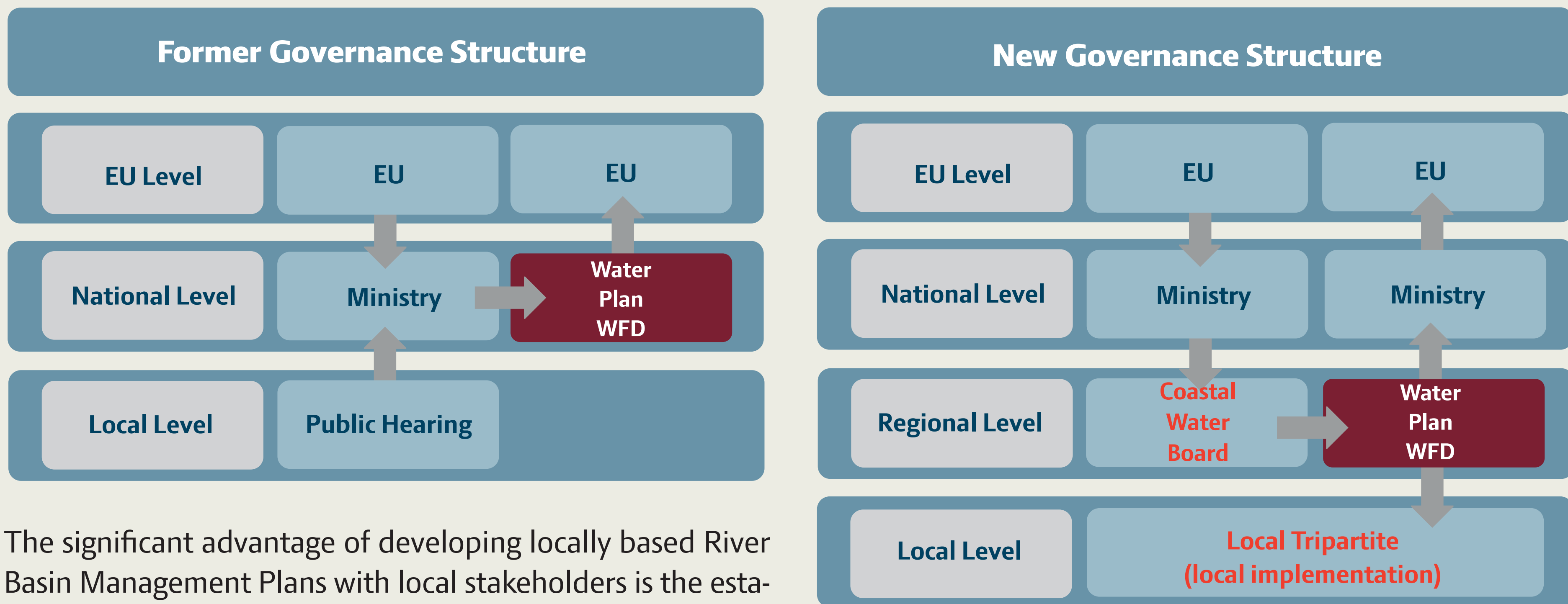


# Locally Based River Basin Management Plans: Advancing Co-Governance to Accelerate Nitrogen Reductions in Denmark

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In 2024, the Danish parliament adopted a substantial green package worth £5.7 billion to enhance the Danish water environment. This initiative includes restoring wetlands, rewetting organic soils, and other measures on nitrate and also includes tax on co2 from agriculture. The package also emphasizes local participation through the establishment of local implementation committees and coastal water councils.



The significant advantage of developing locally based River Basin Management Plans with local stakeholders is the establishment of greater ownership and trust in the plans. This is crucial, especially when wetland restoration relies primarily on voluntary participation.

## New Parliament decision 2024 – Key Goals for Environment, Nature, and Climate in Denmark

- 400,000 ha farmland (15%) --> nature (new forest, rewetting org. soils, wetlands) World's first CO<sub>2</sub>e tax on agriculture
- A locally based approach to land management and coastal waters
- €5.8 billion land transition fund - Government
- €1.34 billion - Novo Nordisk Foundation (Wegovy/Ozempic producer)
- 20% of Denmark to be protected nature by 2030
- New Nitrogen regulation (Nitrogen emission cap)

**17 new Coastal Water Boards**  
 Advisory local partnerships, contributing with local analyses and local planning. Can carry out pilot projects. Facilitated by Municipalities. Use of external experts.  
 Members: Up to 20 local organizations around agricultural, relevant industry and nature.

**23 new implementation committees**  
 Main task to locally plan and implement measures for land restoration (wetlands, nature, reforestation etc.)  
 Members: Municipalities, local agricultural organizations, local representatives from The Danish society for Nature Conservation, representative from The Danish Nature Agency.

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