

116 908 8112 ✓

# **Better Regulation in Europe: Denmark 2010**



## *Table of Contents*

<b>Abbreviations and Acronyms .....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Country Profile – Denmark .....</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Executive Summary .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Introduction.....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Chapter 1: Strategy and policies for Better Regulation .....</b>	<b>31</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	31
Background .....	35
Economic context and drivers of Better Regulation .....	35
Main developments in Denmark’s Better Regulation agenda .....	37
Guiding principles for Better Regulation.....	39
Main Better Regulation policies .....	39
Communication on the Better Regulation agenda .....	40
<i>Ex post</i> evaluation of Better Regulation strategy and policies.....	41
E-Government in support of Better Regulation.....	41
<b>Chapter 2: Institutional capacities for Better Regulation.....</b>	<b>45</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	46
Background .....	48
General institutional context.....	48
Key institutional players for Better Regulation policy .....	51
Resources and training.....	59
<b>Chapter 3: Transparency through consultation and communication.....</b>	<b>61</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	61
Background .....	63
Public consultation on regulations.....	63
Public communication on regulations.....	66
<b>Chapter 4: The development of new regulations .....</b>	<b>69</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	70
Background .....	74
General context.....	74
Processes for making new regulations.....	75
<i>Ex ante</i> assessment of the impact of new regulations.....	82
Alternatives to regulation .....	87

<b>Chapter 5: The management and rationalisation of existing regulations.....</b>	<b>91</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	91
Background .....	94
Simplification of regulations .....	94
Post implementation reviews .....	95
Administrative burden reduction for businesses.....	95
Administrative burden reduction for the administration.....	101
<b>Chapter 6: Compliance, enforcement, appeals .....</b>	<b>107</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	107
Background .....	108
Compliance and enforcement .....	108
Appeals .....	111
<b>Chapter 7: The interface between member states and the European Union .....</b>	<b>115</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	115
Background .....	116
General context.....	116
Negotiating EU regulations .....	116
Transposing EU regulations .....	118
Interface with Better Regulation at EU level.....	119
<b>Chapter 8: The interface between subnational and national levels of government.....</b>	<b>121</b>
Assessment and recommendations .....	121
Background .....	123
Structure, responsibilities and funding of local governments.....	123
Better Regulation policies deployed at local level.....	126
Co-ordination mechanisms .....	127
<b>Bibliography .....</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Annex A: The Local Government Reform in Denmark.....</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Figures</b>	
Figure 4.1. Trends in the number of laws enacted by the <i>Folketing</i> .....	75
Figure 4.2. Danish government’s process for preparing draft laws.....	78
<b>Tables</b>	
Table 1.1 Milestones in the development of Better Regulation policies in Denmark.....	38
Table 2.1 Milestones in the development of Better Regulation institutions in Denmark .....	50
Table 2.2 Key governmental co-ordination bodies in Denmark .....	54
Table 4.1 Summary table for impact assessment .....	86
Table 7.1 Trends in the number of new laws stemming from EU-related requirements .....	116
<b>Boxes</b>	
Box 1.1 Comments from the 2000 OECD report: Strategies and policies for Better Regulation .....	32
Box 1.2 Denmark’s medium-term strategy: “Towards new goals – Denmark 2015”.....	36
Box 1.3 Denmark’s e-Government strategy .....	41