



ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY
Zagreb

CHRISTIAN THORNING

AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK TO CROATIA



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DECENTRALIZATION IN DENMARK

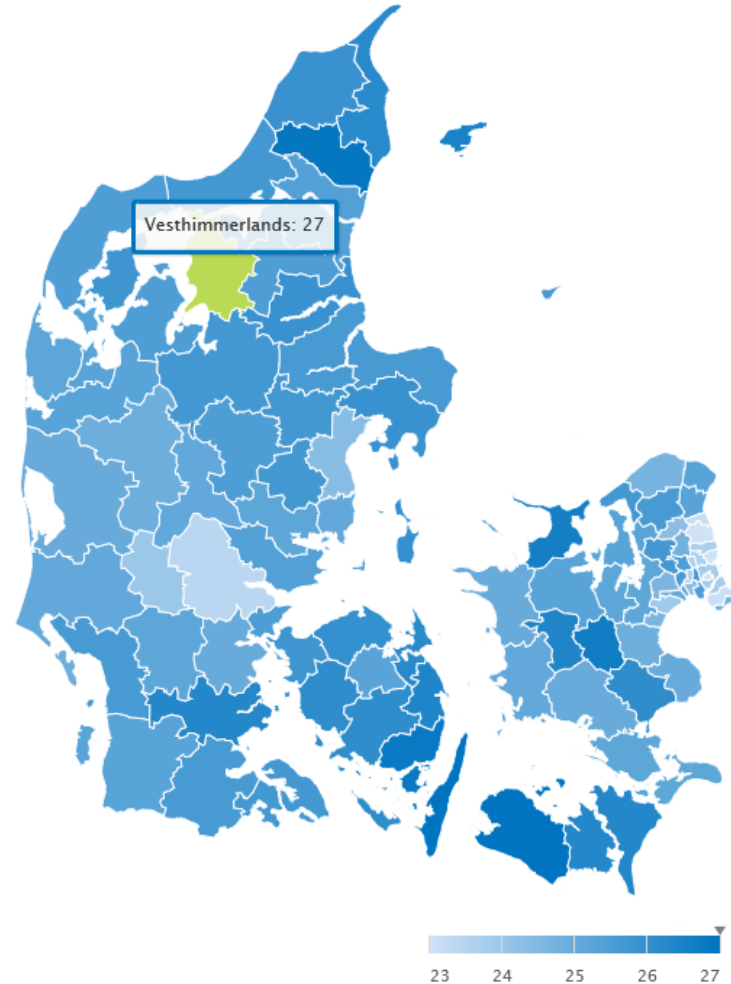
Municipalities and Regions have full responsibilities for:

- Social security/benefits
- Care for the elderly
- Kindergardens
- Primary education
- Public utilities, infrastructure & rescue service
- Primary health
- Hospitals
- Regional development
- Unemployment / labour market initiatives
- Environment / planning
- Integration of migrants
- Tourism
- Libraries
- General citizen service incl. tax, drivers licens, passports, family law
 - And more.....



FINANCE

- 3/4 taxes directly on local level
- 1/4 contribution from the State
- Local decision about level of taxation





DENMARK UNTIL 1970

App. 1300 local units
25 counties





DENMARK FROM 1970 - 2007

Local units: 277 (272)

Counties: 14

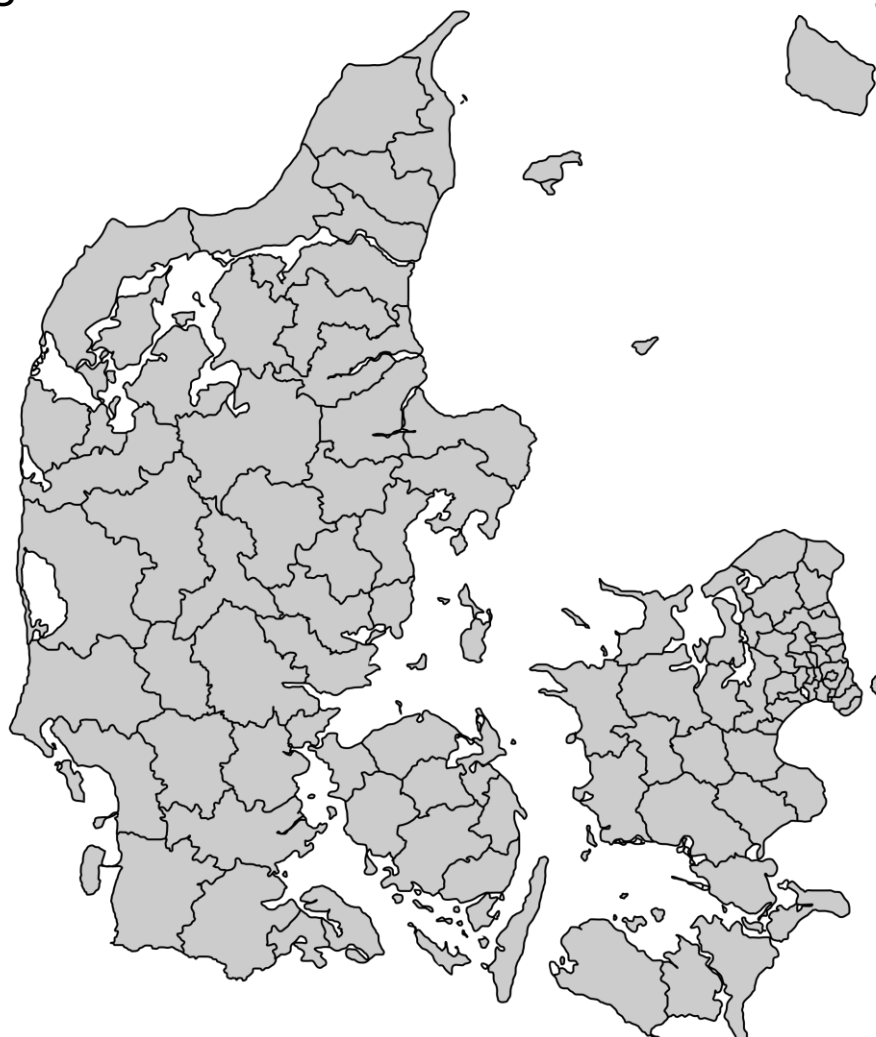




DENMARK FROM 2007

Local units: 98

Regions: 5





EFFECTS OF 2007-REFORM EXAMPLE: HEALTH-SECTOR

