From local NGO to European Policy Advocate

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Baltic Sea NGO Forum, Uppsala

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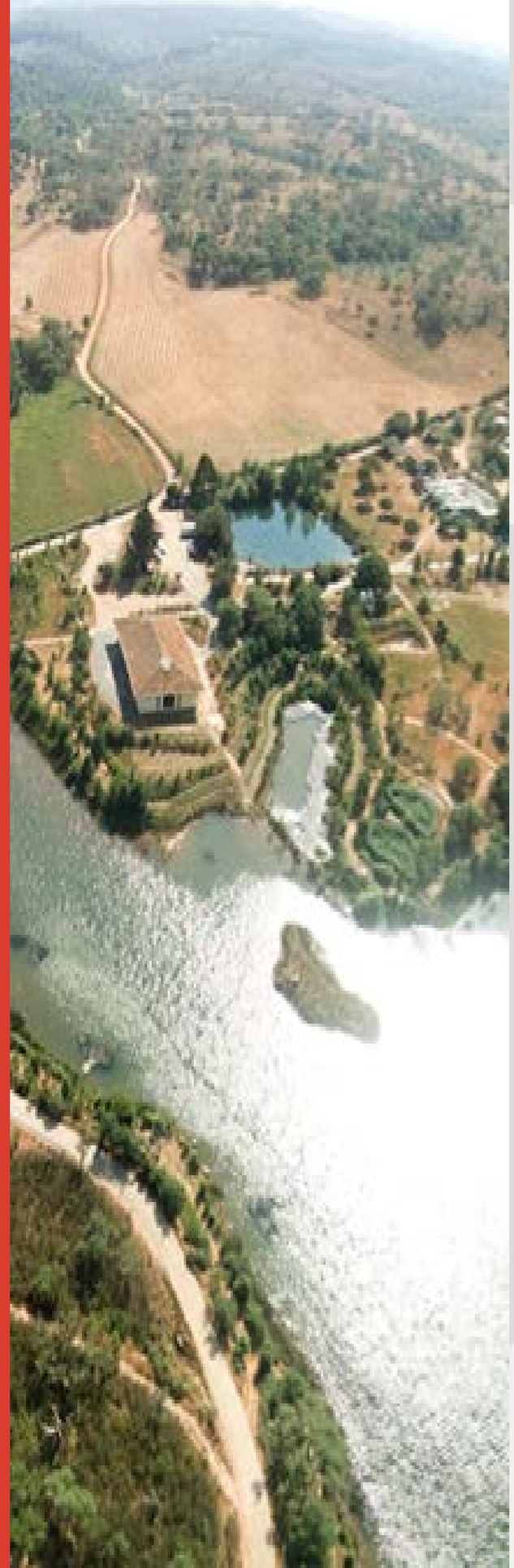
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"Civil society ought to aim at empowerment, and democratization, that is, expanding to the limits the capacity of the people to participate in making the decisions that affect their own lives, their communities and the world. That is the task for civil society." - Chomsky

RELEARN Suderbyn is an NGO founded 2007 at Suderbyn Permaculture Ecovillage, Gotland

1. **Non-formal education for youth and adults;**
2. **Action Research and outreach;**
3. **Cross-border cooperation: across national borders and across different sectors.**











2007 - visit to GEN office in Scotland
2008 - associate member of GEN Europe
2009 - full member of GEN Europe
2010 - represented on GEN Europe council
2014 - mg dir of GEN Europe, Suderbyn case at EU Conf
2015 - president of GEN Europe & trustee of GEN, Earth Day speech at UN, presence at COP21
2016 - Suderbyn case at CLLD workshop in EU HQ
2017 Own event at UN Geneva, COP 23

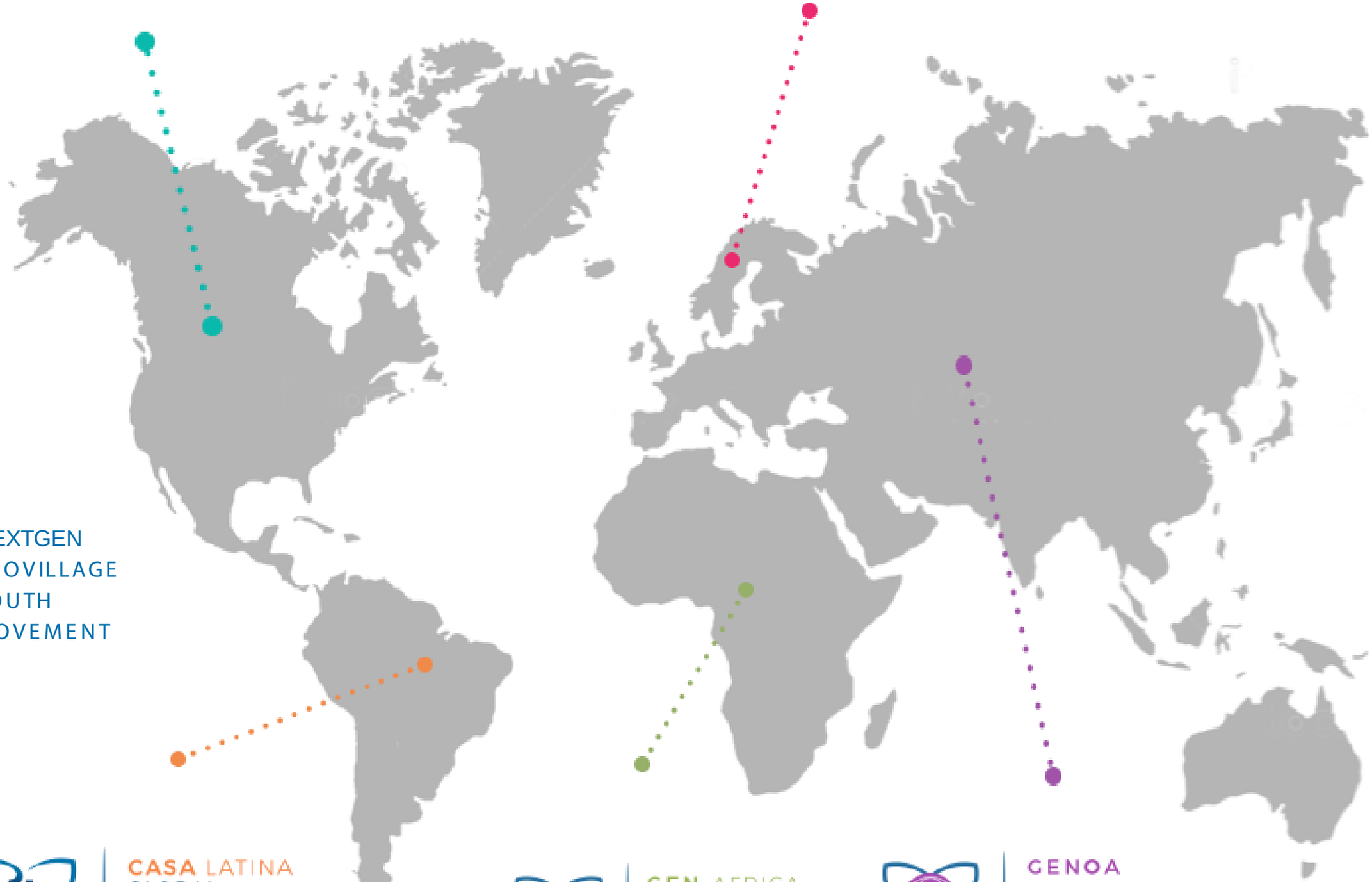
GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK EUROPE

THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK

- Was set up in 1995 and has consultative Status with the UN (ECOSOC).
- Is a growing network of ecovillages (sustainable communities) and concerned individuals on all continents.
- Reaches out to around 10,000 communities worldwide.

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GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK

Catalyzing Communities for a Regenerative World



- UN Working Group
- Outreach Working Group
- UNFCCC & COP
- Advocacy Coordinator on staff

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NETWORKING FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

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EUROPEAN NETWORK
FOR COMMUNITY-LED
INITIATIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE
AND SUSTAINABILITY

Network levels of activity:

1. **Awareness**
2. **Passive membership**
3. **Active membership**
4. **Network leadership**

As a single project you are a unique case but not politically significant. As part of a network you are a local example of a global movement, a noteworthy trend that is larger than your local context.

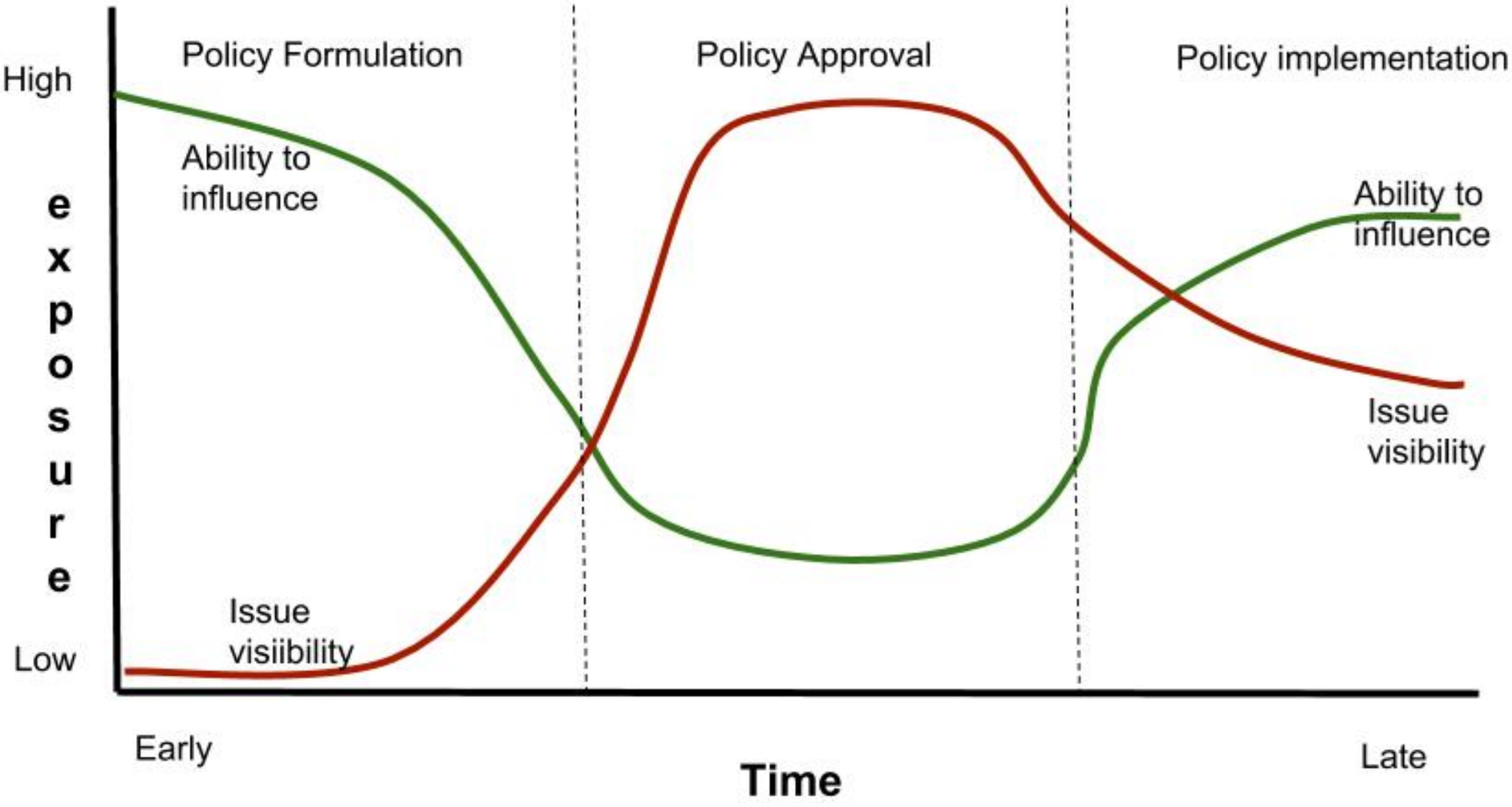
Being part of a network is not static. You compare and are compared, you work with peers to interpret your surroundings, you refine your concepts, arguments and message.



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INFLUENCING **CHANGE**

Influencing the government policy



Influencing during:

1. Policy formulation, Climate Diplomacy ‘18

2. Policy approval, LEADER/CLLD

3. Policy implementation, Erasmus+

Be strategic:

1. Focused message, purpose, role

2. Selective target audience, organisations/persons

3. Stay the course, it takes time.




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