



Ministry of Urban, Rural
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Welcome to Denmark

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International co-operation and rural development

- Valuable for all Europeans to co-operate and learn from each other and exchange views, knowledge and experiences.
- LEADER is important with respect to co-operation and networking
- LEADER is also essential for the goals of the Danish government with respect to rural development and creating a balanced Denmark
- LEADER projects illustrate the creativity and commitment of local citizens

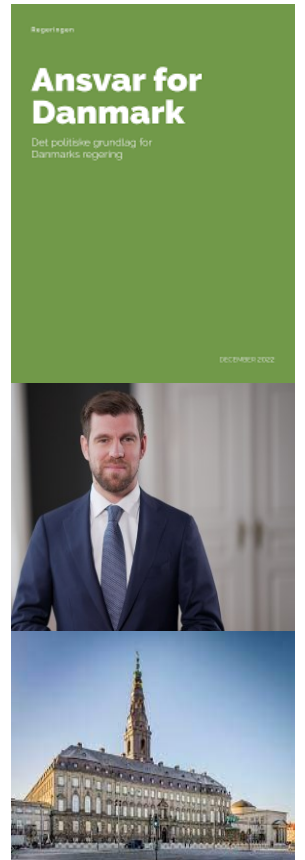


Denmark in a geographical balance

- The government in Denmark is determined to ensure that

“Denmark is in a geographical balance”.

- This means that all citizens
 - should have good opportunities **to live and work in all parts of the country**
 - have access to education, health, transport etc.



Denmark in a geographical balance

- The government aims at ensuring the best conditions for **an active life in a local community**
In Denmark most people is a member of a voluntary association (sports, culture, school etc.)
- The government has already initiated a wide range of initiatives such as
 - **well-developed infrastructure** that ties Denmark together
 - **decentralization of public institutions**, with the aim of placing these outside the Copenhagen area.
- In addition, the government will later this year publish **a new rural development plan for 2024-2027** which is expected to include a wide range of initiatives that will improve the development and daily life in rural areas (budget 13,5 mio. Euro/year)

