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Agreement on a Green Denmark

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Laxenburg
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Current challenges



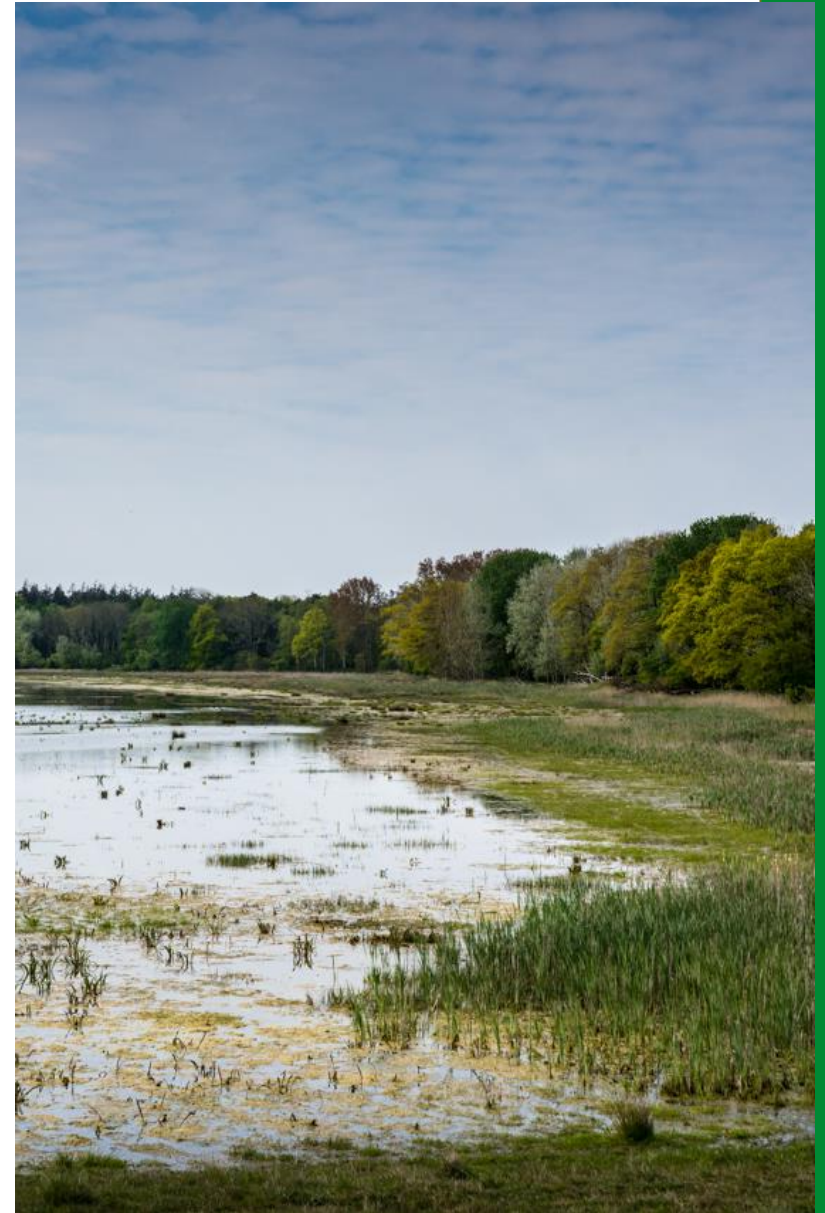
Climate change



Aquatic environment in crisis



Loss of nature and biodiversity



Background & timeline – the political landscape in Denmark

December 2019 – political agreement on a Climate Act with 70 % reductions of GHG in 2030 compared to 1990

December 2020 – Political agreement on a Green Tax Reform

December 2022 – New coalition government (S, M, V)

December 2023 – Terms of reference of the “Green Tripartite”

February 2024 – final report from expert group on CO₂e-tax

June 2024 – A broad agreement between organisational parties – Based on the tradition from Danish labour market

November 2024 – A broad political agreement



August 29th 2024:



Ministeriet for Grøn Trepert

"Ministry of Green
Transition"

Agreements & fact sheets (in Danish)
can be found on <https://mgtp.dk/aftaler/>



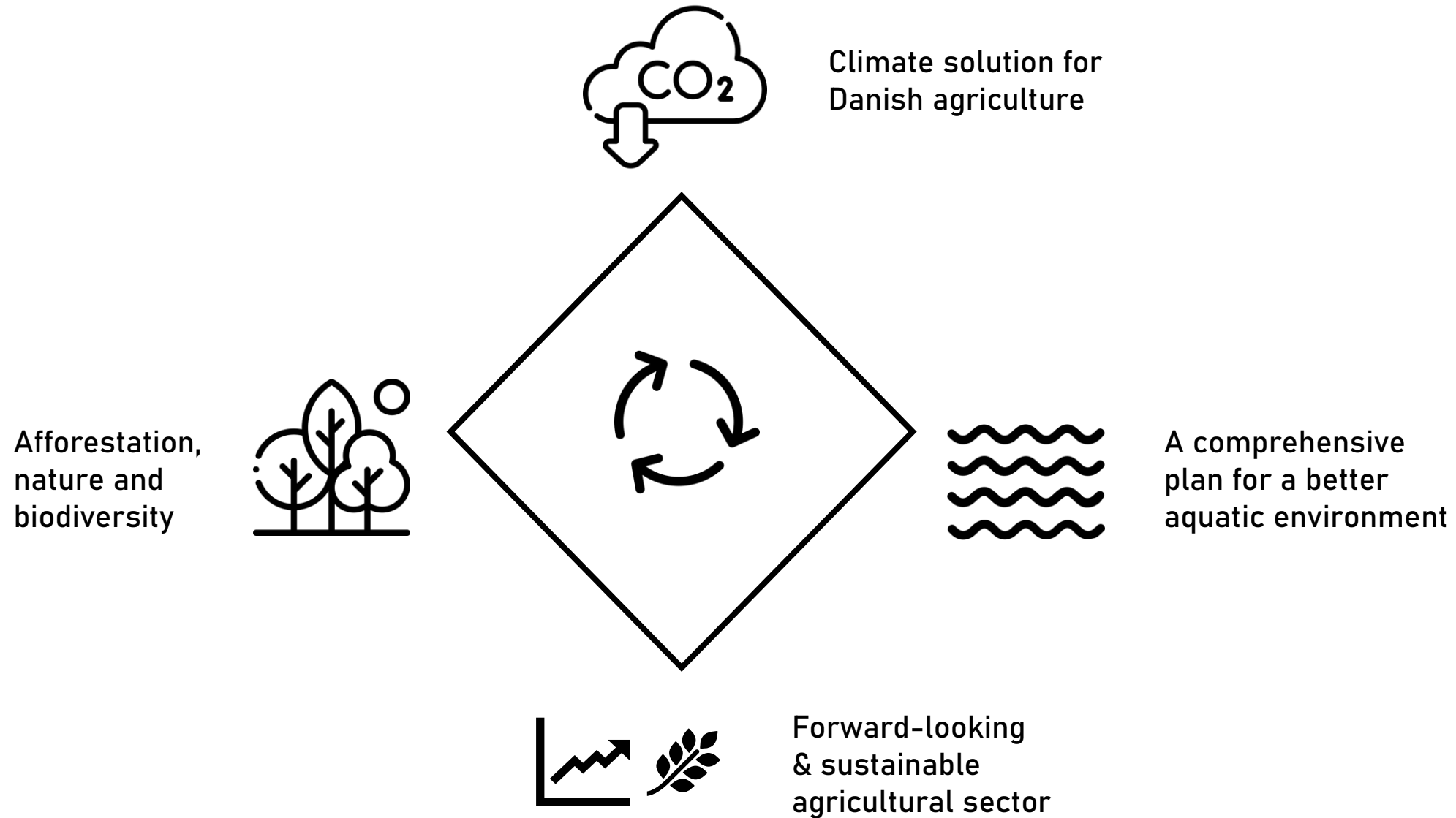
Til højre fødevareminister Jacob Jensen (V) og til venstre miljøminister Magnus Heunicke (S) ved overdragelsen af dele af deres ministerier til den nyudnævnte minister for Grøn Trepert, Jeppe Bruus (S), ved ministerrokaden den 29. august 2024

Ministerium for Grøn Trepert

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Key elements of the agreement



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A climate solution for Danish agriculture

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

Livestock tax gradually increasing

- 2030: Efficient tax rate 16 €/t CO₂e, increasing to 40 €/t CO₂e in 2035

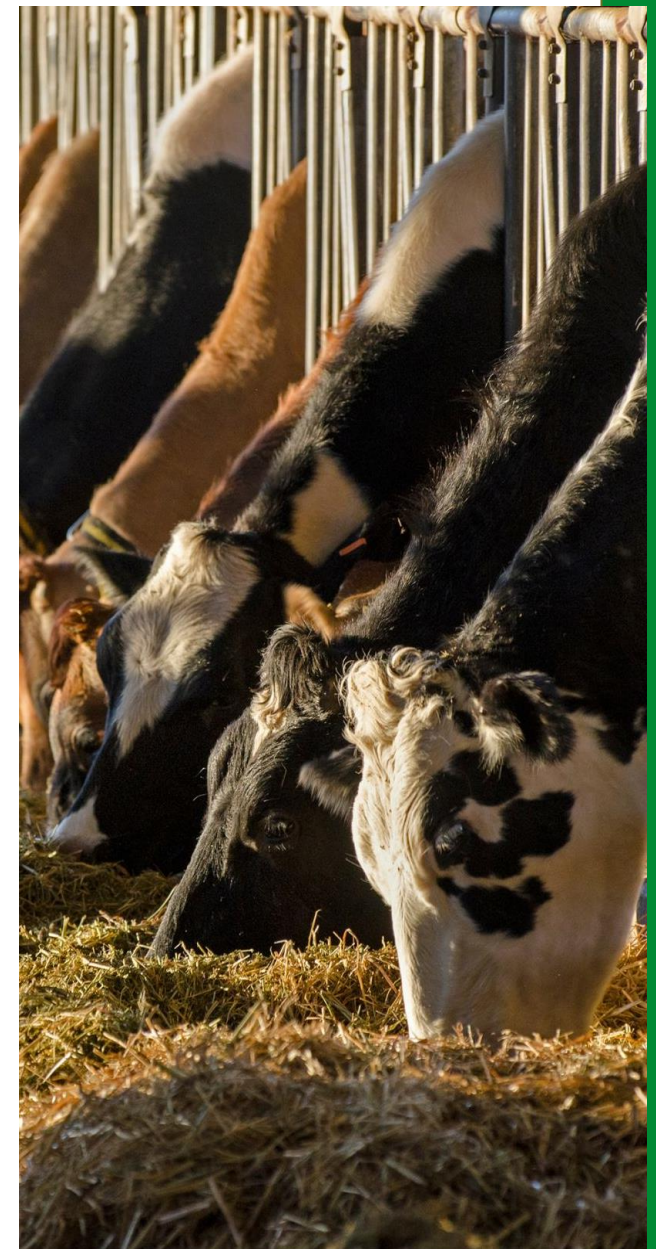
Includes a base reduction of 60% → Adoption of climate measures leads to reduced or no tax.

Return of income from the CO₂e-tax to the agricultural sector to support green transition, e.g. new technologies

From 2028

- Tax on emissions from drained peatlands in agricultural use of 5 €/t CO₂e
Tax on emissions from agricultural lime of 100 €/t CO₂e

Potential for reductions up to 1.8-2.6 mio. tons of CO₂e in 2030



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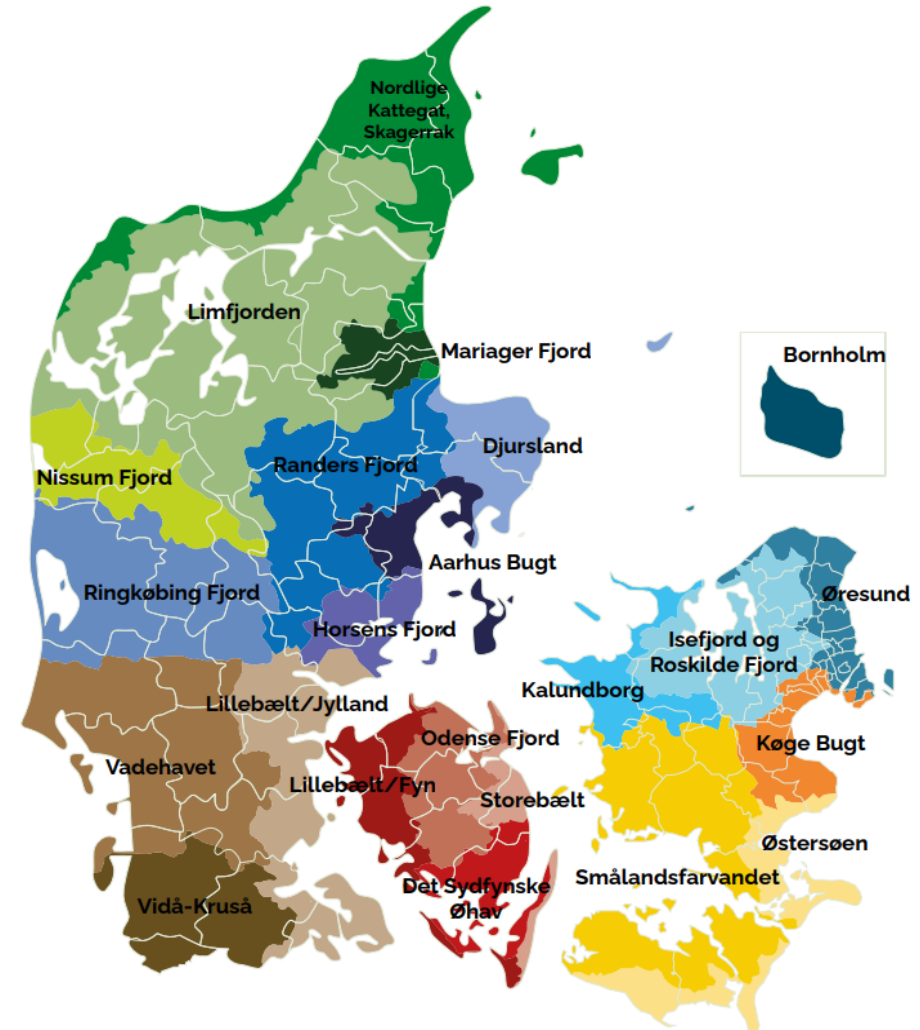
Comprehensive plan for a better water environment

National measures to reduce land-based Nitrogen discharge to coastal waters by 13,800 tons

Enhanced "environmental guarantee" from 2027

Emergency measures in the most challenged areas & new intercalibration of environmental targets

New and improved local ownership of land conversion efforts → 23 local tripartite groups established
→ local land use conversion plans by end of 2025



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Afforestation, nature and biodiversity

Afforestation of 250,000 hectares,
incl. 100.000 hectares unmanaged forest

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

Seven new national nature parks

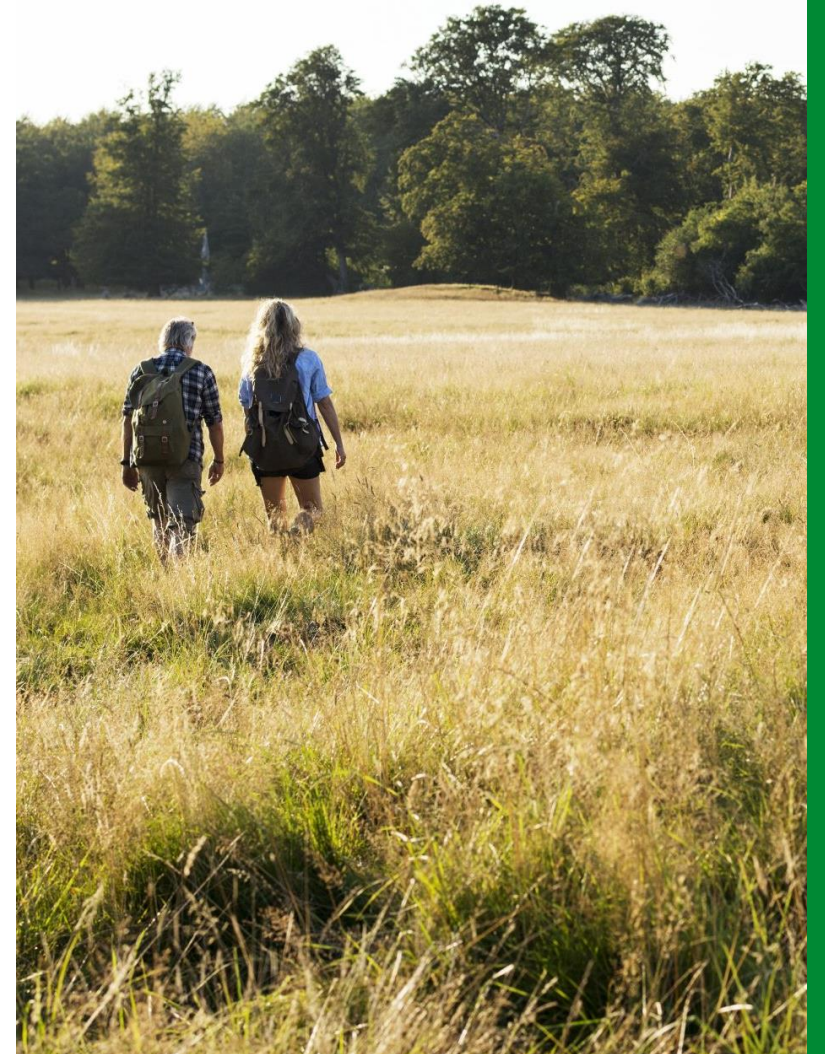


Funding the transition

Main funding: Green Fund (5.8 bio. €)

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

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



Source: <https://novonordiskfonden.dk/nyheder/rammerne-er-klar-for-novo-nordisk-fondens-stoette-til-at-skabe-et-groennere-danmark-med-den-groenne-trepart/>

A new Green Denmark

Reaching Danish climate targets:

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

Good ecological status of all surface waters
(EU Water Framework Directive)

Transforming land use from agriculture to nature and
biodiversity – land use change on 10% of national territory



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Thank you very much!

Any questions?!

