



# Exhibition - The City is Full of Water

SAWA Sweden

## Main Idea

- » Spread knowledge to local people, especially school children, about the work with developing a flood risk management plan for the municipality of Lidköping.
- » Inform about the opportunities given by an international EU-program to financially support such an initiative by helping create a network of national and international experts on flooding to help achieving the work.

## Approach

A SAWA exhibition was developed in co-operation between the County Administrative Boards of Västra Götaland and Värmland and Vänernmuseum – the Lake Vänern Museum of Natural and Cultural History in Lidköping.

Its theme was the effect of climate change on Lake Vänern and its floods. How will the urban areas bordering the lake be affected when the water level rises and how do you prepare for higher water levels? Illustrated by facts, a video, figures and a series of suggestive scenes, the exhibition also showed historical events, among them the winter flooding of 2000/2001. School children were engaged in discussing how best to solve the flooding problem, where to build houses etc.

The exhibition, named Stan é full av vatten! - Plentiful of water in the town!, was on display between 4 April and 23 May 2010. It was then restyled to a mobile exhibition and went on display at the Public Library of Karlstad and at other municipalities bordering the lake.

On 14 April, representatives of the Swedish SAWA partners, the Municipality of Lidköping and the Museum held a seminar for upper secondary school pupils and their teachers about SAWA, climate change and the challenges ahead for Lake Vänern. Around 70 persons from three schools participated.

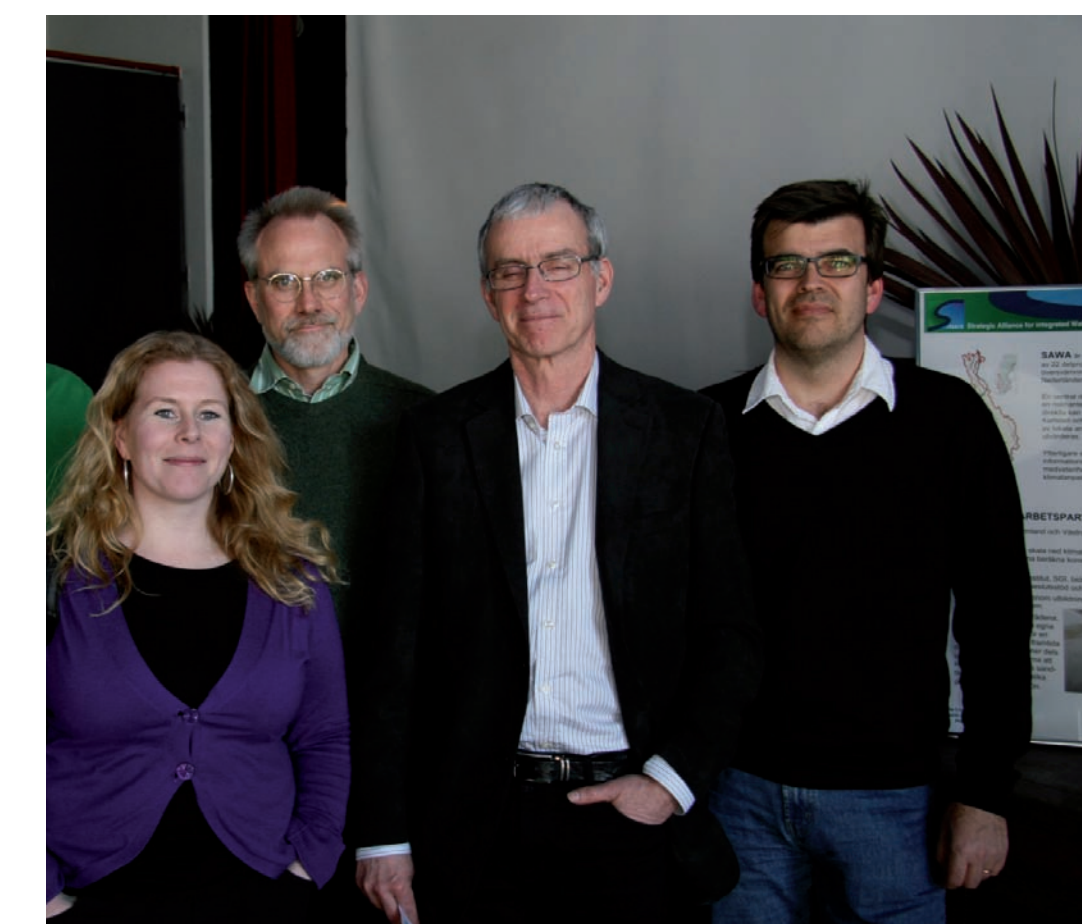
## Results

It has been estimated that more than 100.000 persons have visited the exhibitions. School children have been informed about the local flooding issues and how to deal with them as well as about SAWA its co-operation network. The seminar and the activities at the exhibition gave them the opportunity to exchange points of view on climate change and flooding in the Lake Vänern area and discuss with experts and municipal planners. An interesting result is that young school kids after discussing flooding problems around lake Vänern during half a day suggest more or less the same safety measures as "the experts" that professionally work i the field.

## Contribution to SAWA

- » Contribute to building up knowledge about climate change and flooding
- » Spread knowledge about EU-programs and what they can help achieve.

## Co-partners



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