

Danish Water Forum

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Danes do not take access to water for granted!





Danish Water Knowledge

- Introduction to Danish Water Forum
- Tour of the water in Denmark





Danish Water Forum

- Established in 2003
- Water knowledge network of Danish stakeholders
- >50 members: Universities, Producers of equipment, Consultants, Water Companies, Authorities, NGO's etc.
- Support to the Danish water research society
- Support to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Promotion of Danish knowledge through export
- Promotion of knowledge sharing in Denmark





Vision and mission

Vision:

DWF supports Denmark to world-leading in the water sector.

Mission:

DWF supports the water sector by <u>embracing</u> universities, authorities, producers and utilities and supports research, development, innovation and commercialisation of Danish water solutions globally

DWF supports UN in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals



Water in Denmark

Danish water supply based on groundwater for more than 120 years









Whole of Denmark mapped for ground water

- Use of traditional and advanced systems
- Systems capable of mapping changes between sand, clay, silt, gravel, and tills that define the location and potential vulnerability of aquifers down to 500 m
- 1/3 of DK mapped with the SkyTem method (Magnetometer and Gamma Ray)







Groundwater protection

Based on mapping, sensitive groundwater areas have been mapped.

 Contraints to construction of new, potentially polluting industries and other activities, threatening the groundwater





The water distribution network

- Build in concrete, steel and plastic according to "fashion of the time of establishing it"
- Valves built to have same life-expectancy as the pipes (50-70 years)
- Pressure controlled constantly
- Leakage detection systems in all larger sections of the system
- 24/7 supply to 100% of the population









DK: 100-110 l/person/day

(NZ: 160 l/person/day)



Water consumption

High prize for water: 8-15 NZD/m³ (NZ: 3-4 NZD/m³)

Full cost/recovery price (drinking water and sewage water combined)



Liters/person/day Green bar: persons Brown bar: Industrial use



UN: Denmark is under water stress!!



No way! We just do not waste water!







Non-revenue water 5-10 % NRW, Why?

- People report leakages
- Supply companies have leakage teams and modern tracking equipment
- Plans for pipe rehabilitation is a tradition!
- Because water has a value !!!
- District Metering Areas (DMA): Standard!!
- NRW above 10% => Penalty!!







"Listening to the sound of "money" leaking out from the pipe system!"





Dynamic models for the whole supply system

- Where is the water when??
- How to manage the supply?
- Scenario-modeling to predict when there is water scarcity in the supply system





Waste water systems = both combined and separate sewer systems



Main sewers of Copenhagen built 1857 – 1865, and still OK!







...and waste water treatment



Approx 90% treated in public treatment systems and 10 % in single household systems

National water plans from 1987: All systems upgraded => Increase in process and construction knowledge => Energy optimisation



Discharge permits

All wastewater treatment plants have tailor-made discharge permits:

- Based on type of recipient
- Distance to protected aquatic habitats
- Use of models to predict dispersion



Sensor technologies

Sensors are essential for on-line monitoring, control and optimisation of quality, flow, pressure and processes!

- H_2S sensors for the water phase => assessing the corrosion conditions
- Oxygen sensors for optimising treatment processes
- N₂O sensors for dynamic reduction of release from the Climate Gas
- Bacteria sensors online and built into pumps







Energy-neutral wastewater treatment plants

Several Danish WWTP energy neutral or net energy-exporting due to:

- Optimisation of processes (e.g.aeration)
- Better monitoring and control
- Energy-efficient pumps, valves and airblowers
- High sludge-utilisation for gas production
- Highly educated and skilled staff







Advertisement: 21 September 2017: Thought leadership!





Biorefinery



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Heavy rains in Denmark !! Copenhagen, 30 August 2014!!





Climate-proofing Danish urban areas

The climate-proofing of urban areas include:

- Separation of sewage and storm water
- Utilising stormwater as a resource for gardening, reducing pressure on the water resources
- Creating ponds and wetlands in parks (green infrastructure)
- Increasing groundwater recharge
- Integrating features in the city landscape





Modeling of flooding in cities





Symbiosis: 9 industries, sharing resources

9 major Danish industries joining forces to:

- Save water through using each others wastestreams in non-potable contexts (3 million m³/year)
- Energy symbioser by utilising e.g. surplus gas from one company in the production in another company (reduction of 300,000 t CO²/year)
- Exchanging solid and liquid wastestreams to be utilised as raw material in other products

30 years of experience!!





Summing up!

Denmark and water is driven by:

- Innovation and efficiency
- The water sector is in a constant move towards new technologies
- "Push n' Pull" incentives
- The utility sector is very attractive for young water scientists





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