

This summary of Local identity and new challenges, a national planning report from the Minister for Environment and Energy, is Denmark's vision of how environmental, economic and sociocultural factors can be better coordinated within a specific national and local geographical context with optimum interaction between the various private and public actors.

The report explains the Government's objectives for national planning policy and emphasizes:

- that the land zoned for business should be geared to the business development of the future;*
- that Denmark's 12 regions and 275 municipalities should use spatial planning actively in developing local strategies for business development; and*
- that making transport more efficient and environmentally sound requires using the existing transport infrastructure appropriately rather than further expanding the transport infrastructure.*

In addition, the national planning report designates new national centres that have demonstrated in the past decade how cooperation generated by city networks can promote local development.

Denmark's national planning report follows the recommendations of the European Spatial Development Perspective, adopted by the informal European Council of Ministers responsible for Spatial Planning in 1999, on achieving balanced and sustainable development. The Government would like to initiate joint demonstration projects that will take on the central challenges of development. This will be carried out in close cooperation with the regional and municipal authorities.

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