

A View to Transparency

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Agenda

1. The Danish Case: Building an Ecosystem of Dialogue
2. What did we do?
3. What have we learned?
4. What's next?



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
- Point of Departure: The Two Pillars of the Radioactive Waste Directive, Art. 10: Information and Participation



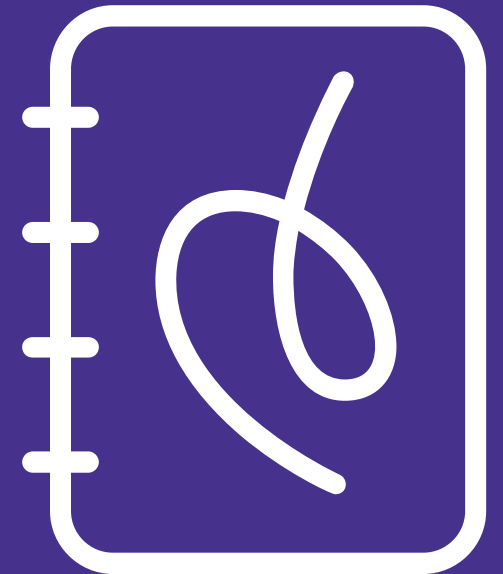
What Did We Do?

- 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

