

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green field. In the foreground, several bright red poppies are in bloom, interspersed with green foliage and some unopened buds. A small, shallow pond is visible in the middle ground, reflecting the sky. In the background, a group of people is standing on a path, looking towards the camera. The overall scene is bright and natural, suggesting a park or a community garden.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN GLADSAXE

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – A PRIORITY FOR GLADSAXE



- Sustainable development requires political leadership globally - and actions locally
- The SDGs constitute a unique role and opportunity for cities, regions and municipalities
- Sustainable development has been part of Gladsaxe City Council's vision for many years
- Gladsaxe is ambitious and has a vision of environmental, economic and social sustainability
- In 2017 we integrated the SDGs in the municipal strategy, Gladsaxes's Strategy 2018-22
- The SDGs integrated in the core areas and contribute to linking the different sectors – and help raise the bar
- In October the City Council will adopt the strategy for 2022-2026 – continuity and change



The six cross-sectoral goals are:

- Children shaping the future
- Business-friendly city with job growth
- Equal opportunities to succeed
- Green and vibrant city
- Lifelong health and well-being
- Climate-conscious city

FROM STRATEGY TO PRACTICE



Political focus – progress and results

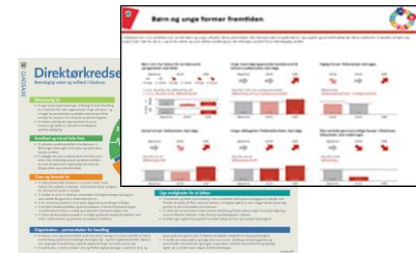
- The strategy the foundation for the strategic investments
- The Budget and Annual Report based on the tripple bottom-line
- 2-6 indicators for each goal to measure progress and adjust our actions

Systematic implementation within the organisation

- All strategies, plans and decisions link to the strategic goals
- Integrated in the managementprocesses and governance structure
- Reviews to monitor progress and adjust actions and strategies if needed
- Knowledge-sharing and inspiration through cases from all sectors

Participation and partnerships for local action

- Partnerships with local companies
- Cooperation with citizens, associations, etc.



OUR LOCAL REVIEWS SHOW

2018

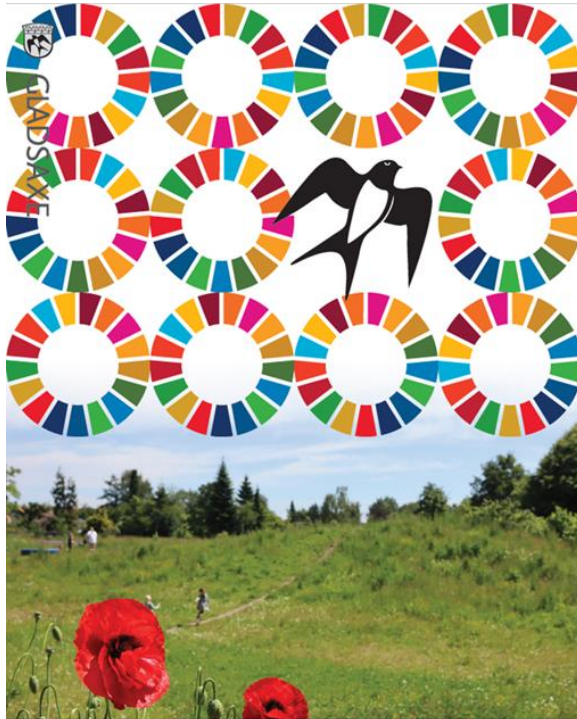


2022



- A strategy firmly translated into practice
- The strategy integrated in the budget, management-processes and steering-systems
- We can measure progress through quantitative data on our indicators
- To capture emerging solutions from practice we also pay attention to qualitative cases

A STRATEGY GROWING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION AND BEYOND



VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW FROM GLADSAXE 2022

VLR 2021 Gladsaxe's approach
VLR 2022 Quantitative and qualitative data and cases

- The first time we see a strategy with such impact
- A clear strategy with the longterm strategic direction
- The use of the SDGs grounded in municipal priorities – not just an extra layer
- Room for employees to translate the goals meaningfully into core operations
- ‘License to act’ – shared commitment to develop new solutions
- Both large-scale strategic projects and small-scale changes count
- The SDGs provide a shared language
- Participation and cooperation crucial for building the capacity to respond to emerging changes and become a more sustainable and resilient city
- Potential in inspiring others - Gladsaxe's VLR part of the Danish VNR 2021
- Our local reviews make it possible to
 - Monitor development
 - Adjust actions, priorities and strategies
 - Maintain momentum
- SDGs and VLRs used as contextual and organic concepts – integrated meaningsfully in the local context



Read more: <https://gladsaxe.dk/kommunen/gladsaxestrategien/english>