

DENMARK CONSTITUTION DAY



FACTSHEET

Name: Kongeriget Danmark - The Kingdom of Denmark

Form of government: Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary democracy

Population: 5.6 million inhabitants

Population density: Approx. 130 inhabitants per sq. km

Capital: København (Copenhagen),

1.213.822 inhabitants live in the metropolitan area

Language: The official language is Danish. English is widely spoken

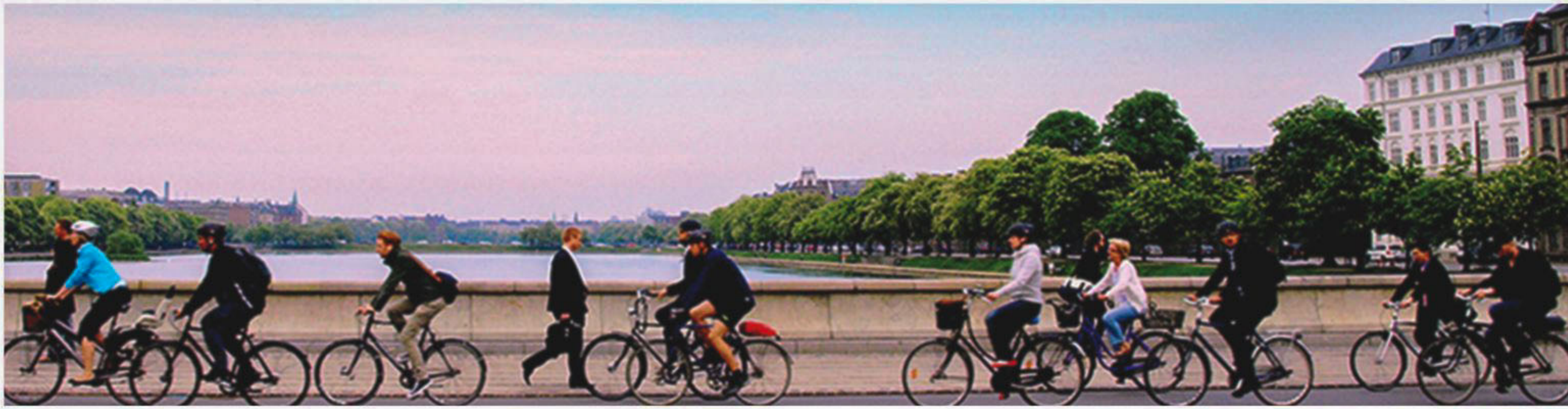
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The energy audits have shown that there is a great potential to save energy and to increase profitability of energy efficiency measures. These audits are carried out by certified consultants in collaboration with Nordic experts.

The potential energy cost savings amounts to more than USD 4 million (average of USD 150,000 per factory) and 61,287 tones of CO2 emissions, according to 27 finalised audit reports. This is equivalent to the emissions of almost 13,000 cars in the USA driven for one year. In general terms, the results until now show that factors across industrial sectors and size can save around 20% of their energy consumption, energy costs and CO2 emissions on a yearly basis. Furthermore the results from implementing energy efficiency measures will be clear in between a range of a few months to 3 years. The findings also show that there are many low-hanging fruits in the sense that the low and medium cost investments account for half of the total potential savings. The most promising technologies for achieving savings are within boilers, generators, heating & ventilation, condensate return systems, optimising motors, pumps and compressors and lighting. These are all areas where Danish green technologies are world-leading and thus the 3e programme offers great synergies with the trade department at the Danish Embassy.

Furthermore, the secretariat has launched an online knowledge hub on energy efficiency green technologies and best practices (www.3e.nccib.com). This knowledge hub will be further developed in the coming months. The energy audits and information from the knowledge hub is offered free of charge, to industries and individuals interested.

Based on the initial results of the 3e programme and the potential synergies towards green technologies from Denmark, NCCI and the Danish Embassy have entered into a new agreement to extend the programme for one more year until June 2017. Under the new extension the Embassy has also provided more funding for publications (e.g. white papers), upgrading the knowledge hub, training of factory personnel and additional energy audits.



Who are the Danes?

LIKE the other Nordic countries, Denmark is characterised by universal welfare services such as, free healthcare and free education. The Danes also get lots of fresh air by being one of the most bicycle-friendly populations on the planet. Modern design and architecture are part of their daily lives; they consume a greater proportion of organic produce than any other people; and their interest in sustainability, nature and food has resulted in the New Nordic food movement.

The Nordic model

The small Nordic country has one of the world's most flexible labour markets as it is based on a 'flexicurity' system where the employers with relative ease can dismiss the workers. Workers in turn are secured by unemployment benefits, a result of decades of cooperation between employers and unions. An active labour market policy is another important aspect in the model. The Danish work force is characterised by having one of the world's highest levels of educa-

tion and by being very mobile. There is also a great deal of equality in the Danish job market and society as a whole, as 78 per cent of Danish women work outside the home, and in total men and women work almost the same number of hours. Combined with virtually non-existent corruption, a strong focus on innovation and one of the world's best business climates, this provides reasons why many companies decide to invest in and establish themselves in Denmark.

A green nation

Denmark has a long tradition of ambitious and active energy and climate policies based on broad consensus in the Danish Parliament, e.g. energy and environment play a key role when new buildings and urban districts are planned, designed and built. The energy policy objectives of Denmark are to create security of supply, to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollution and ensure energy efficiency while creating a basis for commercial development both at home and abroad. The ambition is to significantly



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increase the harnessing of sustainable energy sources. As the first country in the world, Denmark is leading the transition to a green growth economy by introducing a clear vision of becoming independent of fossil fuels by 2050. That is why Denmark calls itself State of Green. But as global resources are scarce, reaching this goal requires a broad range of innovative technologies and an ambitious policy framework to support them. Denmark tirelessly works with other states, in the EU and through development assistance to push for the transition towards a global green economy.

Denmark in the world

Maps of the world can be drawn in several ways. Generally, area measurement is used and, represented in this way, the Kingdom of Denmark – not counting the Faroe Islands and Greenland – with its 43,000 square kilometres (26,700 sq. miles) is approx. 3.5 times smaller than Bangladesh. However, if measured by the share spent on development assistance, Denmark is placed very high internationally – the country is one of few in the world that live up to the UN target of granting 0.7 percent GNI to development assistance. The same applies if the yardstick is the number of Danish police and military forces sent out on peacemaking and peace-keeping missions.



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