

# The European Landscape Convention in Sweden 2015-2017



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# ELC in Sweden, national survey by the Swedish National Heritage Board

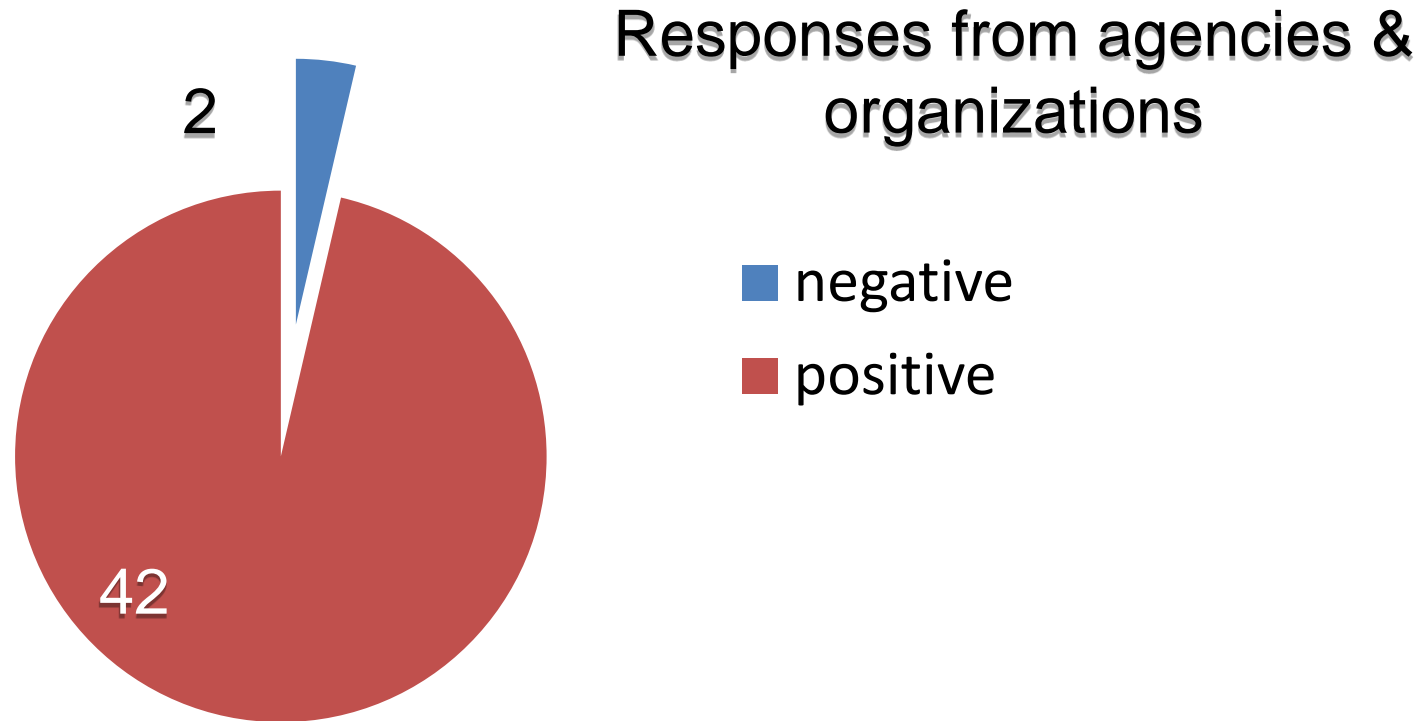
On behalf of the government the Swedish National Heritage Board in 2017 conducted a survey of the efforts to take advantage of the ELC perspectives

The study covers:

- 12 national state agencies,
- 21 county state administrative boards,
- 21 regional development boards,
- 11 selection of non-governmental organizations,
- 1 The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Responses: Written answers and some interviews, 44 organizations

# General attitude to ELC in, will ELC give benefit?



## Factors for successful implementation – many responses point out a future need for:

- Designated responsibility for agencies and organizations
- Several think that the Swedish National Heritage Board should be responsible for ELC coordination
- Adapted landscape laws, not just for environment, planning etc, yet some think existing laws are appropriate
- Economic instruments
- Better inclusion of the business community

# Survey results: wide acceptance for the perspectives of ELC

- Anthropocentric perspective (*except Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, promoting biology & geology*)
- The landscape is dynamic and changeable
- The holistic perspective of the convention
- All types of landscape are included

# Which perspectives of ELC are considered the most important?

- All perspectives are considered of equal importance
- Holistic landscape perspective, not least in relation to green infrastructure
- Anthropocentric perspective, wellbeing
- Democracy and local society, public involvement
- Participation at an early stage of planning

# What tasks are considered appropriate work for the development of ELC in Sweden?

- Road and railway infrastructure planning
- Municipal and regional spatial planning
- Regional development and growth
- Green Infrastructure and ecosystem services
- Rural development