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## Large-scale land use changes ahead:

Reducing nitrogen loss to the aquatic environment, greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector and restoring nature in  
“a green Denmark”

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1. Current challenges & goals



2. The political process



3. Key initiatives in the agreement





## 1. Current challenges



Climate change

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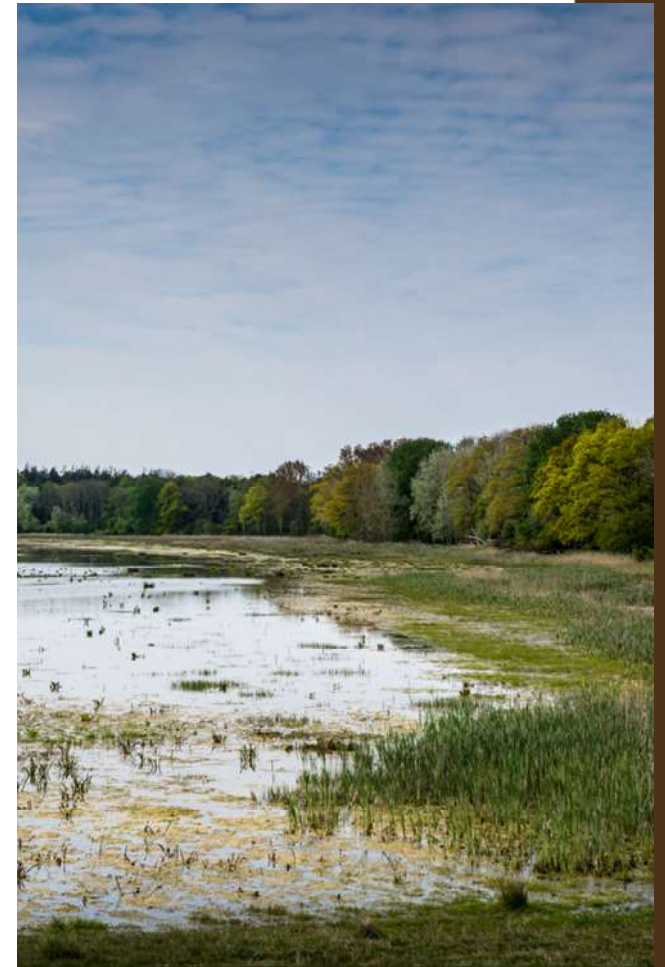
Aquatic environment in crisis

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Loss of nature & biodiversity

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The political process



### Actors in the green tripartite agreement

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The Danish Society for Nature Conservation

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The Danish Agriculture & Food Council

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The municipalities

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The government

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Employer organisations

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The trade unions





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## The political process

14/12-2022:  
**Coalition  
agreement**



20/02-2024:  
**An expert group  
reported their  
recommendations  
(CO<sub>2</sub>e tax on  
agriculture)**



24/06-2024:  
**“Agreement on a  
green Denmark”  
Between  
government &  
stakeholders**



18/11-2024:  
**Broad acceptance  
(~80%) by 7  
parties in  
parliament**

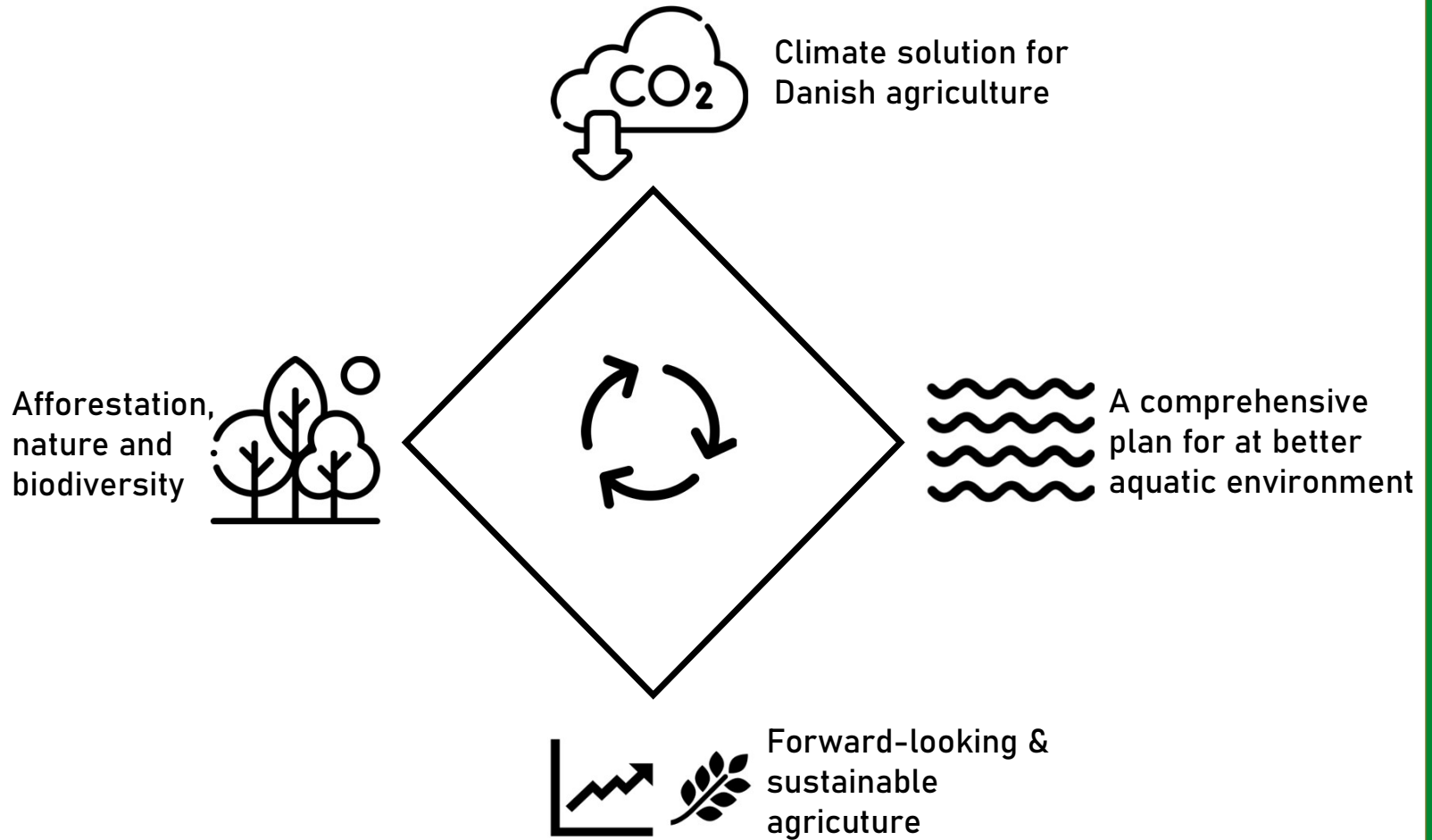


**Implementation  
process  
until 2045  
& local green  
tripartites in 2025**





### 3. Key initiatives in the agreement



## Key elements of the agreement

### A climate solution for Danish agriculture

World's first climate tax on green house gas emissions from **livestock** to be introduced in 2030

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#### Livestock tax gradually increasing

- 2030: Efficient tax rate 16 €/t CO<sub>2</sub>e
- 2035: Efficient tax rate 40 €/t CO<sub>2</sub>e

A base reduction of 60 % for emissions that currently cannot be mitigated through recognized technologies lowers the total tax burden on the agricultural sector

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#### From 2028

- Tax on emissions from **drained peatlands** in agricultural use of 5 €/t CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Tax on emissions from **agricultural lime** of 100 €/t CO<sub>2</sub>e

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Potential for reductions up to 1.8-2.6 mio. tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2030

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## Key elements of the agreement

### Forests, nature and biodiversity

Afforestation of 250,000 ha,  
incl. 100,000 ha unmanaged forest

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Re-wetting of of 140,000 hectares carbon-rich drained  
peatlands

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7 new national nature parks

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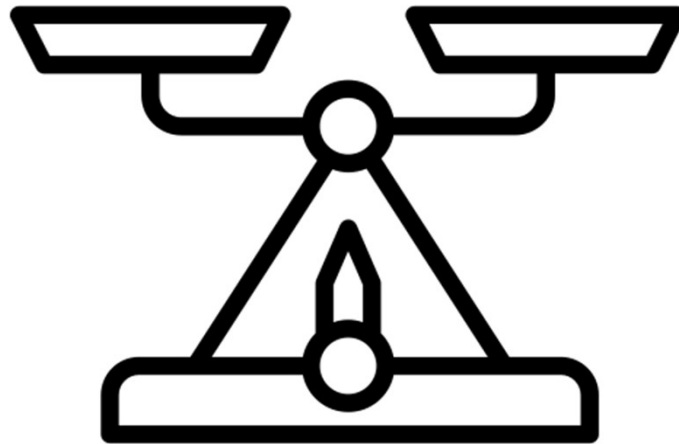


## Key elements of the agreement

A comprehensive plan for a better aquatic environment

Two pillars for reaching goals

*"The parties agree that ... land conversion is the main driver for achieving the goals of the Water Framework Directive according to the Agreement on a Green Denmark"*



*"with effect from 2027, a higher regulatory pressure will temporarily be set, corresponding to the part of the reduction requirement of a [coastal] water body that is not achieved by the land conversion realised in 2027."*

## Key elements of the agreement

### A comprehensive plan for a better aquatic environment

Annual load reduction target to Danish coastal waters:  
13.800 t N

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New "N-output-based" regulation from 2027

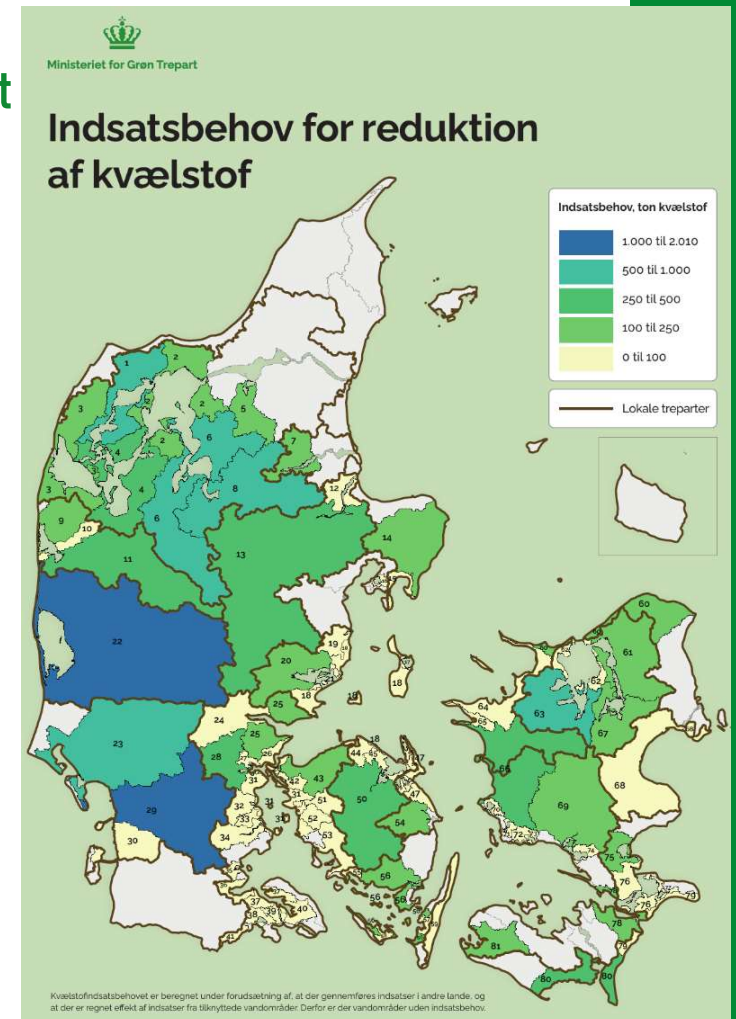
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Emergency measures in most challenged areas

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Local tripartites to enhance local involvement, implementation  
& knowledge exchange

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## Key elements of the agreement

Strong local ownership

23 local tripartite groups established throughout Denmark

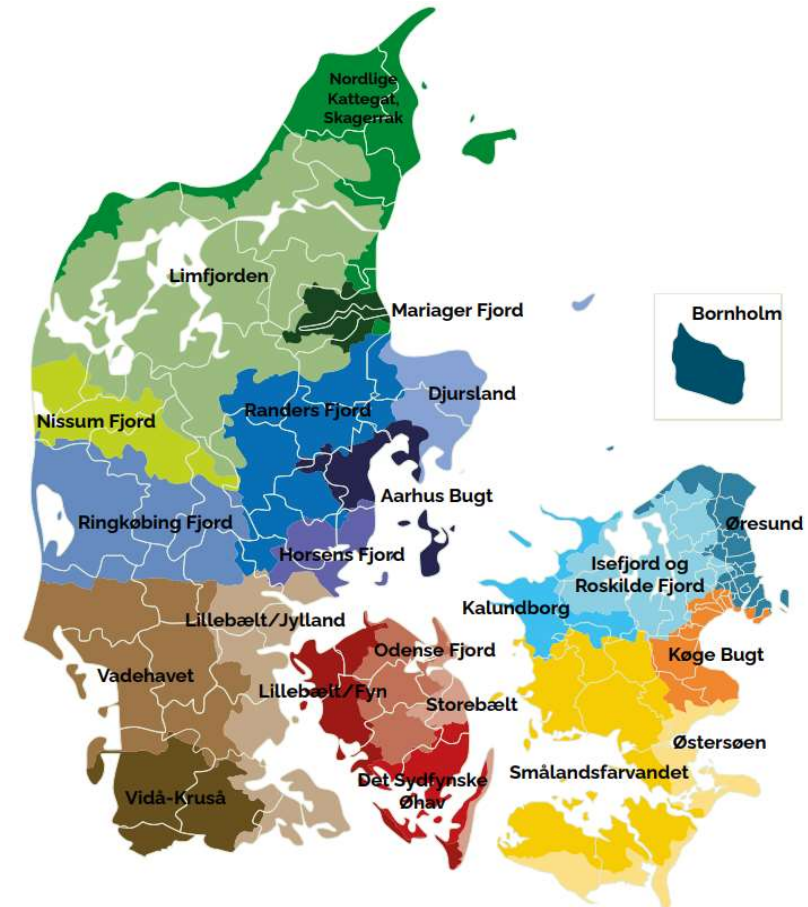
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The groups include municipalities, agricultural and nature organizations, and the Danish Society for Nature Conservation

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The groups have to develop local conversion plans in online tool "MARS" by the end of 2025.

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## Funding the transition

Main funding: Green Fund (5.8 bio. EUR)

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Financial contributions includes re-allocations and reserves from the EU Common Agricultural Policy + Danish state budget

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1.34 bio. EUR from the Novo Nordisk Foundation to support land conversion

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## 1. The goals

# A new green Denmark

Reaching Danish climate targets:

70 % GHG emission reduction and 55-65 % reduction from the agriculture & forestry sector in 2030 compared to 1990

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Good ecological status of all coastal waters

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Much more nature with room for animal & plant species

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A prosperous development-driven agricultural sector

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# Any questions?!

And learn more, e.g. with presentations #42, 65, 131, 132, 167, 171, 186, 225, ...



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