

The Everyone can Flourish Story of the Åland Islands

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Åland Islands

30 000 residents - Autonomous
parliament, legislation and
own flag. Demilitarized.

Milestone 2014

Ålands lagting (the Åland parliament) and the Government of Åland chose to adopt a common pursuit of total sustainable development in Åland no later than 2051.

In accordance with a science-based and internationally recognized definition of sustainable development; *four sustainability principles.*



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The 4 Sustainability Principles

In a sustainable society, **nature is not subject to *systematically*** increasing...

1. ...concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust (fossil fuels, metals and minerals)
2. ...concentrations of substances produced by society (synthetic substances, chemicals that contain persistent substances)
3. ...degradation by physical means (over-exploitation of natural resources, including water, forests, fish-stocks or farmland)
4. And, in that society, **people are not subject to *structures* that *systematically undermine*** their capacity to meet their needs, including health, influence, skills development, impartiality and creation of meaning.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

13 CLIMATE ACTION

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

15 LIFE ON LAND

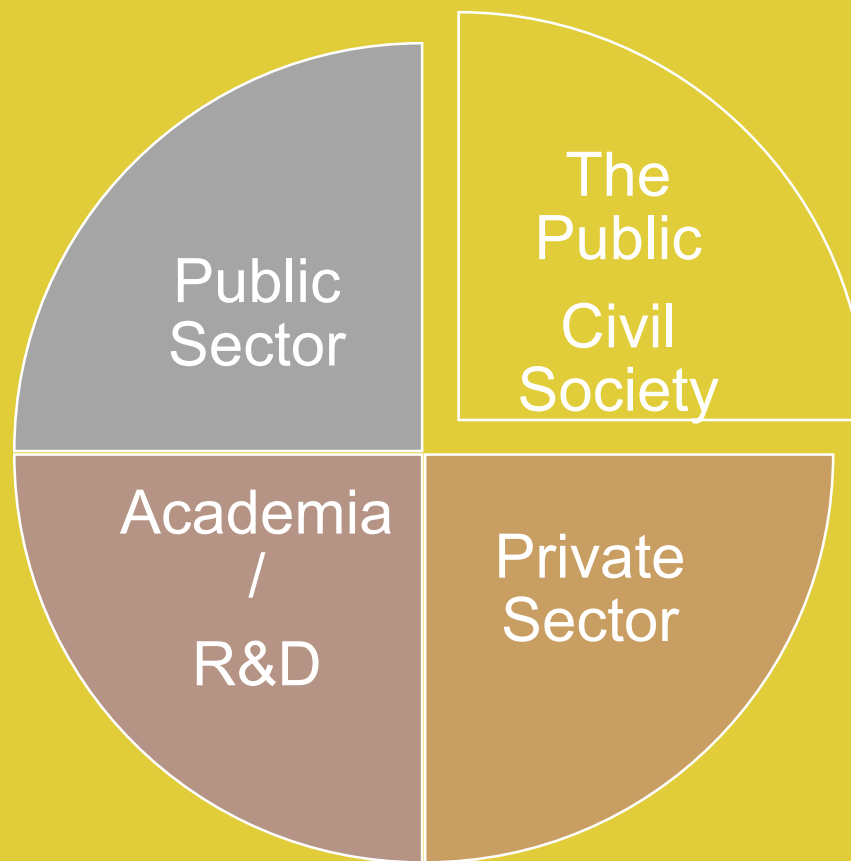
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2015 – Mission impossible?

A grassroot-driven
partnership
in a Network



The Network barkraft.ax was
founded in February 2016,
by all the above sectors.



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THE VISION





**EVERYONE CAN FLOURISH
IN A VIABLE SOCIETY
ON THE ISLANDS OF PEACE**



THE SEVEN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To be reached by 2030

1 Happy people whose inherent resources increase

2 Everyone feels trust and has real possibilities to participate in society

3 All water is of good quality

4 Ecosystems in balance and biological diversity

5 Attractive for residents, visitors and businesses

6 Significantly higher proportion of energy from renewable sources, plus increased energy efficiency

7 Sustainable and mindful patterns of consumption and production



Role of the Government: Enabler



A team-builder that gathers the energy of the public sector and, in the long term, of all Åland society.

Responsible for acting proactively as a catalyst and coordinator for the realization of the Vision and the Strategic Development Goals.

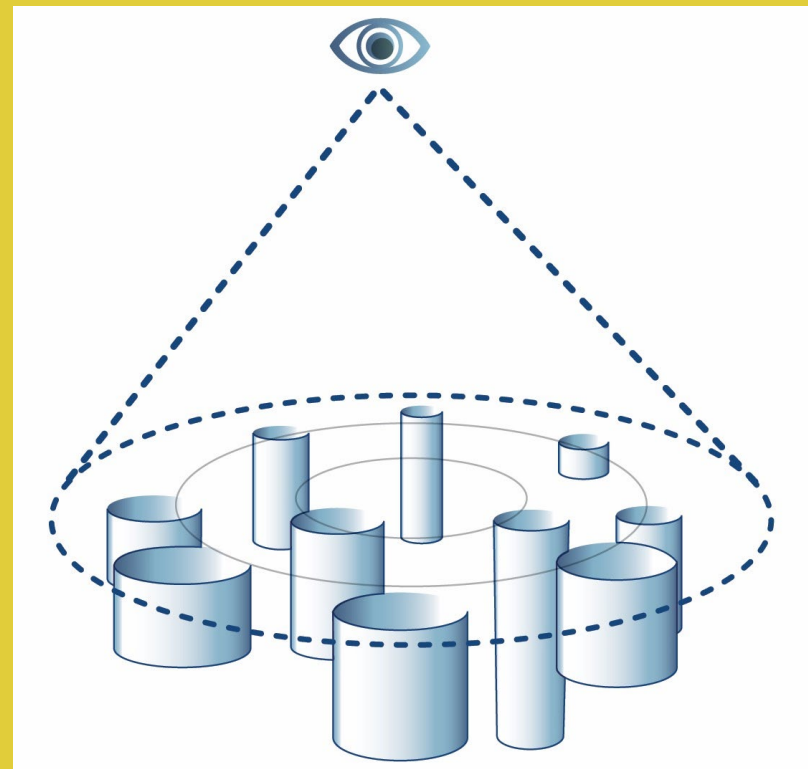


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System Perspective – Annual Status Report

An annual Status Report contributes to a structured overview and identifies progress, challenges and critical success factors with the aim to provide decision support for all of society's actors.

Includes **KPI's** for the seven Strategic Development Goals.



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International Partnerships and Youth



ReGeneration 2030

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In recognition of:

'The Development and Sustainability Agenda and the barkraft.ax Initiative'

by the Government of Åland (Finland)

As an outstanding contribution in the category: Public body (< 100.000 individuals)



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Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President of the European Commission



Success Factors

- The Vision – Everyone Can Flourish...
 - Created by grassroots - Inside-out / Bottom-up
 - A Vision for Our Country and/or Region (What´s in it for us?)
 - simultaneously a contribution to Agenda 2030
- Parliamentary long term decision (2051)
 - The Four Sustainability Principles:*
 - Essential Guiding Tool for Agenda 2030 implementation
- Role of the Government
 - Enabler
 - Integration into governmental budgeting



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Main challenges

- Involvement of every individual
- Political coherence
- Lack of resources and tools for implementation of sustainable consumption and production patterns



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