WORKING GROUP ON INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CROSS BORDER OBSTACLES

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1. Holderen og klistre ind logoet så det flugter med Greater Copenhagen.

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1 vision
2 countries
3 regions
4 million inhabitants
79 municipalities
OECD report from 2009, catalyst for Greater Copenhagen

- Reduced economic growth in the capital area compared with other North European metropolitan areas

- A strategic investment was recommended to:
  - Increase the supply of competencies
  - Promote innovation and research
  - Upgrade the infrastructure
  - Strengthen the governance structure

- 2013 – Danish ”Focused growth agenda”
- Common vision together with Scania, Skåne
- 2015: Negotiations on the formation of ”Greater Copenhagen & Skåne Committee”
- 2016: New organisation, The Greater Copenhagen & Skåne Committee
VISION FOR GREATER COPENHAGEN

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The Greater Copenhagen & Skåne Committee

**ORGANIZATION**

**Political Board**

**Steering Group**

**Secretariat**

**Coordination Group**

**Support**

**Working Groups**

**SKÅNE**
- Region Skåne (3)
- Kommunförbundet Skåne (1)
- Malmö (1)
- Lund (1)
- Helsingborg (1)
- Kristianstad (1)
- Hässleholm/Landskrona/Trelleborg (1)

**Capital Region + Zealand**
- Capital Region (2)
- KKR Capital (2)
- Copenhagen municipality (1)
- Zealand (2)
- KKR Zealand (2)
This charter represents a shared vision of how a well-functioning, robust and sustainable infrastructure will help to strengthen mobility and boost economic growth and welfare. The charter is a proposal for a dialogue with the state authorities on both sides of the Øresund.
FOCUS AREAS IN 2018-2019

1. Infrastructure
2. Attract talents and investments
3. International marketing
4. To create an integrated growth region
A SUCCESSFUL BORDER REGION

- Oresund Bridge opened in 2000
- 14-18 000 cross border commuters
- "Oresund’s strategy" Two countries one labour market
  - Provide information service for commuters
  - Identify obstacles and discuss potential solutions in working groups
  - Focus is on barriers that inhibit economic growth
  - Cooperation with regional authorities and organizations
  - Cooperation with other border regions
  - Nordic Council of Ministers, Freedom of Movement (database)
  - Lobbying
  - Highlight obstacles in projects
PROJECT BASED
A NEW BORDER BARRIERS STRATEGY

➢ Prioritize
➢ Influence
➢ Politicize

New initiatives:
- Appoint Ambassadors
- Annual meeting to highlite border barriers

1. Difficulties for third-country citizens to commute in Greater Copenhagen
2. Difficulties to validate education and different professional qualifications
3. Difficulties to enroll in workplace training
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