



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN GLADSAXE

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# The Municipality of Gladsaxe in numbers

A suburb next to Copenhagen

**10 km** to the centre of Copenhagen

**70.000** residents

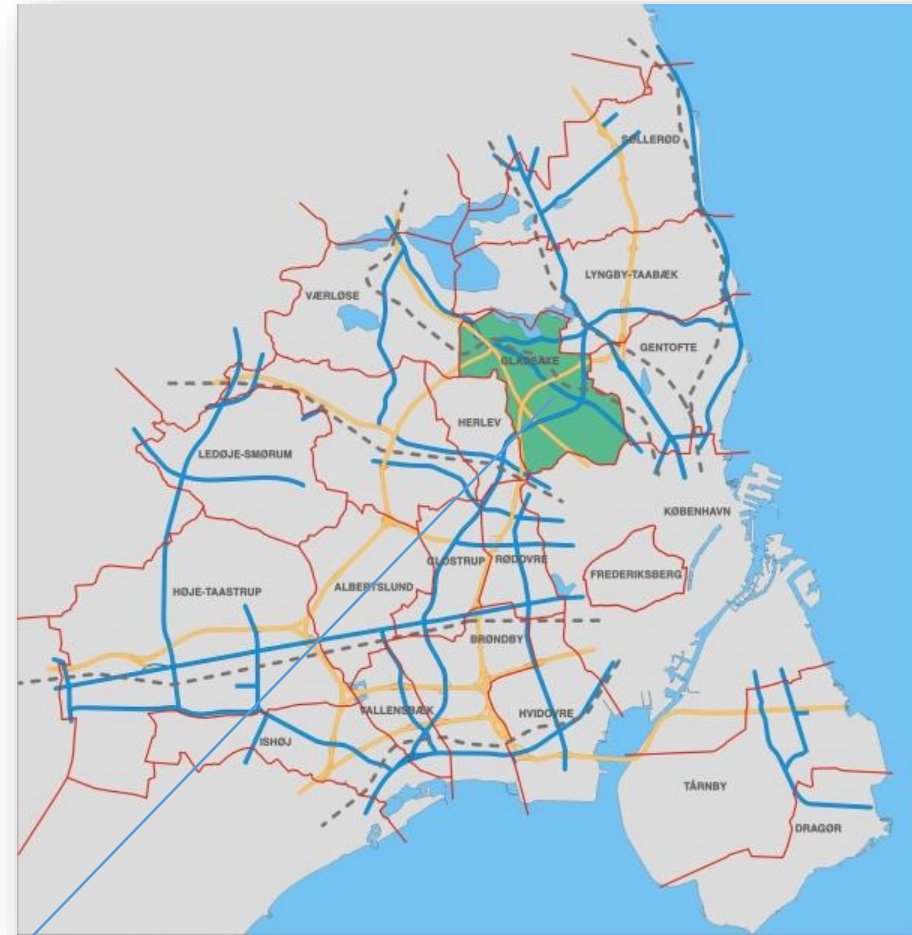
**60 percent** of the residents live in an apartment

**40 percent** live in townhouses or houses

**37.000** jobs

**5.450** employed in the municipality

**6 billion** budget

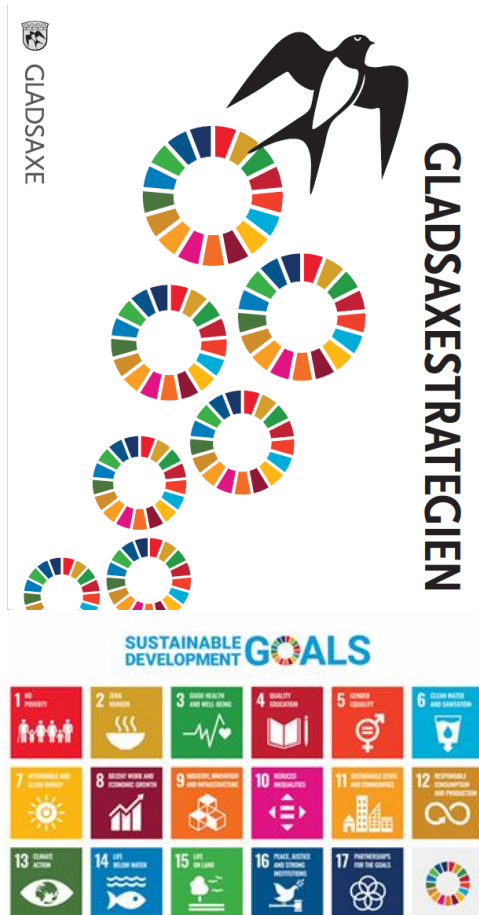


# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – A PRIORITY FOR GLADSAXE

- Sustainable development requires global political leadership globally and local action
- The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) constitute a unique opportunity for cities, regions and municipalities
- Gladsaxe is ambitious on environmental, economic and social sustainability
- Sustainable development has been part of Gladsaxe City Council's vision for many years
- In 2017 we integrated the SDGs in the municipal strategy, Gladsaxes's Strategy 2018-22
- The SDGs are integrated in the core areas and help raise the bar
- 26th October the City Council adopted the next Gladsaxe Strategy for 2022-2026



# GLADSAXE'S STRATEGY 2022-26



Gladsaxe's 6 goals for 2022-26 are:

- A good place to live
- Children shaping the future
- Business-friendly city with strong partnerships and job growth
- Equal opportunities for a good life
- Climate-action
- Health and well-being for everyone

To raise the bar SDGs 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 15 are integrated in the goals - and we achieve our goals through SDG 17: Partnerships for action

# FROM STRATEGY TO PRACTICE

## Political focus – progress and results

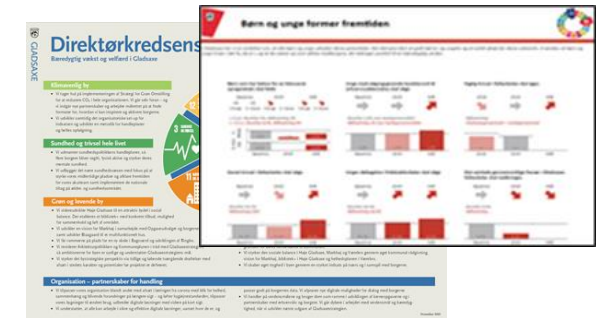
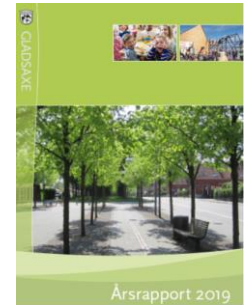
- The strategy the foundation for the strategic investments
- The Budget and Annual Report based on the tripple bottom-line
- 2-6 indicators for each goal to measure progress and adjust our actions

## Systematic implementation within the organisation

- All strategies, plans and decisions link to the strategic goals
- Integrated in management and governance
- Local reviews to monitor progress and adjust actions and strategies
- Knowledge-sharing and inspiration through cases from all sectors

## Participation and partnerships for local action

- Partnerships with local companies and cooperation with citizens, associations, etc.



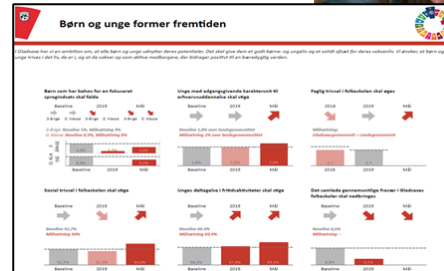


# A STRATEGY WITH IMPACT

2018



2022



- Every year we follow up on the progress
  - Quantitative reports based on our indicators
  - Qualitative cases from the organization
- The reports show a strategy firmly integrated in management and governance and translated into practice

# CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION - THE SWAN





# SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AND TENDERS





# GREEN TRANSITION STRATEGY - AND ACTIONS IN PRACTICE



# THE SDG-HOUSE





# CHILD FRIENDLY CITY INITIATIVE WITH UNICEF



# A STRATEGY GROWING



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
- We cannot make the changes alone - partnerships for action
- Great potential in inspiring each other
- Voluntary Local Reviews to the UN to share Gladsaxe's approach and results



## 3 RECOMMENDATIONS



- Include all areas of the organization  
– not just one committee, branch or sector
- Integrate the SDGs into core operations  
– not as an add-on
- Be specific and get started

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?



- Gladsaxe's Strategy 2018-22:  
<https://gladsaxe.dk/kommunen/gladsaxestategien/english>
- Our approach is described in VLR 2021:  
<https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/vlrs/2021-06/GladsaxeReport-VLR.pdf>
- Effects and cases from practice are presented in VLR 2022:  
[https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/vlrs/2022-10/vlr\\_gladsaxe\\_2022.pdf](https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/vlrs/2022-10/vlr_gladsaxe_2022.pdf)





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY?

- What are the strengths in working for a more sustainable development?
- Do you see some new opportunities?
- What are the weaknesses?
- Are there any obstacles?
- Can we help or support each other?
  - How? What could our next steps be?....

<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Opportunities</b>
<b>Weaknesses</b>	<b>Obstacles</b>

