Lights in the window
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Agenda

- Project – carrying out
- Status
- Experiences / challenges
Some words about the area

Buskerud region is located between Oslo and Bergen, the two biggest cities in Norway.

• Depopulation
• Majority of elderly people
• Complex situation:
  • Jobs available, challenge finding places to live.
• Demand for houses - lots of uninhabited houses.
The object:

Lights in windows: 12 municipalities working together to obtain their goals.

Common measure:
"To contribute so that 100 vacant farms get permanent settlement in Numedal, Hallingdal og Midt-Buskerud within 31.12.2011 and that most of them get jobs in the region or establish their own operations."
What was the purpose?

• Lots of empty houses – demand on houses.
• Houses in dilapidation
• Depopulation - lack of interesting settlements.
• Secondary home, cabin
What did we do?

• Empty houses / farms – unexploited resource.
• Survey of empty houses / farms.
  • Farms settled – jobs occupied - more children in the schools – that in turn means increased revenues to the municipalities - vertuous circle
How long?

Project period:

• Start in 2007

• End 31.12.11
Who got involved?

Partners:
• Local authorities
• Local administration

Funding sources:
• Different sources:
  • Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
  • Ministry of Agriculture and Food
  • Chief administrative officer (FM)
  • County concil
  • Local authorities, municipalities
How did we do?

The project has three phases:

• Phase 1: Registration

• Phase 2: Dialogue

• Phase 3: Sale and follow-up (parallel with the dialogue phase).
Challenges?

- Time – changing attitude - long-term perspective
- Let the nature take its course.
- Lots of people interested in the area
- Legislation
## Does it work?

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Single initiative / Strategy?

• Part of a strategy
• One of several measures to increase the population.
Transferability to other areas?

• The basis made in "Lights in windows" - trasferability
• Local adjustment
Thanks a lot for your attention!

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