

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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## Denmark

- Bounded by water
- 7.300 km coastline
- Flat agricultural land
- 43.000 kvm

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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

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## Denmark in Europe

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

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## 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.

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## Regional Planning Guidance

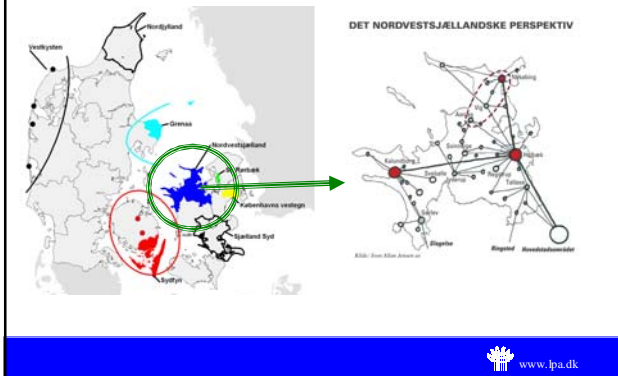
The main headings

- Regional vision
- Spatial Strategy
- Environment
- Economy
- Recreation, Tourism
- Culture, sport
- Housing
- Transport
- Infrastruktur og ressourcer
- Implementing og measuring

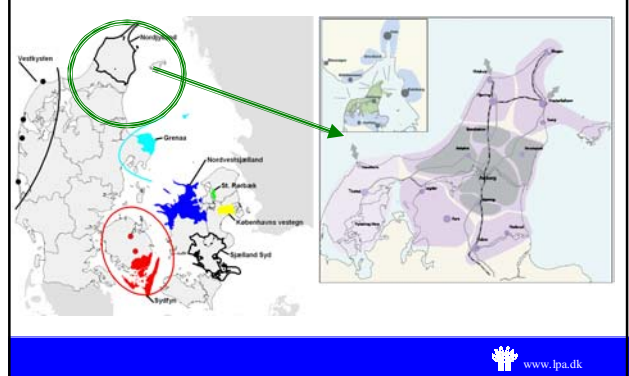
South West Regional Planning Guidance  
Spatial Strategy Diagram

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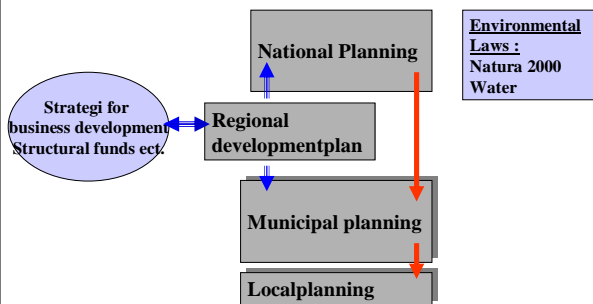
## Eksempel 1 North West Sealand



## Eksempel 2 North Jutland



## The new structural reform composes 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



H.P. Hansen, 1854  
Tilbører Det Nationalhistoriske Museum på Frederiksborg Slot