TS 24 – Planning for Rural and Urban Communities

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“New Danish regional development plans - an effort of combining economy and spatial aspects for urban and rural areas”

From Pharaohs to Geoinformatics
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Population and urban structure

5.4 mill. inhabitants
5 largest cities are Copenhagen, Århus, Odense, Ålborg and Esbjerg
85% live in urban areas
1/3 lives in the Greater Copenhagen area

Denmark in Europe

• 25 European Union countries.
• Of these 10 EU member countries

Directions from the regional development plan

A vision for
• The development of the area
• Development perspectives in the different sub-areas of the region.

Objectives for the region
• growth conditions, physical and functional qualities and the role of the cities.

Regional Planning Guidance

The main headings
Regional vision
Spatial Strategi
Environment
Economy
Recreation, Tourism
Culture, sport
Housing
Transport
Infrastructur og ressources
Implementing og measuring
The new structural reform compose a reform of the Danish Planning Act 2007

Planning “tunes” coming from EU

Two main messages:
- “Integrated spatial development approaches, enables regions to exploit their endogenous potentials more effectively, “
- “Territorial challenges require a coherent approach to the development of the territory that takes account of its diversity”

Where are we going?

“Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.”

Søren Kierkegaard