

Denmark - Subsidy of DKK 6 million for nine knowledge centres for tasks related to green transition and sustainability within their existing educational areas

Title of inspiring practice	Subsidy of six million DKK (to be used 2021-2024) for the nine knowledge centres for tasks related to green transition and sustainability within their existing educational areas (" <i>Tilskud på 6 mio. kr. (anvendes 2021-2024) til de ni videnscentre til opgaver relateret til grøn omstilling og bæredygtighed inden for deres eksisterende uddannelsesområder</i> ")
Geographical area	Denmark local level. Providers of vocational training make up the field of applicants
Period of implementation	The grant period started in November 2022 and ends 31 December 2024.
Rationale	<p>On 2 November 2021, the government entered an agreement with a number of political parties with the goal of supporting respectively the sector of vocational training (VET) and labour market education in their green transition and climate adaptation by ensuring the availability of strong "green" educational offers in the field of VET and labour market educations. As a result, the government decided to allocate a total subsidy of DKK 54 million to this initiative.</p> <p>About DKK 6 million are allocated to nine knowledge centres and are used to broaden the knowledge purpose of these centres and increase the portfolio to include tasks related to the preparation and testing of new teaching materials and courses focusing on sustainability and green transition that are broadly applied to both vocational and labour market education within their existing areas of education.</p> <p>The initiative can be an example of how knowledge centres can work purposefully with funds earmarked for green activities and with specific political goals for using the funds.</p>
Scope of the practice	Initial Vocational Training Combination
Educational level	Level 3-4 (EQF level 3-4)
Introduction and context	<p>The nine knowledge centres which are allocated DKK 6 million, for a total of DKK 54.0 million, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craftsmanship and sustainability (Host school: Learnmark Horsens), • Automation and robotics South and North (Two knowledge centres. Host schools: Southern Danish Business School Odense-Vejle and Mercantec), • Welfare Technology West and East (Two knowledge centres. Host schools: SOSU North and SOSU H), • Process technology (Host school: EUC Lillebælt), • Crafts, design and architecture (Host school: NEXT Education Copenhagen), • Digital trade (Host school: Aarhus Business College), • Knowledge of data - data-based service and business development (Host school: IBC International Business College). <p>Key stakeholders: Students and subject teachers and VET providers</p> <p>The objective of the practice with the green subsidy, the knowledge centres got two further political goals:</p>

	<p>1. Strengthen and anchor knowledge of and skills for use in the green transition.</p> <p>2. Support the other vocational schools and other providers of labour market education in their work with green transition and sustainability.</p>
Key activities and outcomes	<p>The funds will be paid out in 2021 and can be used by the grant recipients in the period going from 2021 to 2024.</p> <p>The grant should be used to expand the nine knowledge centres' purposes and portfolio to include tasks related to green restructuring and sustainability in business and labour market education within the knowledge centres existing educational areas.</p> <p>Among other things, the knowledge centres are tasked with preparing and testing new teaching courses and materials as well as assisting with competence development within sustainability and green conversion of teachers on vocational and labour market educations.</p> <p>The knowledge centres share knowledge crosswise in relation to how the green transition is relevant for the individual craft area.</p> <p>The knowledge centres must annually submit target and activity plans, in which they describe which activities they want to focus on that year. Including development of teaching material about the green transition.</p>
Other information	<p>https://eng.uvm.dk/upper-secondary-education/vocational-education-and-training-in-denmark</p> <p>https://eng.uvm.dk/upper-secondary-education/vocational-education-and-training-in-denmark</p>
Contacts and sources	<p>Ministry of Children and Education, Denmark.</p> <p>Link to the political agreement: https://www.folketingstidende.dk/samling/20211/aktstykke/Aktstk48/20211_aktstk48_afgjort.pdf</p>
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