



LIFE IP Rich Waters - creating momentum for implementing the WFD in Sweden

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Rich Waters: The first integrated LIFE project in Sweden



Project period: 2017 – 2024

Total budget: € 30 million (of which €10 EU funding)

Goal:
implementation
Water Framework
Directive

Boosting the
of the



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Gaps analysis

- Insufficient knowledge and data to identify the most cost-effective measures and to set priorities
- Lack of efforts to develop new technology and innovative measures
- Lack of best-practice working methods for strategic water planning
- Need for more and better examples and pilot projects
- Lack of eco systems approach and insufficient consideration of climate issues

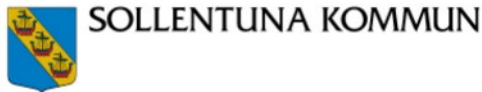
For the benefit of our common waters



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Action through 5 thematic areas



Improve water planning



Reduce eutrophication from agriculture, wastewater and storm water



Reduce eutrophication from internal loading



Create free fish migration passages



Reduce environmental pollutants



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Northern Baltic Sea RBD



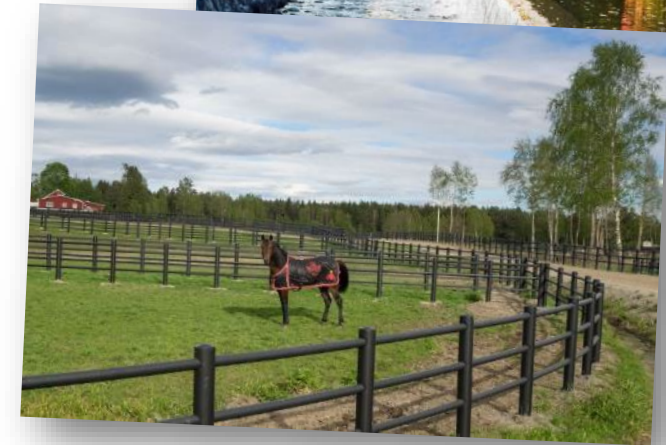
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-  Environmental pollutants
-  Eutrophication – internal loading
-  Eutrophication – agriculture
-  Eutrophication – waste and storm water
-  Water planning



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Concrete measures – good examples

- Measures against nutrient leakage from horse keeping
- Multifunctional water parks
- Full lake aluminium treatment
- Sediment removal through low-flow dredging technique
- Mussel farming
- Fauna passages, connectivity restoring
- Remediation of contaminated areas using salix plantation
- Boat bottom washes





Some lessons learned

- Phase amendments are a blessing!
- Be clear about division of responsibilities between coordinating partner and beneficiaries!
- Think about the After-LIFE plan and sustainability of results at the outset!
- Document lessons learned continuously!
- Milestones and deliverables – who is the user?
- A lot will happen at the end of the project – be prepared!

Complex project design

Already strained staff

Heavy EU-administration

Budgetary difficulties



Is it worth it?
What is the real value?



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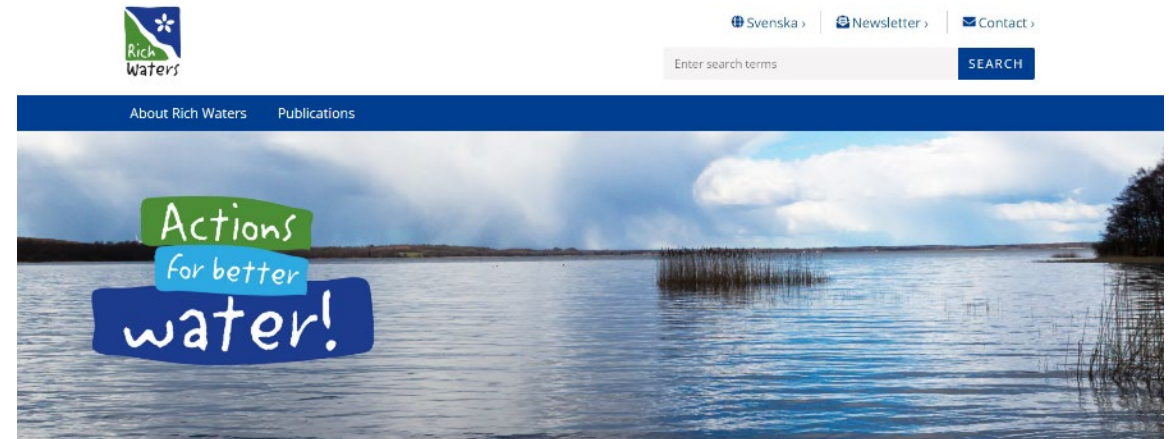
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LIFE IP Rich Waters

LIFE IP Rich Waters tackles some of the most serious environmental problems that affect the quality and vitality of the water bodies of the Northern Baltic Sea River Basin – eutrophication, barriers to fish migration and environmental pollutants. LIFE IP Rich Waters aims at developing new and better methods to combat these problems in a cost-effective way.



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