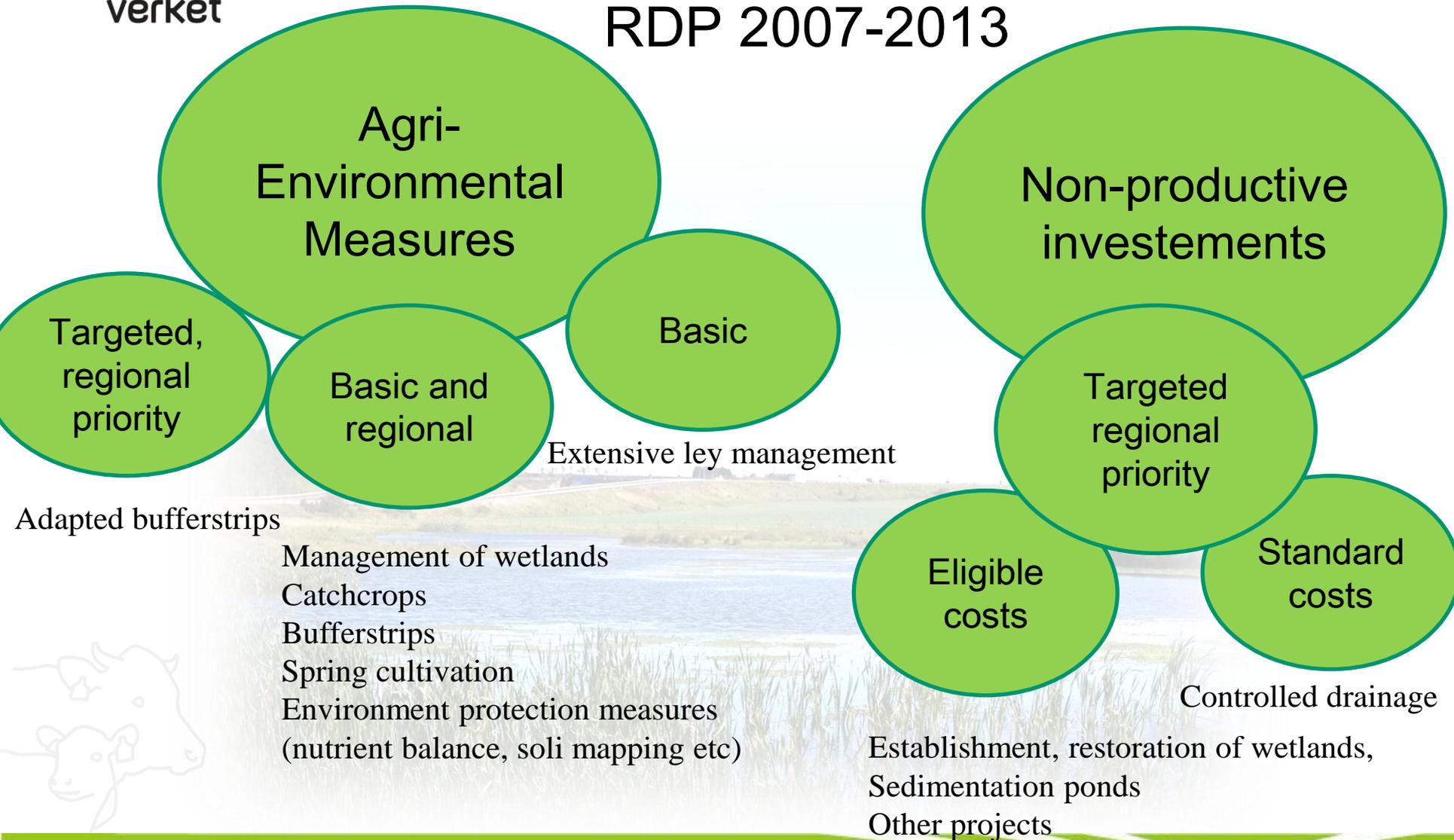
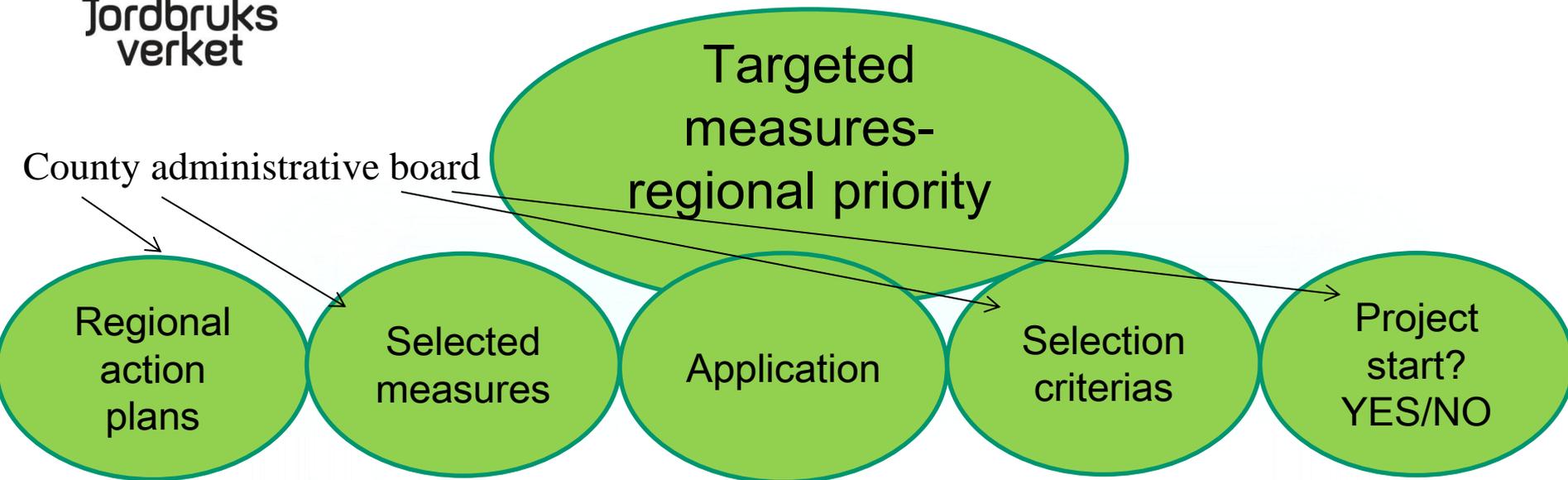


# Measures for better water quality RDP 2007-2013





- Board of Agriculture,
  - budget
  - list of measures
  - approval of regional action plans
  - IT-system, application
  - actual payment
- Important-transparency-to be able to follow your act from application to decision and to understand why you get or not get financed by RDP!

# RDP 2014-2020

Proposal for new RDP by Swedish Board of Agriculture

- Focus on cost-effectiveness, controllability and simplification
- Stakeholders involved in process, national meetings, RDP network groups etc
- Delivered may 2012 to government
- September 2012 project for implementation of changes, new IT-system, (administration, application, evaluation)
- Combination of "greening obligations" and AEM, baseline, calculations, obligations, regional exceptions etc

# Rural Development Programme, Sweden 2014-2020

What is happening now, AECM?

- SE decided to postpone all new AECM to earliest 2015.
- Only the 3 main AEM (extensive ley management, semi-natural grazing lands and organic production) will be able to extend for 2014.
- Running commitments proceed
- No new commitments 2014, (management of wetlands will be possible for new commitment)
- No non-productive investments 2014

**And the continuation after 2014 we do not know about yet!**

**Political discussions on national level!**

**Connections to pillar 1**

**Many things can change!**

# RDP 2014-2020

What about measures for water quality? Any differences from today in the proposals for 2014-2020?

## AECMs

- Management of wetlands
- Catchcrops (basic but regional)
- Bufferstrips (basic but regional)
- Nutrient planning (and plant protection planning??)
- Spring cultivation (basic but regional)

## Non-productive investments

- Wetlands, sedimentation ponds- eligible cost
- Controlled drainage? Standard cost
- Two step ditches?-eligible cost
- Other water related projects-eligible

# RDP 2014-2020

Here are some examples of what we discussed or investigated for each new proposal of AEM/ non-productive to make them more simple!

- calculations of administrative costs,
- how to simplify application for both farmers and officials? Both in real money but also experienced simplification
- more electronic applications,
- easier navigation in IT-system,
- better communicationsystem between farmers and officials-transparency,
- fewer measures?
- less targeted measures?
- obligations that are controllable,
- dates are difficult to control,
- real activity instead of documentation,
- fewer obligations,
- is the measure attractive for applicants?
- "deadweight"
- does it give the wanted effect?
- what actions are we paying for?
- connection to "greening", connection to other legislation?
- more standard costs,
- etc

# RDP 2014-2020

What about collective measures?

What is a collective measure?

AECM (29)

- (on payments and transaction costs) Where commitments are undertaken by groups of farmers, the maximum level shall be 30%.
- How do we handle this? SE choose not to continue with this possibility. Discussions with Farmers Association. More questions than answers on administration (application, control, sanction)

Co-operation (36)

**Political priority??? Will there be focus on agri-environmental activities in article 36?**