



Sønderborg

Udsigt i verdensklasse

Glokal: Storbyen i naturen

Grænseland: Det bedste fra to verdener

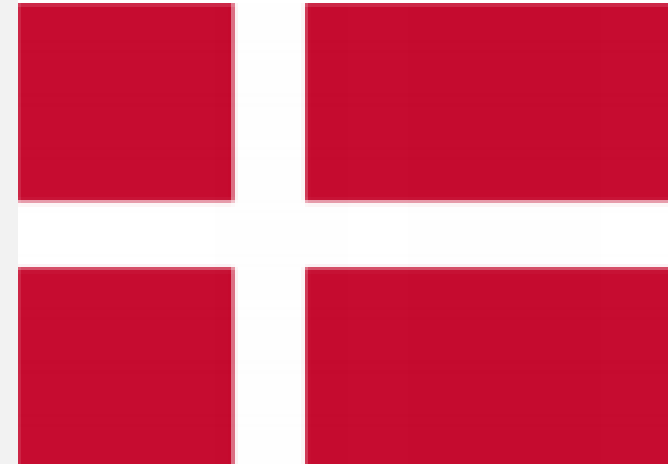
Handlekraft: Vi får det til at ske

Meeting with the delegation from Ministry of Agriculture, Kingdom of Morocco 6 September 2024

Erik Lauritzen
Mayor Sønderborg Municipality

About Denmark

- Population: Approximately 5.8 million inhabitants
- Capital: Copenhagen (1,3 million inhabitants)
- Form of government: Constitutional monarchy
- The system of governance: Parliamentary democracy
- The Folketing is Denmark's parliament
 - multi-party structure
 - elections at least every 4 years
- The current government:
 - formed 15 December 2022
 - consists of the Social Democratic Party, the Liberal Party and the Moderates



Sønderborg municipality

- Population: approx. 74,000
- Area: 495 km² (medium-sized municipality)
- 250 km of coastline
- Center: Sønderborg
- Own airport - only 35 minutes to Copenhagen
- CO₂-neutral growth region 2029
- 120 different nationalities
- University of Southern Denmark & Erhvervsakademi SydVest
 - offer English-taught degree programs
 - are the most international campuses in all of Denmark



History Sønderborg municipality – municipal reform

On 1 January 2007, the municipal reform came into effect:

- significant changes to the organizational structure
- division of tasks in the public sector in Denmark
- 271 municipalities became 98 large municipalities
- 14 counties were abolished
- 5 regions were created

Sønderborg (7=1):

- Augustenborg, Broager, Gråsten, Nordborg, Sundeved, Sydals og Sønderborg



The City Council

The members of the City Council are elected by the citizens for a 4-year period.

The city council:

- elected at the municipal elections in November 2021
- sets out visions and takes decisions on all major matters of importance to the municipality, e.g. the annual budgets
- has 31 members, distributed among the parties
 - Social Democracy
 - Schleswig Party
 - Enhedslisten
 - Venstre
 - Nye Borgerlige
 - Dansk Folkeparti

The Mayor leads the City Council's work.



The City Council's lighthouse projects

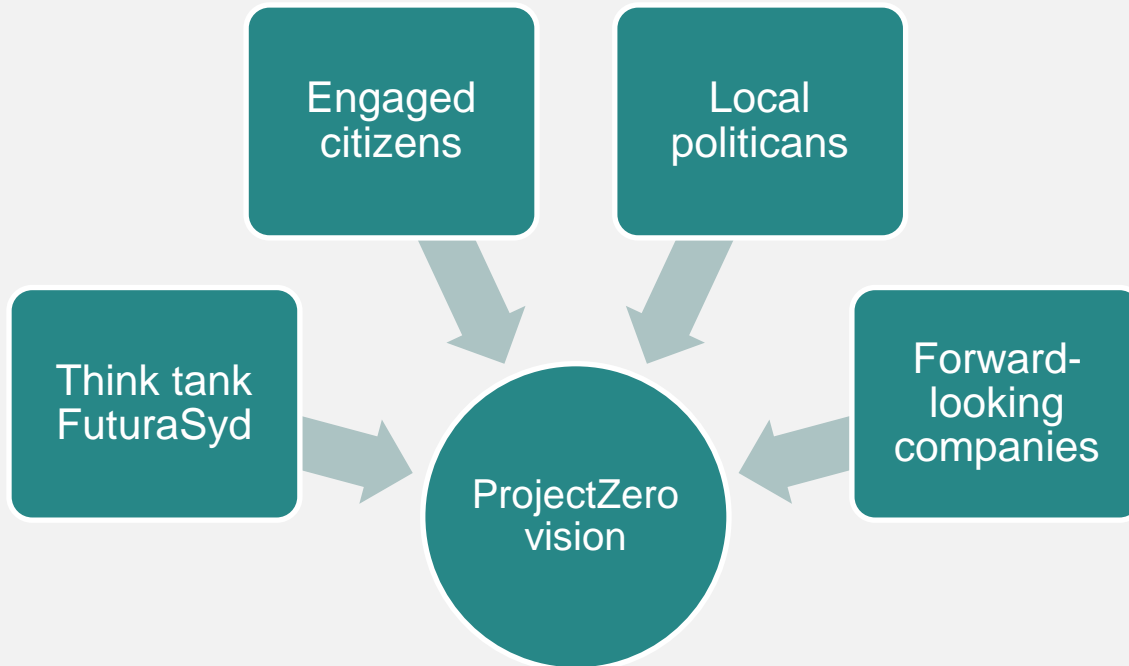
The City Council prioritizes which large development projects they will work on over several city council terms.

This ensures political support and peace of mind for development along the way.

Political lighthouses are important signals to the outside world.



ProjectZero: It all began in 2007



ProjectZero is Sønderborg's vision of:

- reducing the area's CO2 emissions to ZERO by 2029
- at the same time creating new skills and green jobs.

This will be done through restructuring the energy system.

→ Malene from ProjectZero will elaborate this

Questions?

