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The project

- The landscape project is a national pilot project which aims to see how relevant topics of the European Landscape Convention can be implemented locally through the local planning processes.
- We use the established planning processes and supply the planning authorities with resources to carry out landscape analyses and encourage an extra focus on landscape in the final planning documents.
- The experiences we draw from this will hopefully be of importance for the further landscape planning strategies in Norway.
- There is put an extra focus on participation with local inhabitants, businesses, voluntary groups, schools etc
- The landscape project is based on a co operation between Hordaland County Council (regional policy), the Hordaland County Governor (state policy), and 4 municipalities: Lindås, Granvin, Samnanger and Sund.

Conclusions

- Landscape analysis is an important tool for decision makers in order to understand the 3-dimensional effects of planning and activate people's own ideas about landscape value. Hands on knowledge!
- Project participation gives a local knowledge boost, but we need to make sure that new politicians and administrative staff 'inherit' this knowledge.
- Landscape analysis and participation strategies need to be correctly addressed; for what and whom do we plan?

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