A View to Transparency

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Agenda

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The Danish Case: Building an Ecosystem of Dialogue

• The Context: Political confusion and local resistance over RWM (2011-2015) led to a re-orientation of policy (2016-2018)

• Transfer of the brief of finding a disposal solution from Min of Health to Min of Higher Edu and Science. New focus on stakeholder involvement

What Did We Do?

• Sourced a contact point to service the RWM stakeholder ecosystem ([link](#))

• Established access to information and sources ([link](#))

• Formed a national contact forum to facilitate dialogue between central stakeholders (later on adapted to the local level to local stakeholders, too) ([link](#) + [link](#))

• Created an independent expert panel to answer questions from the public ([link](#))
What Have We Learned?

• Trust is hard earned and easily lost
• The rules guiding dialogue must be clear and agreed upon
• Understanding is as important as knowing
• In an era of ‘alternative facts’, emotions and worries are a primary data source for dialogue and should be taken very seriously
What Next?

• Prepare a communications strategy for the siting of a disposal facility in Denmark (2021-?)

• Prepare a process for facilitating partnerships with interested local communities and authorities

• Align the partnership process with the process of preparing a disposal facility
Questions?
Thank you for your attention