Practicing the Aalborg Commitments
- Integrating planning, transport and environment in politics

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- Fourth largest city in Denmark
- 163,000 inhabitants
- 560 km²
International

• **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


Public Transport Plan 2004

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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