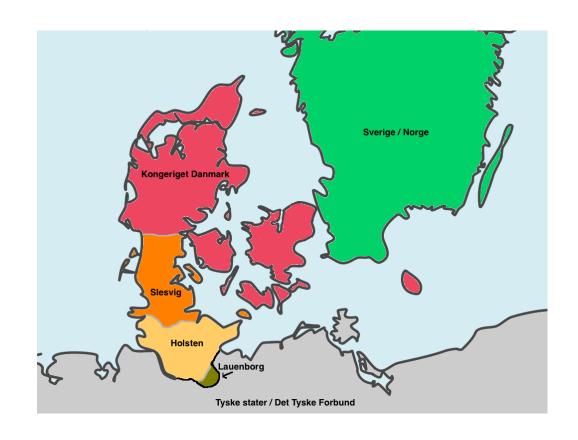
# Climate adaptation Danish examples and lessons learned

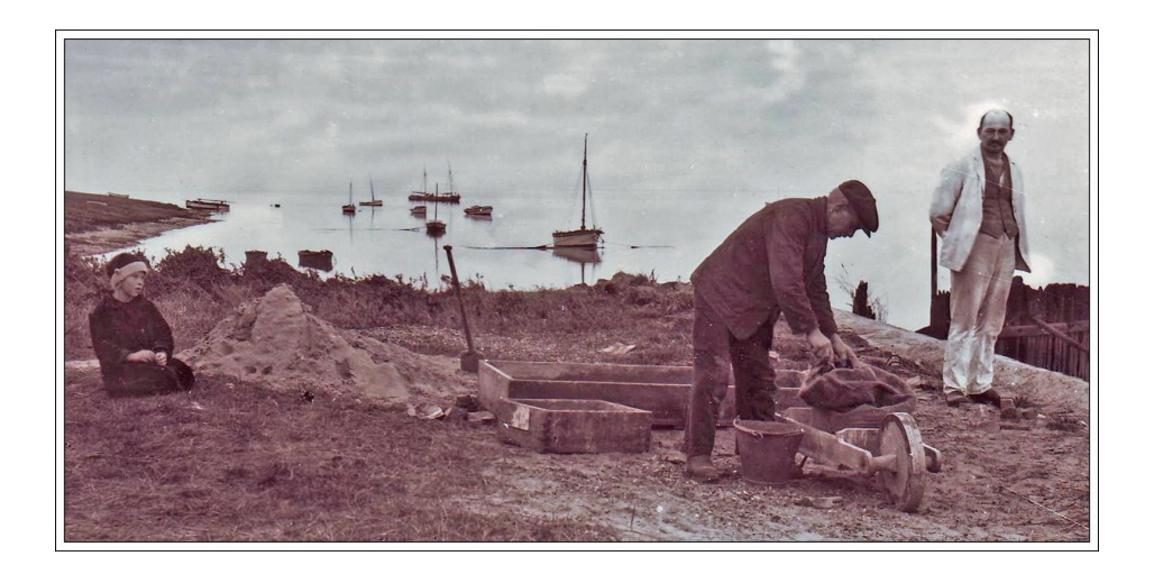
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#### EVERY ERA HAS HAD ITS CHALLENGES

- Water has usually been a part of them
  - 1864 it all started with a war
  - 1866 Hedeselskabet (Orbicon) was founded
  - Land reclamation
  - Drainage of wetlands
  - Cultivation of the moor











#### NEW ERA – NEW CHALLENGES



Focus on restoring and protecting nature



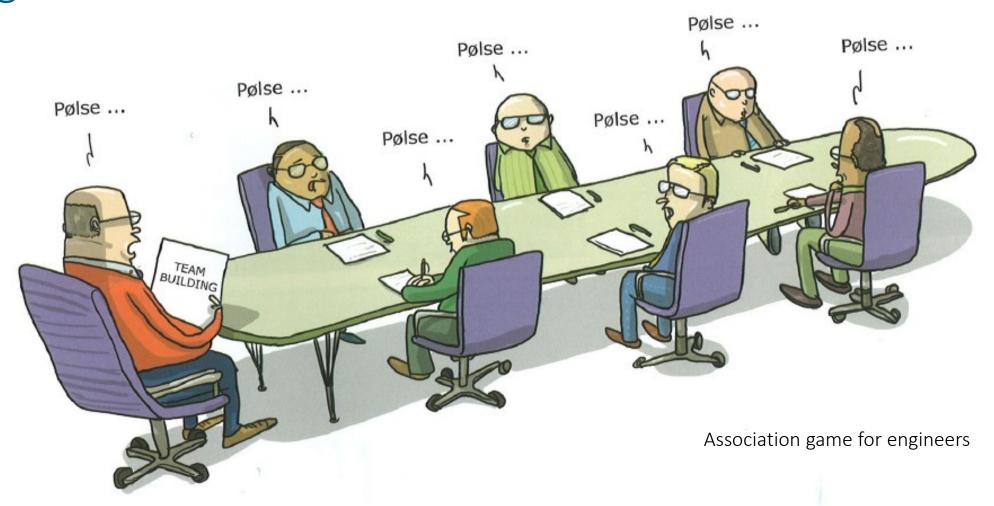


#### ANOTHER CHANGE OF AGENDA



Adapting for a new climate

# A hollistic approach requires more than just engineers...



## SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Every day rain, cloudburst, rising ground water table
- Economy
- Nature and environment
- Integration in the urban space
- Resilience
- Innovation and diversity
- Public participation and a cross disciplinary approach

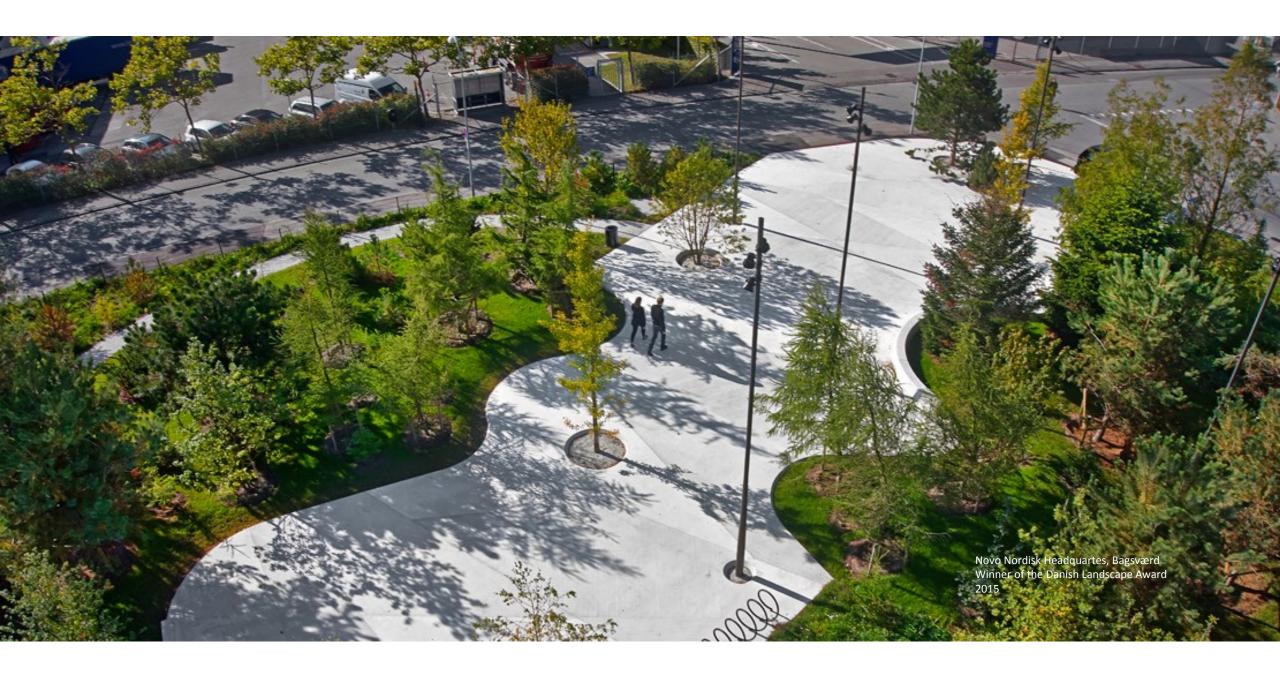


Gene Kelly "Singin' in the Rain"















The first climate resilient neighbourhood of Copenhagen















## Lessons learned

- Businesses must be responsible and contribute to solving society's challenges
- A unilateral focus can create more problems than it solves. We must work holisticly and be clear about our goals
- If you want development, you must be open to change
- We must respect the laws of nature but be willing to revise our own laws and regulations. In climate adaptation, the physical challenges are the least problem
- We can change the development and the way we do things. We have achieved great results in just 10 years