

Workshop on institutional arrangements for policy integration - transport / health / environment in Berlin 23-24 January 2006

# **Practicing the Aalborg Commitments**

## **- Integrating planning, transport and environment in politics**

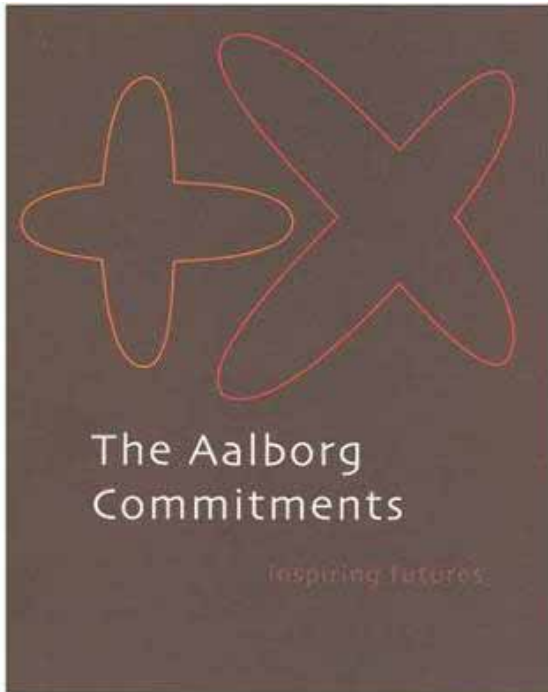
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# City of Aalborg



- Fourth largest city in Denmark
- 163,000 inhabitants
- 560 km<sup>2</sup>

# International



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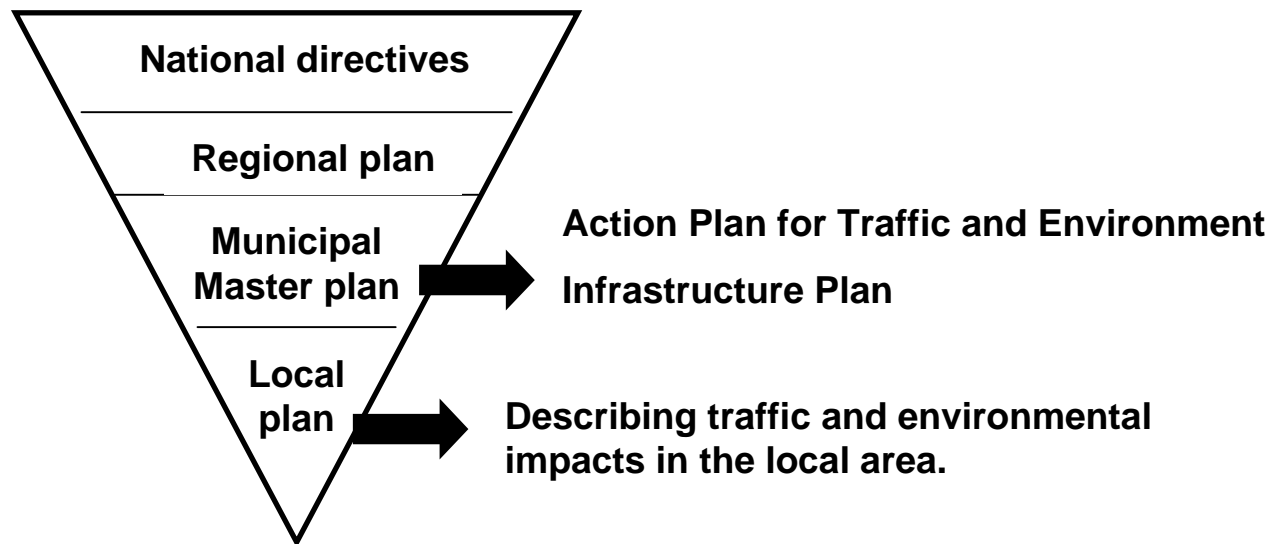
- **Aalborg Charter 1994:** European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns in Aalborg. The aim is to work towards Sustainable Urban Mobility Patterns by giving priority to ecologically sound means of transport and making a combination of these means the centre of planning efforts. (2,500 European cities have now signed the charter)
- **Aalborg Commitments 2004:** Follow up Conference in June 2004 on the 1994 Sustainable Cities & Towns Conference. (Now there are 285 full signatories and 27 declarations of intention)

# Aalborg Commitments 2004

- The Aalborg Commitments includes a transport section.
- All sections have been mapped out in 2005 as part of the obligation in the charter.

# National level and vertical integration

## Danish Planning System – The Planning Act



Exchange of information and guidelines on national, regional and local level ~ vertical integration

# Local level and horizontal integration

**Action Plan for Traffic and Environment 1994, 1999 and 2005**

**Public Transport Plan 2004**



**Infrastructure Plan 2005**

Information, public hearings and agreements with stakeholders.

# Action Plan for Traffic and Environment (1)



- A tool to implement Traffic and Environment in the long-term planning and politics.
- A tool to coordinate and integrate the large number of plans and measures within environment and traffic.

# Action Plan for Traffic and Environment (2)



## Selected measures:

- Environment zone within the city centre.
- Calming the traffic growth and improve public transport. (Part of the VIVALDI project)
- Encourage alternative use of cars, e.g. car sharing. (Part of the VIVALDI project)
- Improve traffic safety

# The Action Plan for Traffic and Environment and the Aalborg Commitments



- Working for a reduction in private transport by car and an increased use of public transport.
- Encourage the use of less polluting vehicles.
- Reduction of the health effects from transportation.

# Recommendations

- Use long-term planning
- Be honest and open in your communication.
- Keep the politicians involved – it results in a political ownership.
- By following these recommendations both the horizontal and vertical integration will be easier to reach.

# Thank you

## Questions?

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The Aalborg Commitments: <http://www.aalborgplus10.dk/>

The VIVALDI project: <http://www.vivaldiproject.org/>

Action Plan for Traffic and Environment: <http://www.aalborg.dk/NR/ronlyres/D867F1E0-66FB-4C85-99DE-507D777AD44B/5974/Trafikogmiljehandlingsplan2005.pdf>

Infrastructure Plan 2005 : <http://www.aalborg.dk/NR/ronlyres/5654A66A-F42A-40DB-BA7C-C9DA5411E692/5760/Visioner.pdf>

Public Transport Plan 2004: <http://www.aalborgbus.dk/trafikplanlav2003-02-11.pdf>

