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Spatial energy planning for the decarbonisation of islands and rural areas – methodologies, techniques and best practices.

A holistic plan that brings the stakeholders to plan together.

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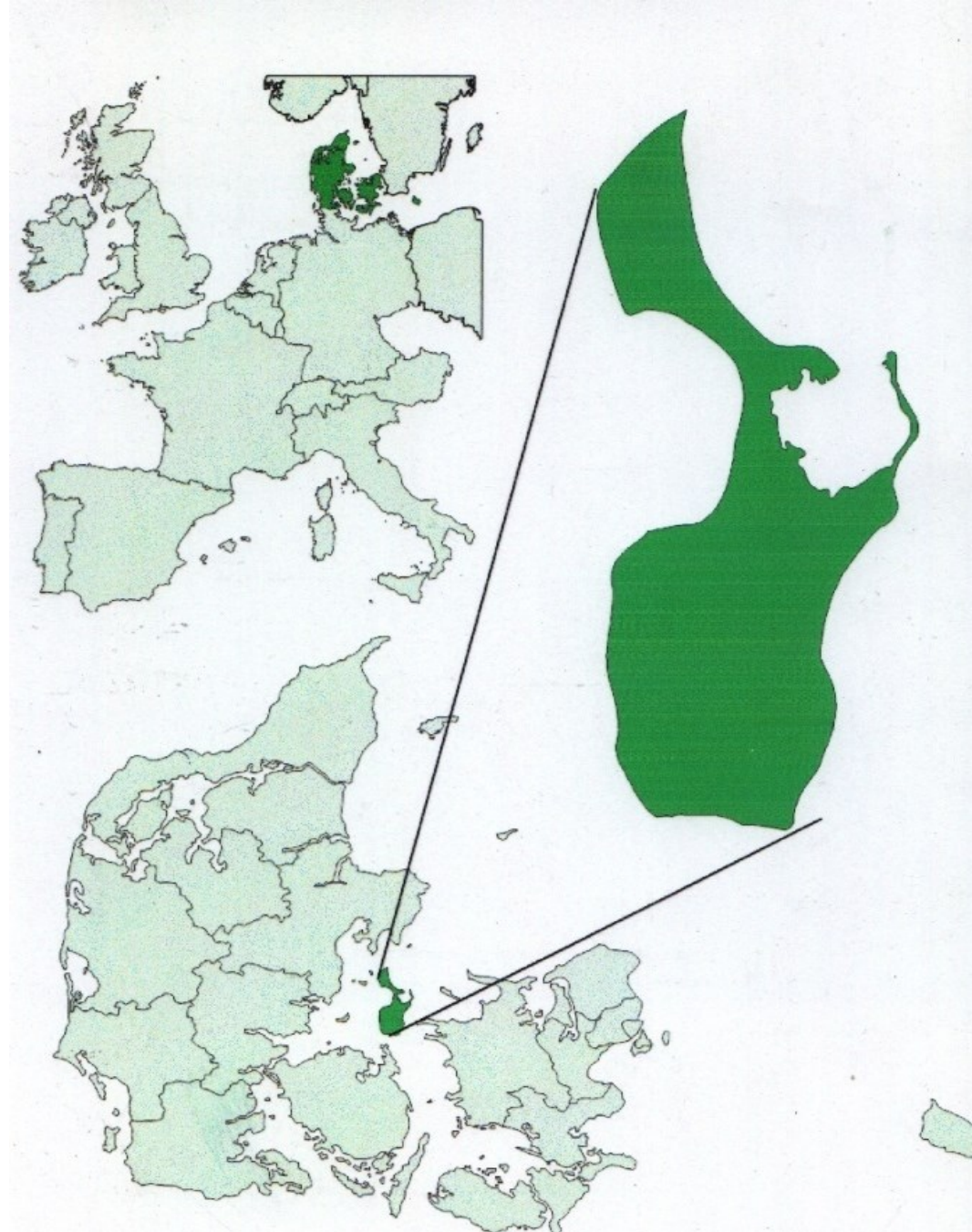


Samsø
Kommune

Tourism, Farming
Renewable
energy*, and ...
3650 people

3rd smallest
municipality in
Denmark out of 98

**) Electric cable to the mainland*



Citizen's meetings: Energy, Climate and the collaboration with DK2020, Land use and multifunctional land distribution



Workshops



Torsdag den 6. februar 2025

Landbrugets
klimaomlægning



Onsdag den 5. marts 2025

Klimafokuseret turisme-
og erhvervsudvikling



Mandag den 10. marts 2025

Energiomstilling og
CO2reduktion i landsbyer
og sommerhusområder



Mandag den 31. marts 2025

Fremtidens
arealanvendelse

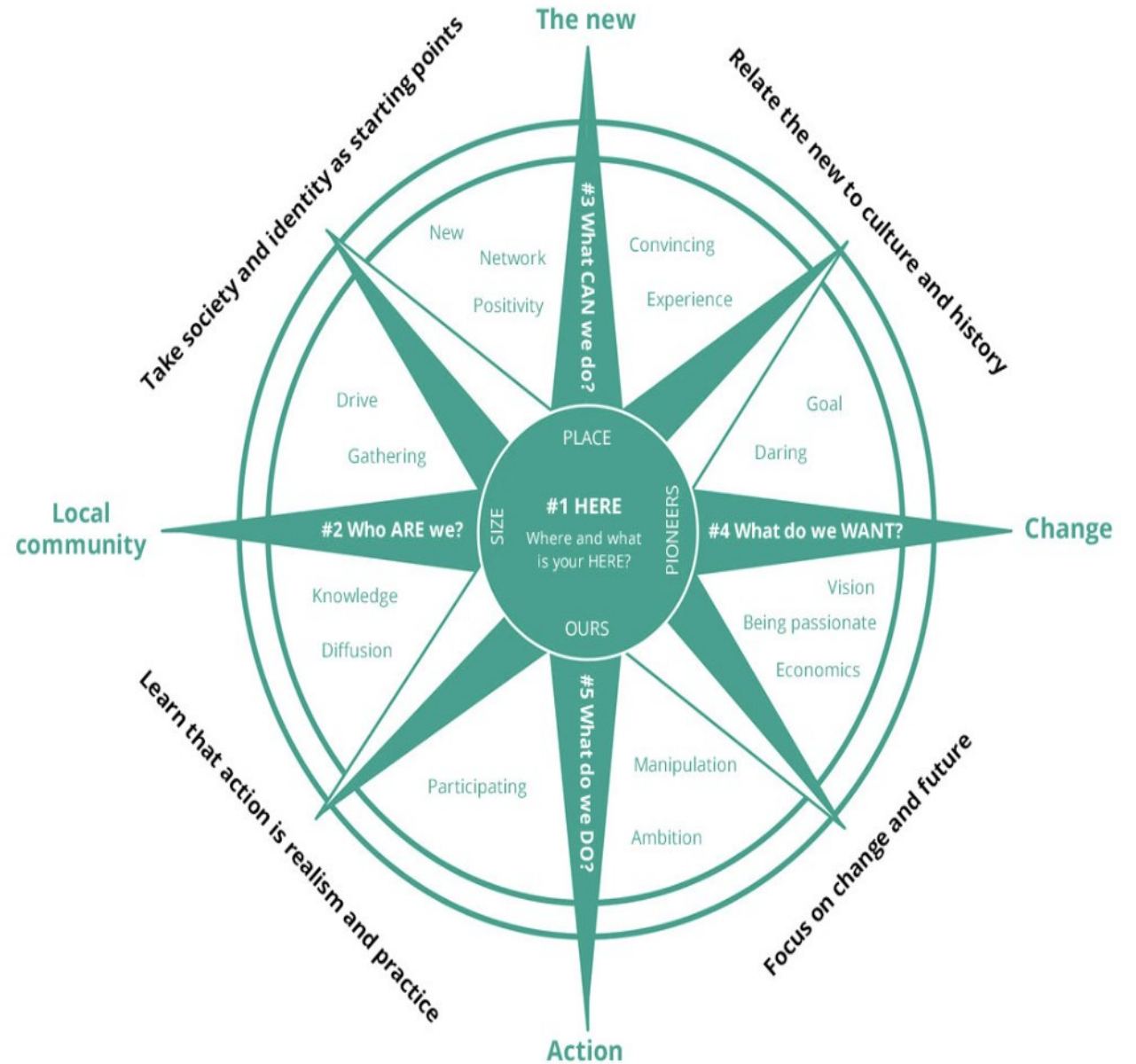
THE VISION OF SAMSO AS A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL ISLAND

- 1997 - Denmark's renewable energy island
- 1997 - 2007 100% self-sufficient in renewable energy
- 2007 - 2030 Fossil-free island
- In 2030, Samsø will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent compared to 1990.
- Samsø must be a climate-neutral island in 2050. Municipal board decision - 100% more renewable energy than own consumption
- In 2030, Samsø must be an island that has and will continuously adapt to and mitigate climate change - a climate-robust island.

Collaboration between sectors is a necessary condition for a successful sustainable transition.



Dialogue — At Samsø Energy Academy we mobilise the community and facilitate the ability of the community to carry out complex tasks in collaboration between the citizen, the administration and the private sector. Four examples of our work.



FOCUS AREAS / STAKEHOLDERS

INFRASTRUCTURE/TRANSPORT

Samsø Shipping Company (municipal)

Samsø Transport (municipal)

Samsø Electric Transport Association (citizens)

Samsø Energy Academy (NGO)

HEATING

Green Heating Samsø (municipal)

Ballen Brundby District Heating (Cooperative society)

Onsbjerg District Heating (private)

The Craftsmen's Association (Citizens)

Samsø Energy Academy (NGO)

Samsø Broadband connection (Commercial)

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Samsø Renewable Energy (municipal)

Samsø Energy Academy (NGO)

Central Denmark Region/Danish parliament

AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE

Samsø Farmers' Association/Organic Agriculture Fund

University of Copenhagen and Samsø Energy Academy (Plan 22+)

Central Denmark Region/Danish parliament

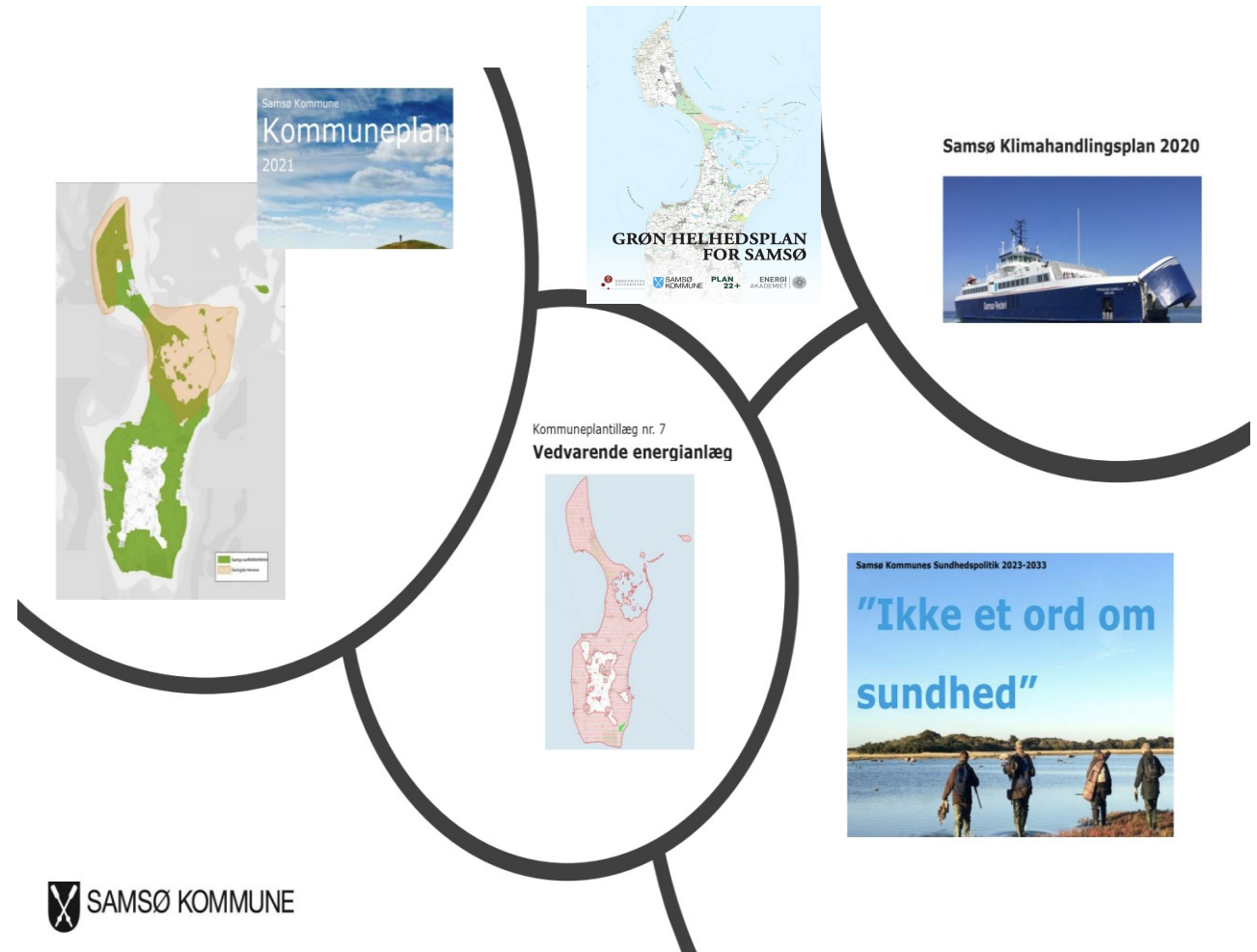
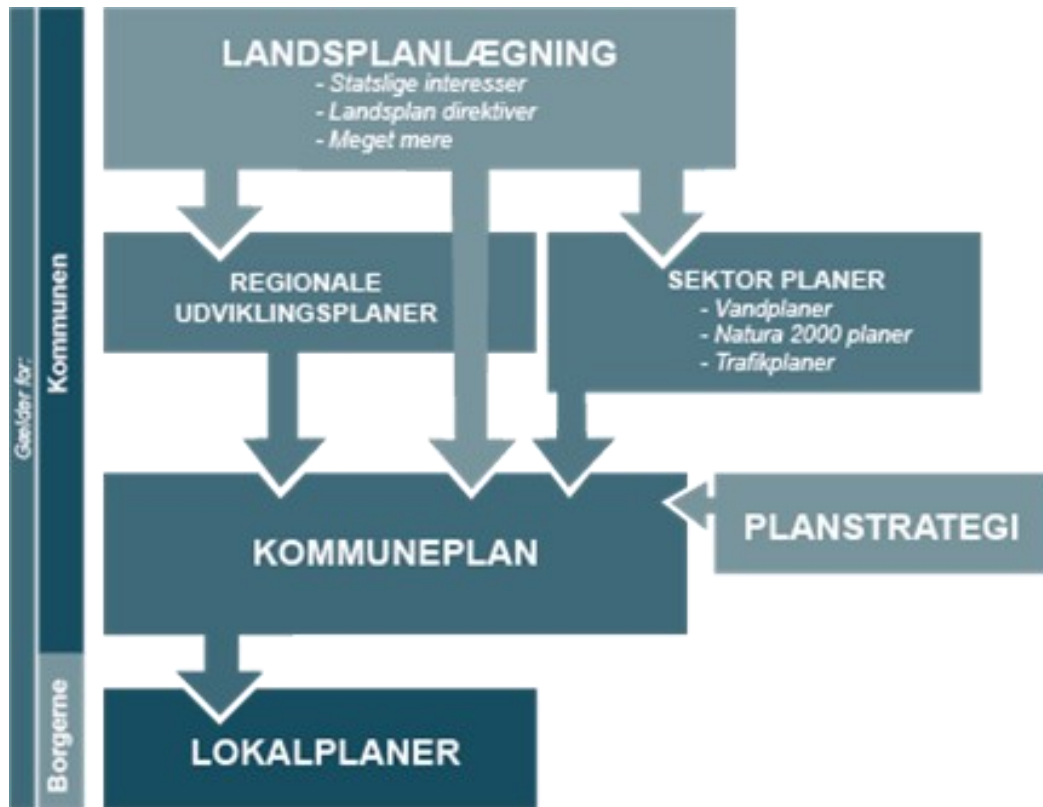
CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Samsø Wastewater

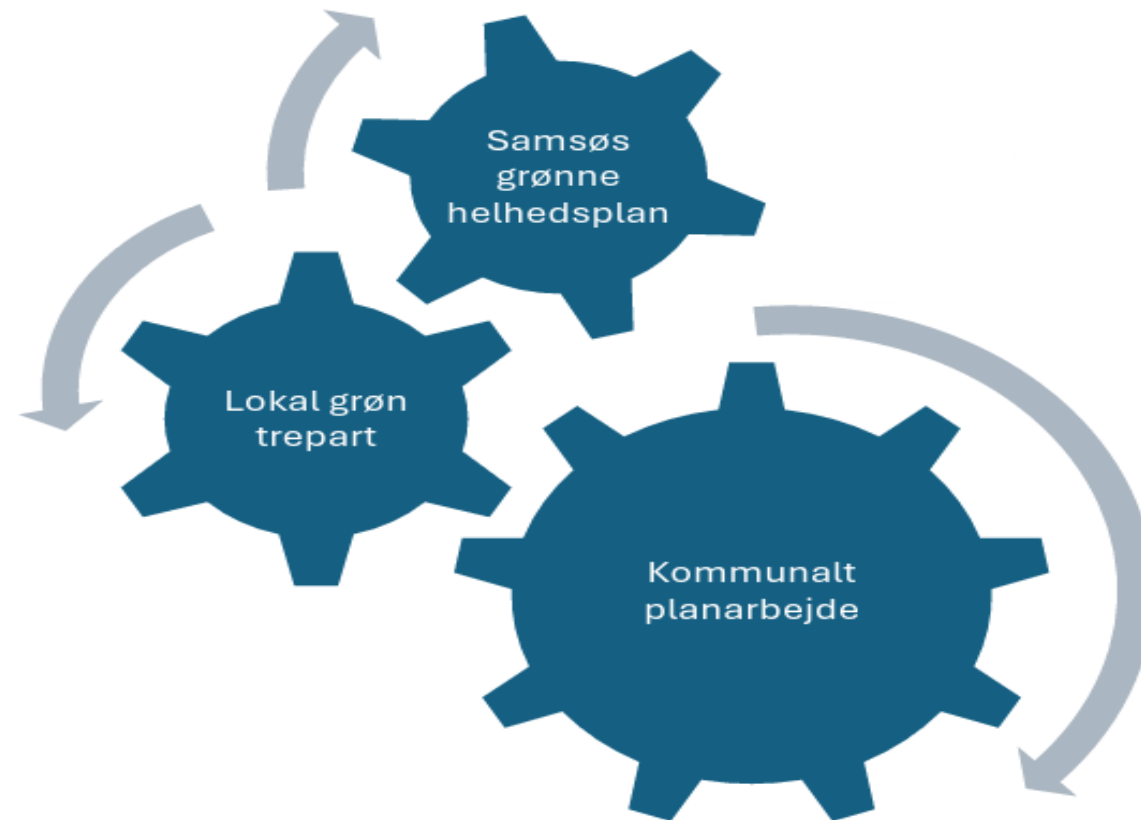
Samsø Farmers' Association

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The plan hierarchy

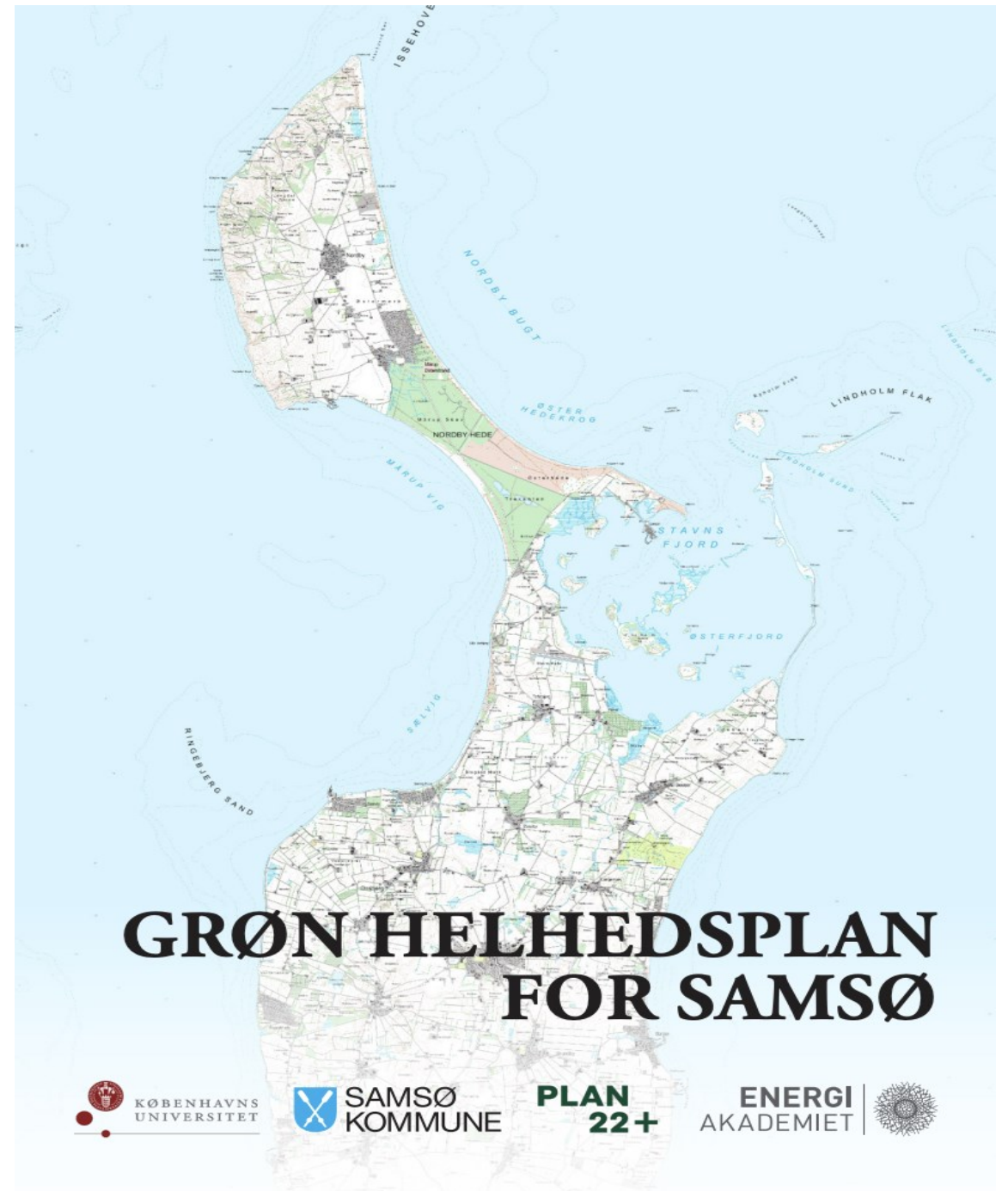
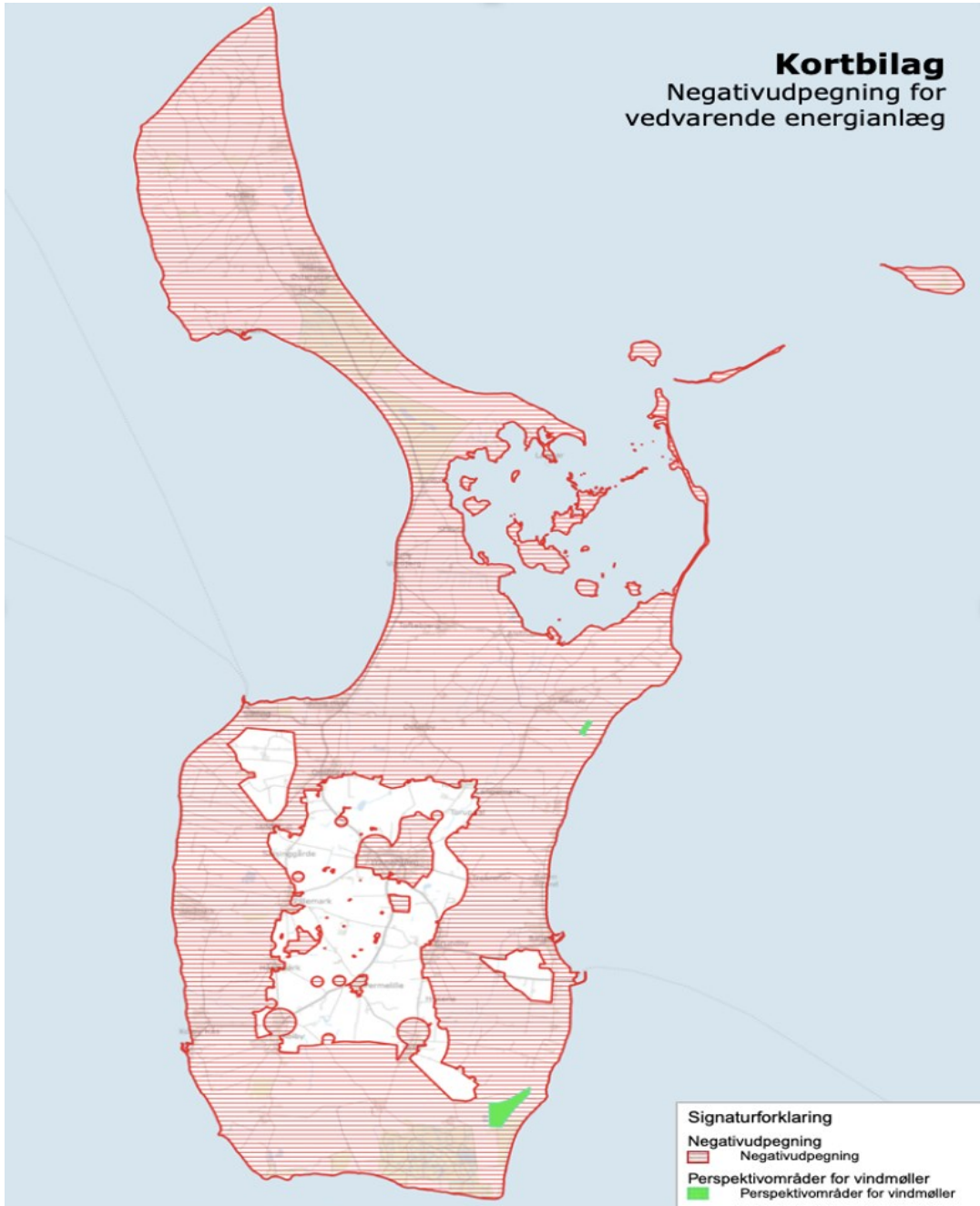


Municipal plan, Local green tripart and Samsø's green master plan



Kortbilag

Negativudpegning for vedvarende energianlæg



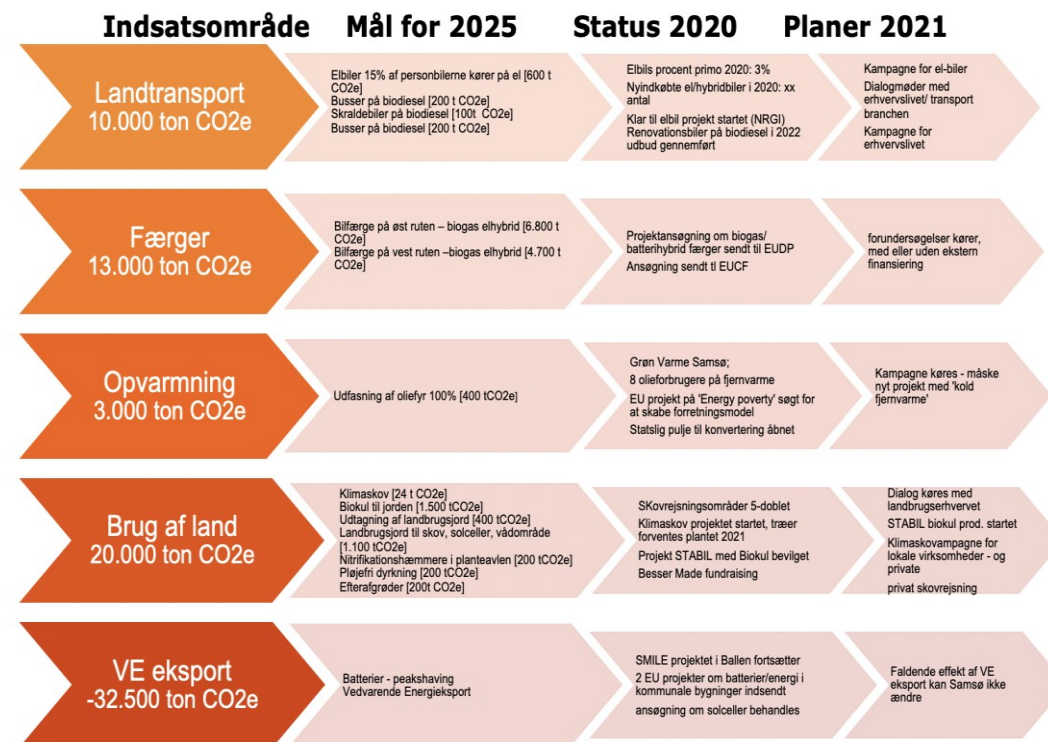
Samsø Klimahandlingsplan 2020



Besluttet af Kommunalbestyrelsen på Samsø den 26. maj 2020.

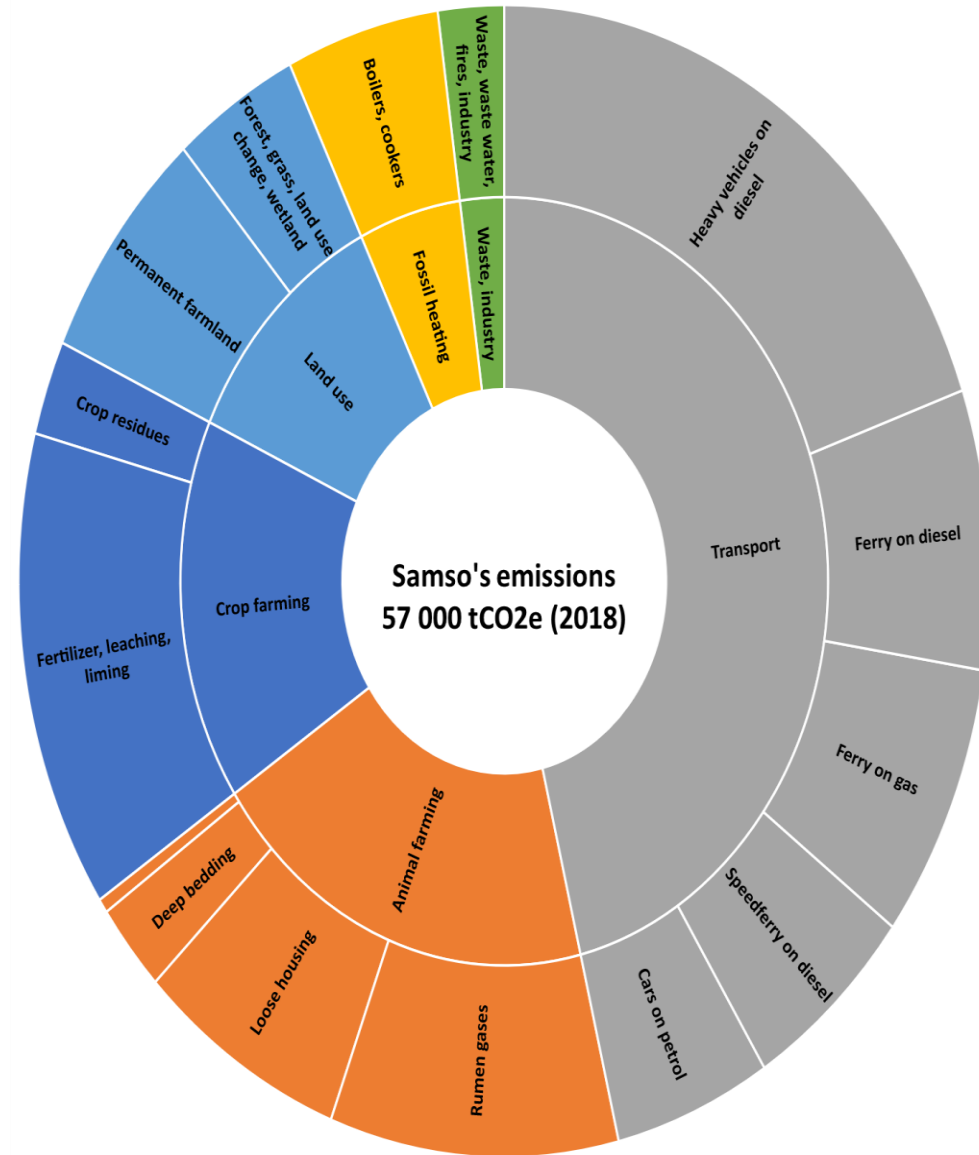


Climate action plan, status and goals



CO2 Footprint of Samsø

Samsø municipality got a CO2 accounting system in 2020



Value for the money!

2025 Handlinger	CO_{2e} reduktion i tusinde ton	mio kr til plan og proces	mio kr i samfunds- investeringer
Biogasanlæg på Samsø – gylleeffekt	1,3	0,4	60
Forflydning af biogas til transport*	0	0,1	20
Power to X - metanisering til biogas*	0	0,25	20
Færge på vestruten til Jylland - biogas elhybrid	6,8	0,1	25
Færge på østruten til Sjælland - biogas elhybrid	4,7	0,1	0,5
Elbiler 15% af personbilerne kører på el	0,6	0,3	50
Busser på biodiesel	0,2	0,1	0,5
Skraldebiler på biodiesel	0,1	0,25	0,5
Besser Made - Natur- og klimagenopretning	0,2	0,3	2,5
Klimaskov	0,0	0,15	0,1
Termisk forgasset biokul til jorden	1,5	0,25	8
Udtagning af landbrugsjord (300 ha)	0,4	0,2	15
Landbrugsjord til skov, solceller, vådområde (300 ha)	1,1	0,2	2
Nitrifikationshæmmere i planteavl	0,2	0,1	0
Pløjefri dyrkning + 20% areal	0,2	0,25	0
Efterafgrøder + 20% areal	0,2	0,25	0
Batterier – peakshaving	0,0	0,1	5
Vedvarende Energieksport	0,0	0,1	300
Klimatilpasning - Sørenden og Ålebækken	0,0	0,3	10
I alt	17,6	3,8	519,1

Radical societal development calls for top-down and bottom-up to walk hand in hand.



Dialogue — The ambition of creating radical societal development, such as green transitions, requires national political frameworks and objectives which can facilitate a solid bottom-up integration process ultimately strengthening the local community.



Freedom in a common brings ruin to all
(Hardin 1968)



Lerchenborg, Asnæs
(61 MW dc, 43.6 MW ac, 80 ha,
1750 SMA inverters,
Astroenergy panels)

Photo: Wirsol.com

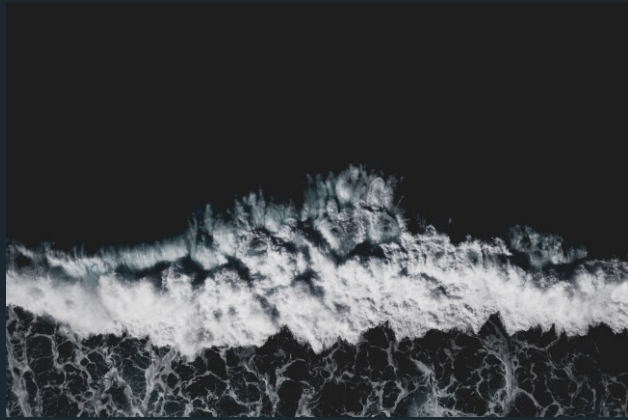


CEBW - FUTURE WITHOUT WASTE

With the grip of the circular economy and a budget of DKK 125 million, 39 partners from all over Denmark are creating the basis for a society where waste prevention as well as more reuse and recycling become a practical option. Both for companies, systems and ordinary people. (2022-2029)

INTERREG ReNutriWater

The green frontrunner island of Samsø has long worked with circular processes on the island. Now the wastewater must also be recycled. And the best solutions for recycling are to be found in European cooperation. (2023-2026)



BARREEF: Coastal protection with artificial reefs to be tested on Samsø

Samsø has been chosen as a pilot municipality in the DTU project BARREEF. The project investigates whether new reefs in the sea can protect the coasts from erosion and at the same time create better marine habitats for marine life. (2023-)



Participation in complementary applications submitted spring 2024 :

- EU HORIZON DISCWATER decentralized water management (Wastewater)
- EU HORIZON 4 draught - Naturebased solutions irrigation. SE
- EU LIFE ACT - SECAP (water, drought, pyrolysis etc.)
- EU INTERREG ØKS Solar Farming, Living Lab (AgriPV) - SE
- EUDP Battereuse - 2nd lifecycle batteries (Balance capacity)
- Innovation Fund PROTECT - groundwater project (Drone project)

Challenges for Samsø Municipality

Financing: Securing sufficient funds to implement the necessary projects and investments – especially in light of the size/critical mass.

Technological development: The need to keep up with the rapid development in technology and innovation in order to implement the most effective solutions.

Behavioural change: Getting all citizens and businesses to change habits and take part in climate action.

Coordination and collaboration: Effective coordination between different actors and levels of government to ensure coherent efforts.



Conclusion: Spatial planning as a Driver for Settlement and Local Economy on Samsø

✓ Active participation in the Spatial energy planning, Green Master Plan & Local green tripart enables:

- Attractive conditions for new residents – Young families with kids
 - Clear planning and bold visions attract families and newcomers
 - A unique blend of green energy, nature, and village life supports quality of life
- A stronger local economy
 - New jobs in green industries and construction
 - Increased activity in local businesses, crafts, and tourism
- Long-term value creation for Samsø
 - Land use as a strategic tool for sustainable development
 - A green and resilient island community – for people and nature alike
 - Survival of the island as a thriving whole year society!



Samsø leads the way again as a green development island – where holistic plans become reality

Thank you for your attention!

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