

# Managing a shared resource together



## Nyköping river

All EU Member States now use river basin management plans to protect and improve water in rivers, lakes, estuaries, coasts, and groundwater. A Swedish FLAG project has successfully demonstrated how effective partnership approaches can be used to implement such territorial planning tools.

Prior to the FLAG project, no coherent management plan was in place for the Nyköping River from South East Sweden. Furthermore, there was a lack of consensus among different interests groups (fisheries and tourism operators) about how to manage the river resource in a mutually beneficial and sustainable manner. The local FLAG was able to address these issues by bringing together public and private sector stakeholders to establish a common agreement. An environmental consultancy firm facilitated the work which used communication tools effectively to secure a balance between socio-economic and environmental interests. Positive outcomes have improved working relations between key players and led to a comprehensive framework of solutions for managing the Nyköping river, whilst also laying the groundwork for future FLAG activities.

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#### RESULTS (AFTER 1 YEAR):

- > Establishment of a partnership between 9 organisations
- > Development of a shared river management plan
- > Fewer conflicting interests

#### SUCCESS FACTORS:

- > Allocating sufficient resources to address conflicting interests with a dedicated platform
- > Giving under-represented stakeholders a voice

#### TOTAL PROJECT COST: €53 803.76

- > EFF Axis 4: €26 901.88
- > National co-financing: €26 901.88

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