



**Seagull Water Swedish working group 031016.  
Minutes, summary**

**1. Vital Waters**

Mrs Eva Tejle-Ekbyörn presented the project "Vital waters", run by The Federation of Farmers and Kalmar municipality in co-operation.

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- Keep the nutrients in a closed loop, on the farm/in the products
- Restrain the nutrients that do lead, prevent the nutrients from reaching the sea (wetlands)
- Restore what has been affected

Difficulties:

Difficult to get an overall picture. How is the situation?  
Difficult to explain the benefit from the farmers' point of view.  
Divided responsibilities, how is the main responsible?  
(Nearly) all throw the blame on somebody else.  
Need of pilot projects, who pays?  
Protection of ones preserves!

Important for the future:

Co-operation on all levels  
Knowledge – how to do in the reality  
Understand other views  
Dialogue  
Responsibility from all parts  
All measures are important, also small ones

More information at [http://www.eurobalt.org/admin/doc/wp2/Co-operation\\_SE.pdf](http://www.eurobalt.org/admin/doc/wp2/Co-operation_SE.pdf) and <http://www.kalmar.se/upload/4903/english.pdf>.

**2. News**

The government bill about the new water administration was presented for the Parliament September 25. Later this autumn, the government will decide about where to place the new water authorities. The government has allocated special money for building up a new administration, but no new money for practical water protection measures.

The Swedish EPA has published a "Basic book about water". More detailed advices about how to implement the water framework directive will be presented during spring 2004.

### **3. Subproject Water management**

Presentation of the report "Water management and water protection. Co-operation in Southeast Sweden. Some examples", [http://www.eurobalt.org/admin/doc/wp2/Co-operation\\_SE.pdf](http://www.eurobalt.org/admin/doc/wp2/Co-operation_SE.pdf). During the implementation of the Seagull project more examples, maybe also from the rest of ERB, will be gathered and presented, which means that this report will be continuously revised.

A first draft of a SWOT analyse about local water protection was presented, based on the results of the workshop in August. This analyse will be further discussed during next meeting. We hope that the other partners in the Seagull project will do the same kind of analyse, as a base for a common discussion about strategies and priorities.

### **4. Subproject Pilot area**

The Lyckebyån river water association presented a plan for how to work together with the schools in the river basin area. The plan is called "The house of knowledge" (attached) and is meant for pupils 10-13 years old and their teachers.

The Swedish web page is now translated to English and the English web page will soon be presented at [www.lyckebyan.org](http://www.lyckebyan.org). A report about the pilot area will also soon be presented in English. We hope that the other pilot areas will present the same kind of reports.

### **5. Seagull in general**

Latvia and Russia have got grants from EU, the application from Lithuania was rejected, and Poland will apply for grants during this autumn. Lack of money in the countries outside EU is a problem for the Seagull project. Some parts are delayed. In Seagull Water, the project leader is waiting for information from the other regions, to be able to compile the first report.

All Swedish partners are invited to a meeting in Kalmar November 14.

### **6. International conference June 2004**

According to the Seagull project plan an international water conference is supposed to take place in Sweden in June 2004. The main target group are people working within the Seagull Water project in the different regions, i.e. people from the national and international working groups and people working actively in the pilot areas.

Idea:

Day 1: Conference. Presentation from all partners.  
Hytt sill (hot-shop herring) in the evening

Day 2: Parallel study trips, for example  
Small (one house) waste water plants and treatment of rain water  
The Emå River  
Farmers and measures for better water  
NGO projects about water protection  
Waste water treatment, co-operation between municipality and private company (brewery)  
Restoration of lakes

Suggested dates: 2-4 June 2004.

7. **Administration** Presentation of actual budget situation.

8. **Meetings**

Swedish meetings:

2004-11-24, 2004-01-15, 2004-03-13, 2004-08-26, 2004-10-14, 2004-12-09

International meetings:

Preliminary date for international water working group: 2 December 2003. In Poland?

Swedish conference 2-4 June 2004.

9. **Other**

It was suggested that the Lyckebyån river association invites the farmers within the river basin to a discussion about use of land, use of water, water protection etc.

10. **Inquiry**

Ms Marianne Lindström, The University of Kalmar, presented the results from the inquiry sent to 300 persons within the Lyckebyån river basin area. "The Lyckebyån river – an attitude investigation about water, study 1". This investigation is a part of the evaluation of the work within the pilot area. The investigation will be repeated in the end of the project period, to make it possible to measure the effect of the activities during the project period. The report will, within short, be presented at <http://www.eurobalt.org/admin/>.

Discussion

- Is it possible to extend the inquiry, to add more young people?
- 67% of the people didn't know about the Lyckebyån River Association. What can we do to make the association better known?
- How can we take advantage of that people find the river very important for recreation? Development of the tourism?
- Some people have answered that they are ready to take an active part in the water protection work. How can we take care of these people?

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