Danish Traffic Noise Strategy

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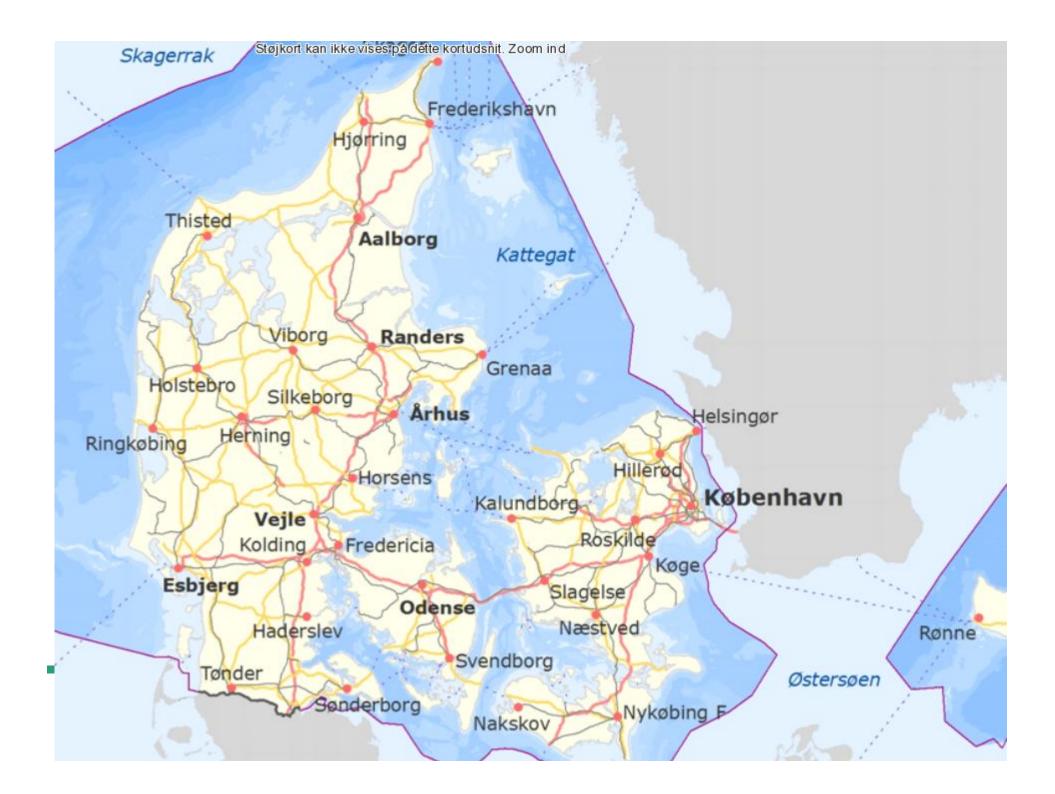
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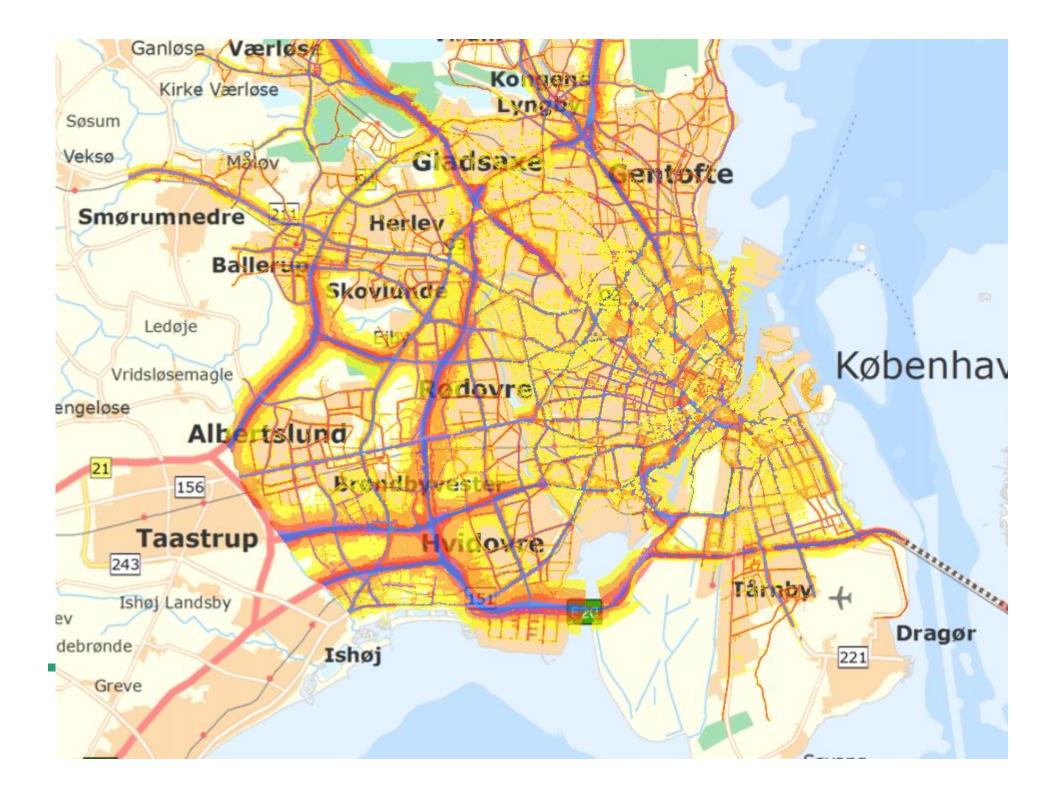
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- Multi-stakeholder approach
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Conclusions

- 1/3 of all dwellings are affected
- The challenge is on municipal roads
- Put a price on noise!
- It pays to reduce noise
- Noise partnerships
- Find new partners "outside the noise world"
- Multistakeholder-approach





Background

- Problem stabilized but not at all solved in Denmark
- 1/3 of all dwellings affected
- National Noise Strategy launched in 2003
- Evaluated in 2010
- The big challenge is on municipal roads
- Use of thin-layer asphalt and lower speed limits in cities
- AP gives added value





Putting a price on noise

- 2003: Annually 200-500 premature deaths in DK due to noise
- Annoyance valued by a study of house prices
- Price on noise: annoyance
 + health effects







Costs and benefits in a Danish context

- Which are the most costeffective tools?
- Gains come from a rise in house prices and less sickness/death
- Most tools give a positive socio-economic result
- It pays to reduce noise!
- Next step: price for quiet areas, cyclists, pedestrians.





Cost-benefit results – theoretical calculations

ΤοοΙ	Investment EUR p/y 2005-20 1) Widespread use 2) Moderate use	Socioeconomic result Mill. EUR Per year
Asphalt	143 mill. (4000 km)	+269
("drain")	31 mill. (850 km)	+233
Asphalt	6 mill. (4000 km)	+221
("Thin layer")	1 mill. (850 km)	+146
Windows	56 mill. (135.000 dwe) 7 mill. (20.000 dwe)	+176 +49
Lower speed	0 mill. (1700 km)	-46
limit	0 mill. (164 km)	+43
Noise	191 mill. (700 km)	-109
screens	44 mill. (150 km)	+15
Tyres	Private costs 1 dB (all vehicles)	+46
Engines	Private costs 1 dB (all vehicles)	+105



Who is going to invest?

- The local authorities have to find investments
- The state will pay extra on state roads
- Financial noise partnerships between municipalities and homeowners?
- New partners?





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Conclusions

- Potential in next generation AP
- Put a price on noise
- It pays to reduce noise!
- Noise partnerships co-finansing
- Find new partners "outside the noise world".
- Multistakeholder-approach.
- Communication, communication and more communication



