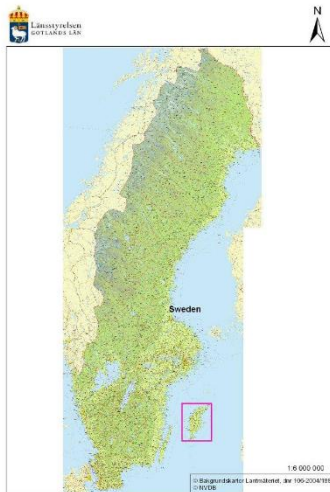


# Life ELMIAS

*“Saving wooded Natura 2000 habitats from invasive alien fungi species on the Island of Gotland, Sweden”*



**2013-2018**

**Budget 4 251 755 Euro**

*Coordinating Beneficiary*  
**Swedish Forest Agency**

*Associated Beneficiaries*

**County Administrative Board, Gotland; Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences;  
Region of Gotland; Swedish Environmental Protection Agency**

*Co-financiers*

**Swedish Public Employment Service, Swedish Transport Administration**



# The problem targeted:

Saving wooded Natura 2000 habitats from Dutch Elm Disease and Ash Dieback Disease on the Island of Gotland.

Many important/unique cultural and biological values (lichens, birds, bats, insects, herbs etc ) are dependent on Elm and Ash trees for their survival.



# Main EU policy targeted:

EU policy on invasive alien species



# Main activities:

1. Eradication of Dutch Elm Disease.
2. Complementary management actions involving finding disease resistant trees, planting, veteranisation, vaccination, pollarding, restoration.
3. Education programme to avoid re-introduction and to increase the understanding of the problems for biodiversity associated with invasive alien species.



# Expected results:

1. The project proves a total success in eradicating Dutch Elm Disease from Gotland.
2. The project proves the Dutch Elm Disease cannot be eradicated from Gotland.
3. The project is partly successful, i.e. Dutch Elm Disease is not eradicated by the end of the project, but the disease has been controlled.



