

The Öresund Committee
-a cross-border co-operation organisation

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The Øresund Region

Danish Zealand and Swedish Scania = 21.000 km²

3,5 mill inhabitants (metropolitan core 2,5 mill)

15 universities, 130.000 students, 10.000 researchers

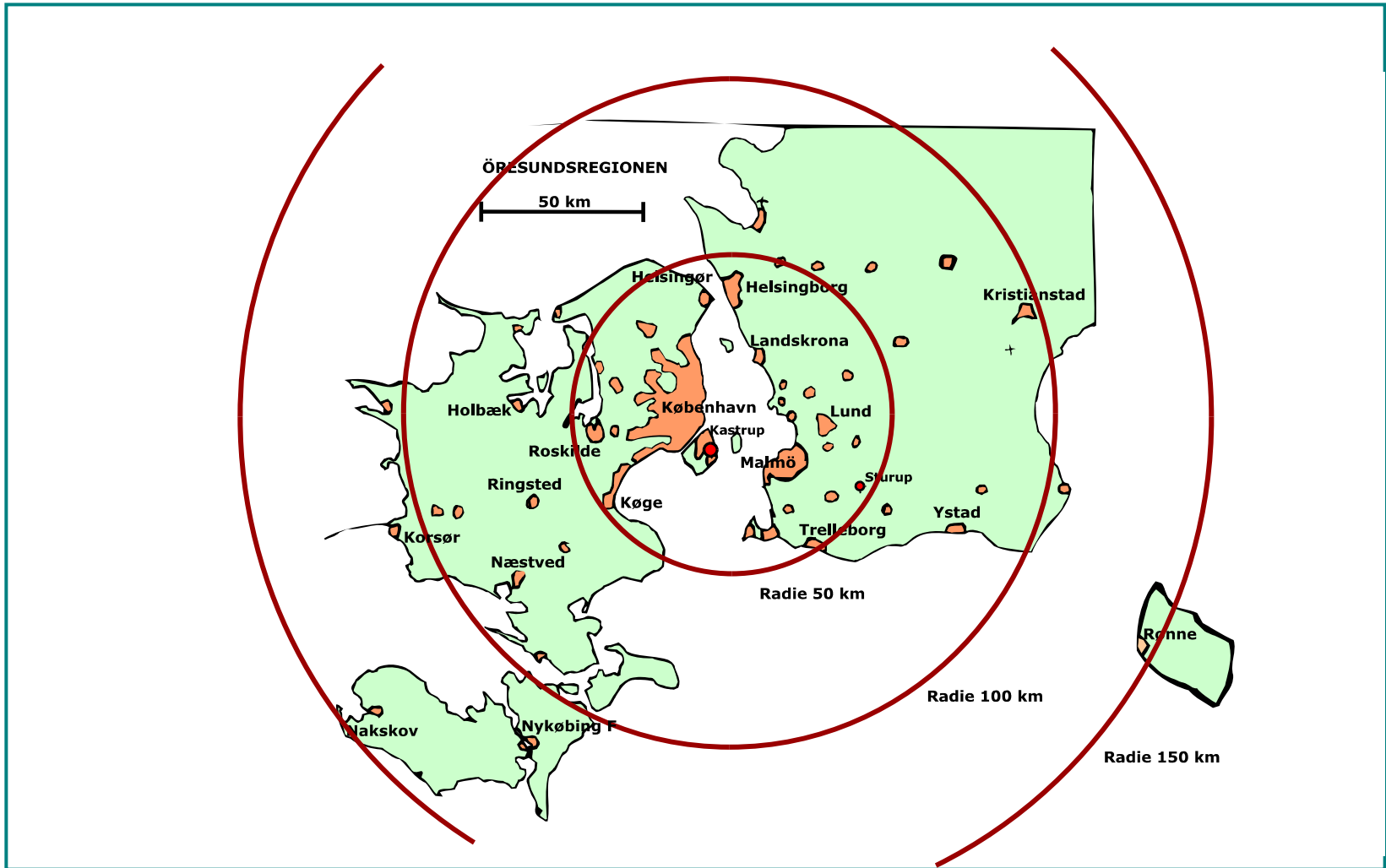
GDP growth rate 2001: 1,5 (Denmark 1,4 Sweden 1,1)

2002: 2,3 (Denmark 1,6 Sweden 1,9)

Infrastructure investments: 7,5 billion EUR 1995-2003

5th largest airport in Europe

Strength positions: Bio-medico, IT, Design, Logistics,
Environment & Food industries and Culture, Tourism



The Öresund Committee

Established in 1993

One office in Copenhagen

Secretariat employs 15 people – Danes and Swedes

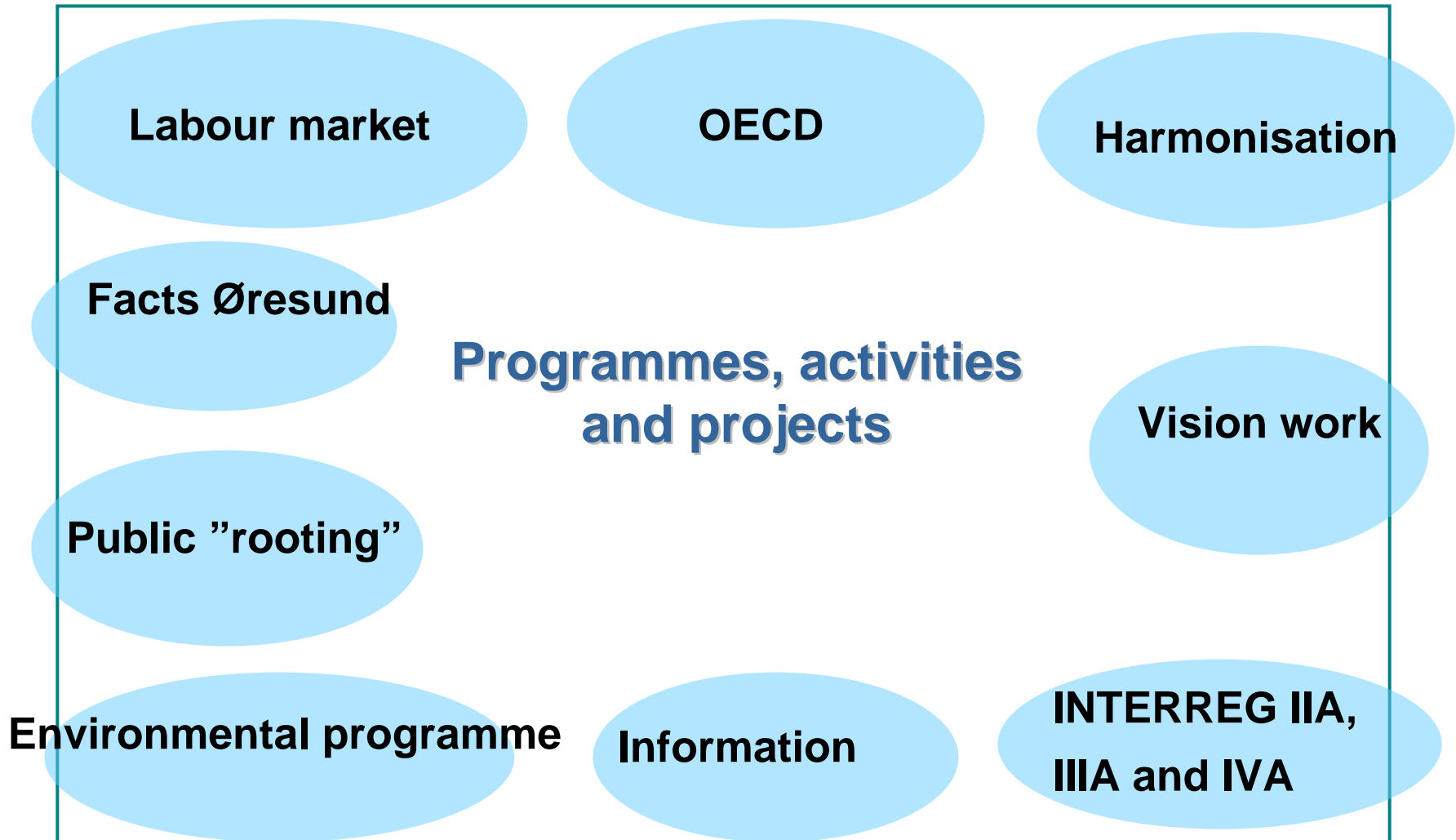
13 members – counties and municipalities on both sides of the border – national states have an observer role

Joint Technical Secretariat for Interreg IIA and IIIA in the Øresund Region – almost all tasks of the managing authority delegated to the secretariat

Secretariat classified as an interest organisation – not an authority

The Öresund Committee - the role we play

- Project management
- Embassy and meeting place
- Cross-border political platform
- Administration of the Interreg IIIA Øresund 31 MEURO from EU



Interreg IIA – the starting point

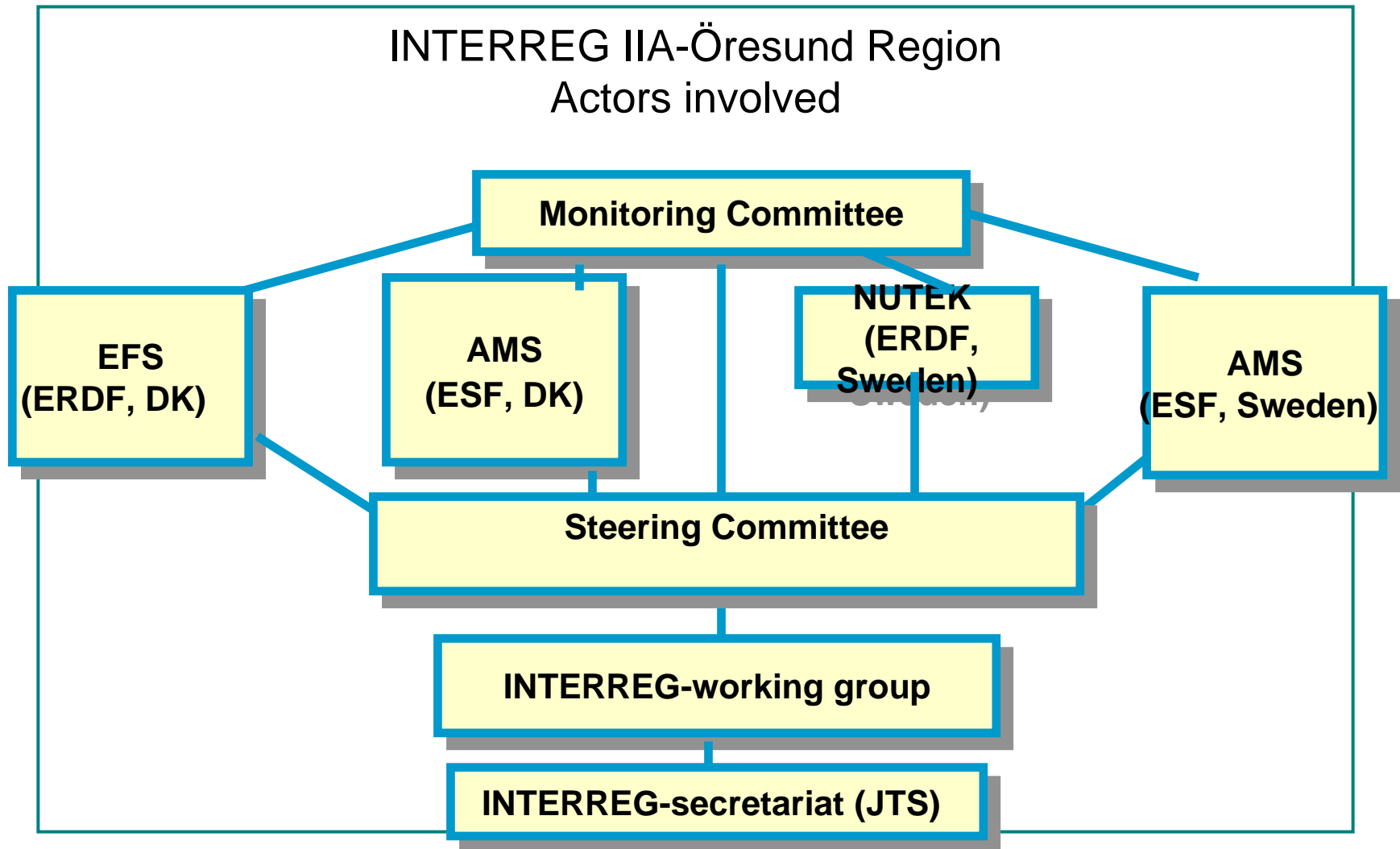


- 94 Interreg IIA, one programme with external border
- 95 Sweden joins EU
- 95 Interreg IIA, one internal programme
- 96 approved by the Commission

Interreg IIA - the starting point



- Experience from Interreg I in Europe – a lot of back to back projects
- Decision that the same rules should apply for both sides of the border
- Lead partner principle



INTERREG IIA-Öresund Region Final project status

- ERDF + ESF 13,5 MEURO
- More than 800 project contacts
- 286 applications registered
- 32 projects withdrawn
- 78 projects turned down by the Interreg secretariat due to lacking of public co-financing
- 140 projects approved by Interreg Working Group or the Management Committee
- 36 projects turned down by Interreg Working Group or Management Committee

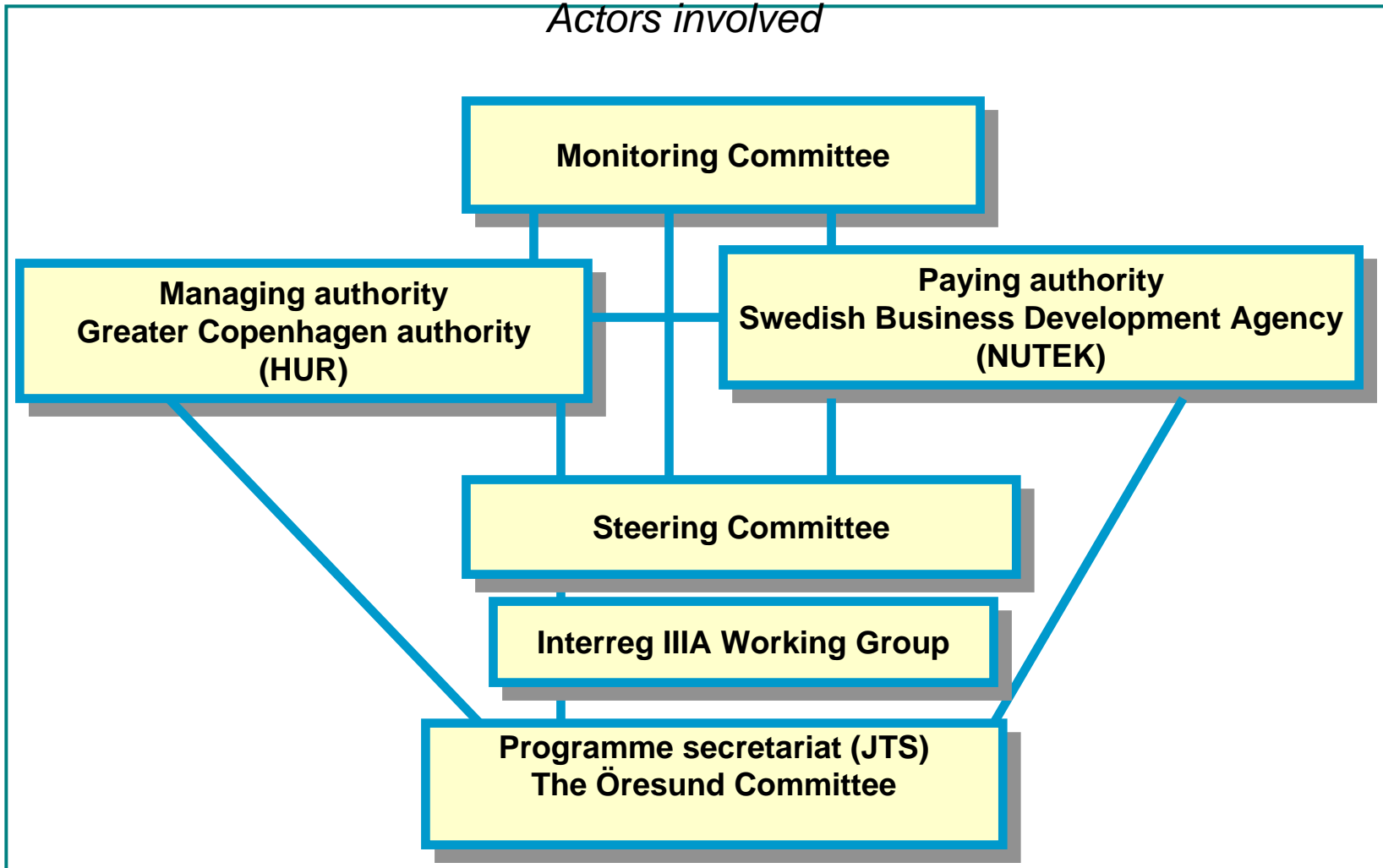


From IIA to IIIA

- Organisational simplification necessary
- From 4 MA/PA to 1MA and 1 PA
- Decentralised (regionalised) as far as possible
- Continue lead partner principle, with one joint budget per project
- One budget per programme

INTERREG IIIA-Öresund Region

Actors involved



Interreg IV – The decision of the Öresund Committee



- A coming Interreg A programme in the Øresund Region should be an independent programme covering the same geography as the current programme – Zealand and islands, Bornholm and Scania
- A future programme should be based on the three objectives of the action plan of the Öresund Committee
- The Öresund Committee should have full organisational responsibility for a coming programme or one of the members of the Öresund Committee should have formal responsibility but delegate responsibility to the Öresund Committee (the current model)
- The presidency of the Öresund Committee should write a letter to the two governments to get a formal mandate to write the coming programme in the Øresund Region

The process in the Øresund Region



- Seminars in 2005: 21/6, 7/9, 14/9, 22/9
- Input from other actors
- Writing the programme
- SWOT
- Establishing programme writing group
- Decision in the Öresund Committee – but governments' programme
- Negotiation with the member states ?

The process in Øresund Kattegat Skagerrak



- First meeting in Oslo, 1st March 2006
- One programme – two subprogrammes
- Establishing programme writing groups for ØKS, KASK and Øresund
- Coordination between writing groups
- Input from the regions - but governments' programme
- Negotiation with the Commission

Objectives in Interreg IVA



- To promote sustainable economic growth
- To promote daily integration
- To connect the region

Euregio versus Interreg



- Synergy between Euregio staff and Interreg staff
- Politicians working for the crossborder region
- Interreg and Euregio have the same goals
- Financial instrument to strengthen parts of crossborder action plan

Euregio versus Interreg



- Commission critical of Euregios handling of Interreg
- Steering Committee level
- Secretariat level

- Members leave the room
- Signing application or personal economic gain
- Management authority veto right
- "Problem" for any political body deciding on projects/money

- Should be a clear division of roles between Interreg staff and Euregio staff
- Important to have crossborder tasks gathered in one office – synergy
- Solution: Euregio can initiate ideas but no longer directly involved in projects

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