

# The Danish research and innovation system



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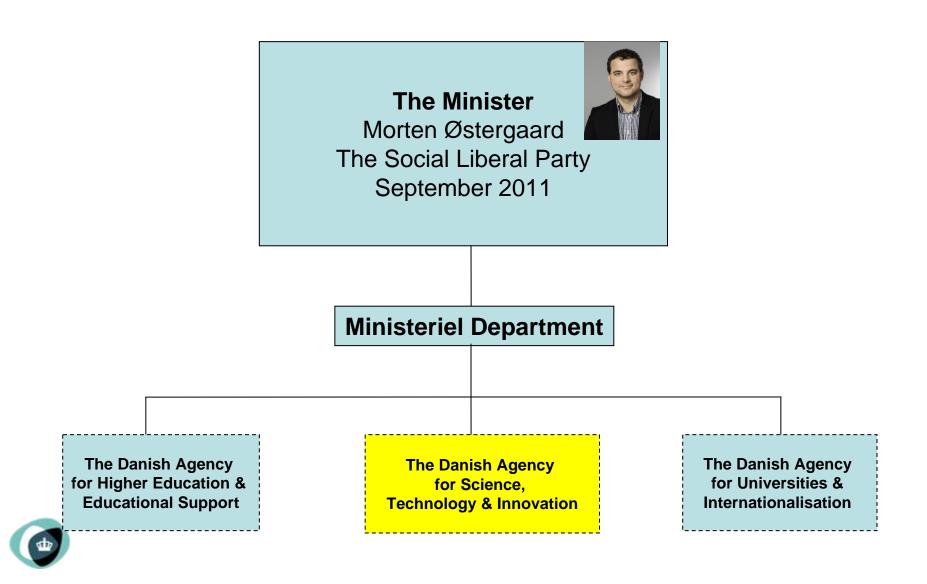


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## Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education





## DASTI – Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation



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# Organisational development and current setting (the silent revolution)

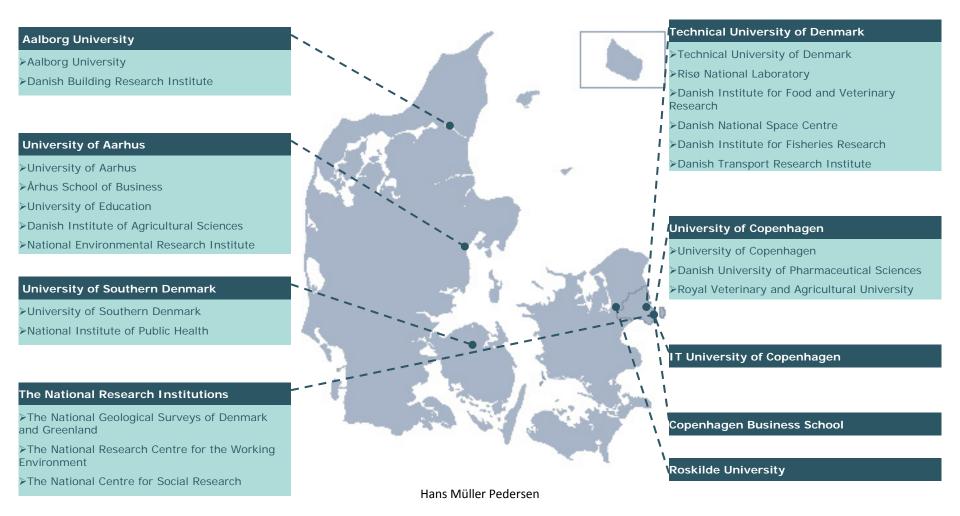
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation established in 2002 as the first of its kind in the World
- Governance Reform 2003 in Danish universities
- The Globalization Strategy launched 2005/06
- Mergers (Universities and National research Institutions) 2007-08
- Change of set up of research allocation bodies 2003 and 2008





# University structure 2007

- •Universities (12 → 8)
- •Research institutions (17 → 3)



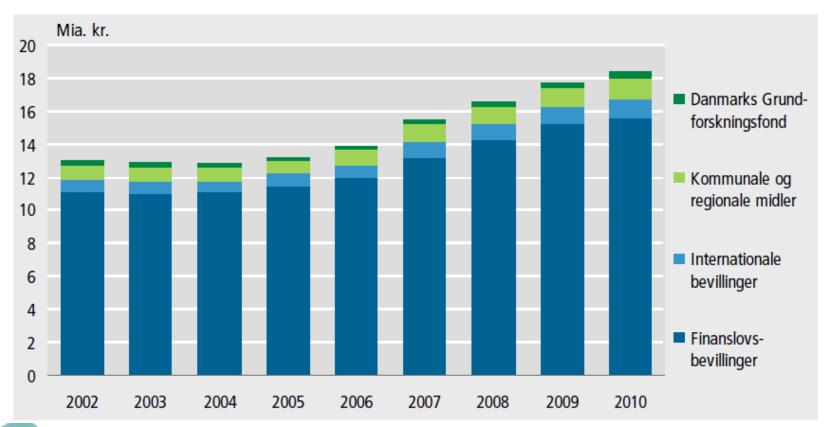


## The Danish R&D allocation bodies

Basic research			Applied research and knowledge- dissemination	
Danish National research foundation	Danish council for independent research	Danish council for strategic research	Danish council for technology and innovation	Danish foundation for advanced technology
49 M€	163 M€	129 M€	141 M€	80 M€
Center grants.  Typically 40 – 50 MDKK 5 – 10 year grants  Heavily co financed from Uni.	Individual grants and minor projects Typically 2-5 MDKK 2-3 year grants	Centers Networks Large projects Minimum 10 MDKK – maximum 50 MDKK	Result Contracts with GTS Networks Projects Commercializa-tion	Projects Typically 10 – 30 MDKK Uni. – Comp.  Heavily co financed from comp.



## The National budget for research (fixed 2010 prices)



8 is on the state budget. 62 % is "core grants"; 38 % is competition grants



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# **Educational goals**

Where are we now?

90%



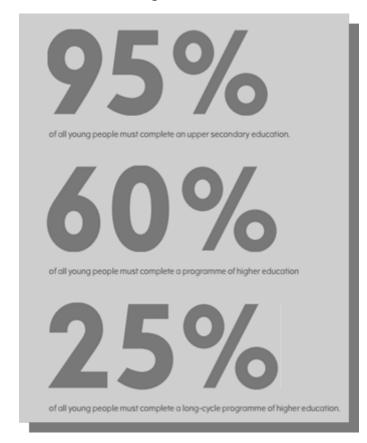
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23%



By 2020







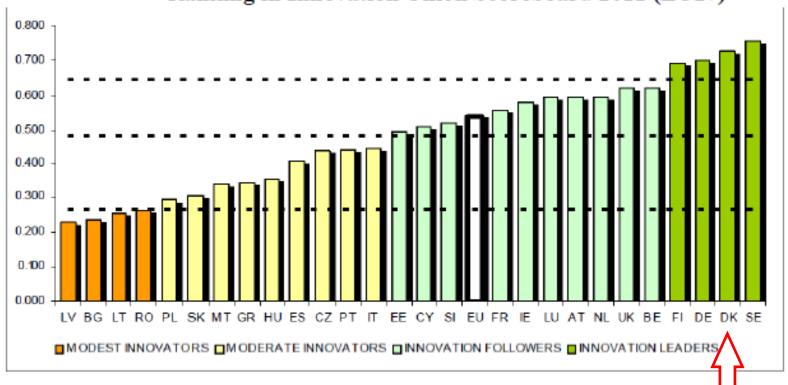
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# A strong basis for innovation

#### Ranking in Innovation Union Scoreboard 2011 (EU27)







## ERAC – European Reseach Area Committee



Paul Cunningham



Kimmo Halme

Peer-Review of the Danish education, research and innovation system



Arie van der Zwan



Wolgang Crasemann



**Petri Lehto** 



Otto Starzer





# ERAC peer review, Sept 2012 (I)

## A strong basis for innovation...

"We have found Denmark offers an excellent example of a well-performing R&I system."

- •A strong international standing in terms of comparative international performance in most RD&I indicators.
- •A strong education base with excellent higher education and research systems.
- •A strong public and private sector commitment to continue to maintain the necessary levels of investment into education, research and innovation.
- •A timely response to the prevailing economic conditions and identified challenges in the development of a new national innovation strategy by the Danish government which demonstrates a number of appropriate courses of policy action.
- •A unique Danish approach and culture for innovation and innovation policy, which strongly reflects the country's open and dynamic welfare society.





## ERAC peer review, Sept 2012 (II)

#### ...but also a call for action:

- •A large and heavy Danish public sector, which tends to dominate the R&I system.
- •Concerns around insufficient growth of productivity levels and a slowing down of economic growth.
- •A need for well-performing Danish companies to raise their game from the European level to the global arena in particular for Danish SMEs to exploit their niche market opportunities.
- •A need to increase the visibility, both in performance and policy attention, of sectors of the Danish economy outside multinational companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and energy sectors
- •The existence of policy instruments in a limited number of policy areas which need further development in order for the RDI system to achieve its full potential.



## New steps in research and innovation policy

Focus more on societal challenges

- Include education in innovation policy making
- Keep focus on internationalization

Lean the system







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