

Draft

**Cooperation Agreement
about interregional cooperation between
Central Denmark Region in Denmark
and
Lower Silesian Voivodship in Poland**

Central Denmark Region (Denmark) and Lower Silesian Voivodship (Poland), hereinafter called the Parties, wish to enter into a Cooperation Agreement for the following reasons:

- The Agreement will be a step on the way to the formation of a new united Europe through the creation of friendly relations between Polish and Danish regions, and will contribute to the construction of a peaceful Europe based on human rights, democracy and respect for national and European laws.
- The partnership between Central Denmark Region and Lower Silesian Voivodship will contribute to strengthen the economic growth in businesses and institutions in both regions, and will develop cooperative projects and exchange experiences in selected areas of expertise.
- The Parties wish to contribute to the formation of friendly ties and cooperation between organisations and people in both regions in order to enhance the mutual knowledge of our communities and cultures, and thus continue the cooperative relations between Ringkjøbing County and Lower Silesian Voivodship,

1.

The Parties have agreed to cooperate on and to support the mutual exchange of experiences and information in the following areas:

- Health and social institutions
- Regional development
 - development of existing and new businesses
 - application of new technology
 - innovation
 - development of human resources
 - culture, tourism and the experience economy
 - rural districts and marginal areas

2.

The partnership shall consist mainly of cooperation between organisations within the specified areas, where these organisations will organise and finance the partnership in accordance with their

possibilities and needs. Attempts shall be made to ensure that external financing is sought for special projects, for example via national funds or EU programmes.

3.

Each Party shall appoint one or more persons who will be responsible for performance of the Agreement.

4.

The Parties shall agree on the cooperation programme each year and prepare protocols for its performance in order to ensure joint agreement on themes and the terms for joint tasks. The Parties shall alternately arrange meetings once a year to discuss the results of the partnership's activities. The composition of the delegations shall be agreed between the Parties. The costs of food and lodging shall be paid by the host Party, and transport costs shall be paid separately by each Party.

5.

In special programmes and in accordance with the principle of reciprocity, the Parties shall make decisions on arranging regular events which will contribute to the development of this Cooperation Agreement.

6.

The Parties shall exchange information required to develop the partnership.

7.

The partnership shall proceed in accordance with the relevant legislation in each Party's country.

8.

Points of contention concerning interpretation and implementation of the provisions in this Agreement shall be solved extrajudicially by mutual consultation and discussion between the Parties.

9.

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of its signing. It is assumed that the Agreement will be subsequently approved by Lower Silesian Voivodship and the Central Denmark Region council.

10.

This Agreement shall be entered into for a period of four (4) years. The Agreement shall be extended automatically by a further four (4) years at a time if neither of the Parties wishes to terminate it within its period of validity. Termination of the Agreement shall be made in writing. This Agreement was drawn up on..... 2007 in Viborg in Polish, English and Danish in two copies which shall be equally valid, and all versions shall likewise be equally valid.

For
Central Denmark Region

For
Lower Silesian Voivodship

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