# Nuclear energy Opportunities and risksViews of European Civil Society and Stakeholders

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Municipality of Östhammar, Sweden

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#### The legal framework;

Sweden has only two administrative levels

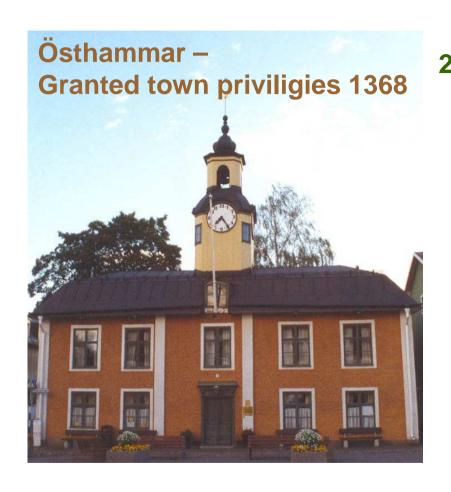
Sweden has strong municipalities with a local planning monopoly and local veto

The local right of veto promotes a trustworthy process

The veto is a platform for local engagement and activities.



#### Östhammar Municipality...







#### **Party roles**

Industry/SKB

The national authority/SSM

The court of environment

The municipality and the local public

The government





#### Foundations for a secure process

The legal responsibility of the industry (ppp)

**Swedish Nuclear waste fund** 

**Openness and transparence** 



### Important milestones for the municipality, HLW-history

- 1995 Acceptance of Pre-investigation, Consultative group was established, Application to Nuclear waste fund
- 2001 Acceptance of Site investigation
- 20?? Local veto ?



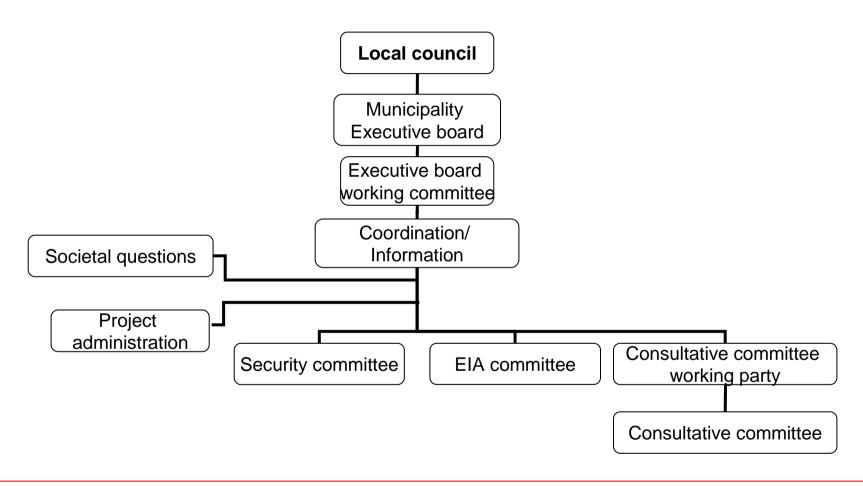
### Main political considerations for both municipalities

- Long term safety
- Environmental impacts
- Health effects
- Socioeconomic aspects





### Municipality of Östhammar, present organisation





#### **Information and Communication...**



Newsletters
Website
Brochures
Information meetings
Seminars

At the annual energy exhibition



#### Added value – a way forward

Two municipalities working in close collaboration to solve a national problem

A comprehensive work during 15 years

The local trust in the process is a prerequisite for success

The project shall contribute to the development of the municipalities

Both municipalities gain from the process



#### Added value – a way forward cont.

2 billions SEK (≈180 million €)

75 % to the municipality *not* chosen

**Development in different areas** 

**New jobs** 

**Education** 

**Support establishment of companies** 

Infrastructure



#### **3rd of June 2009**

SKB choice of Forsmark, Östhammar to be the site for application for final repository for nuclear high level waste.

The work and preparation for "Added values" starts in the two municipalities.



#### What happens next...

Preliminary EIA for consultation, winter 2010

Applications, incapsulation plant and the final repository autumn/winter 2010/2011

Review, information and overall knowledge





## Conclusion - Safety for the public is a feeling of trust for politicians, industry, regulators and for the process

It takes long time to build trust

**Communicate – participate** 

The process is as important as content

Realistic timetable

**Predictable process** 

**Openness** 



#### Finally...



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