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Danish Regions

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Bridging the gap

- Regional governance in Denmark

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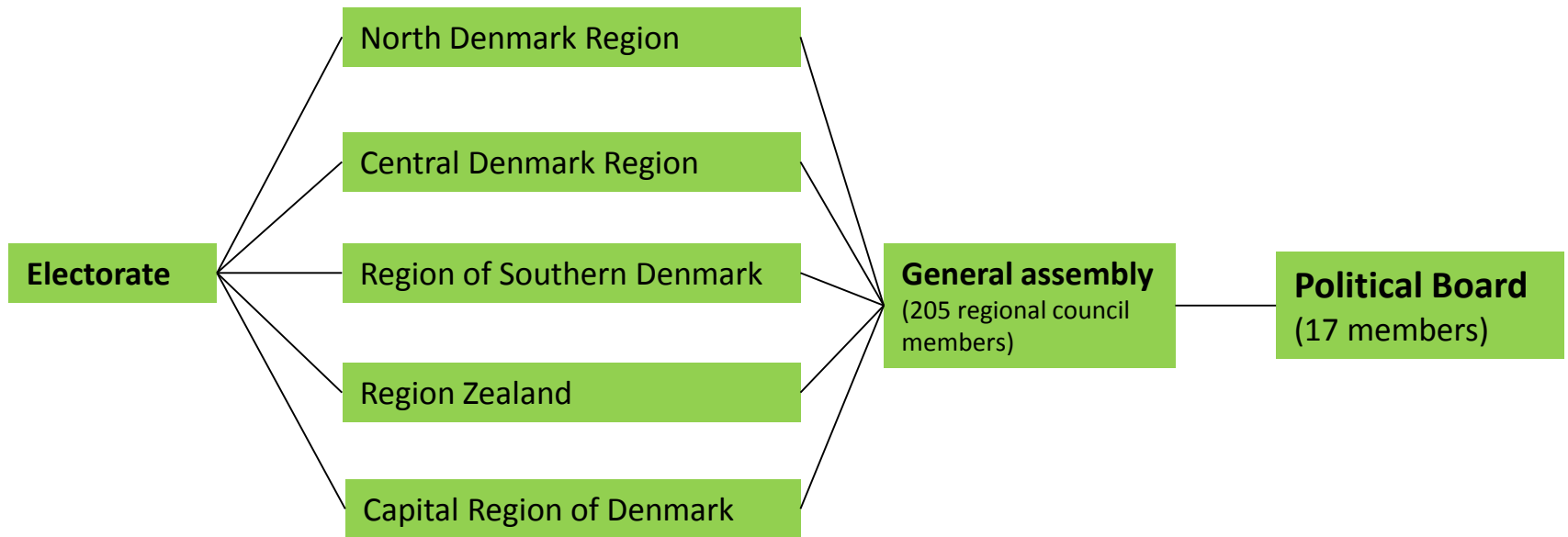
Danish Regions

- Organization for the five regions
- Established in 2007
- About 170 employees
- Politically led organization



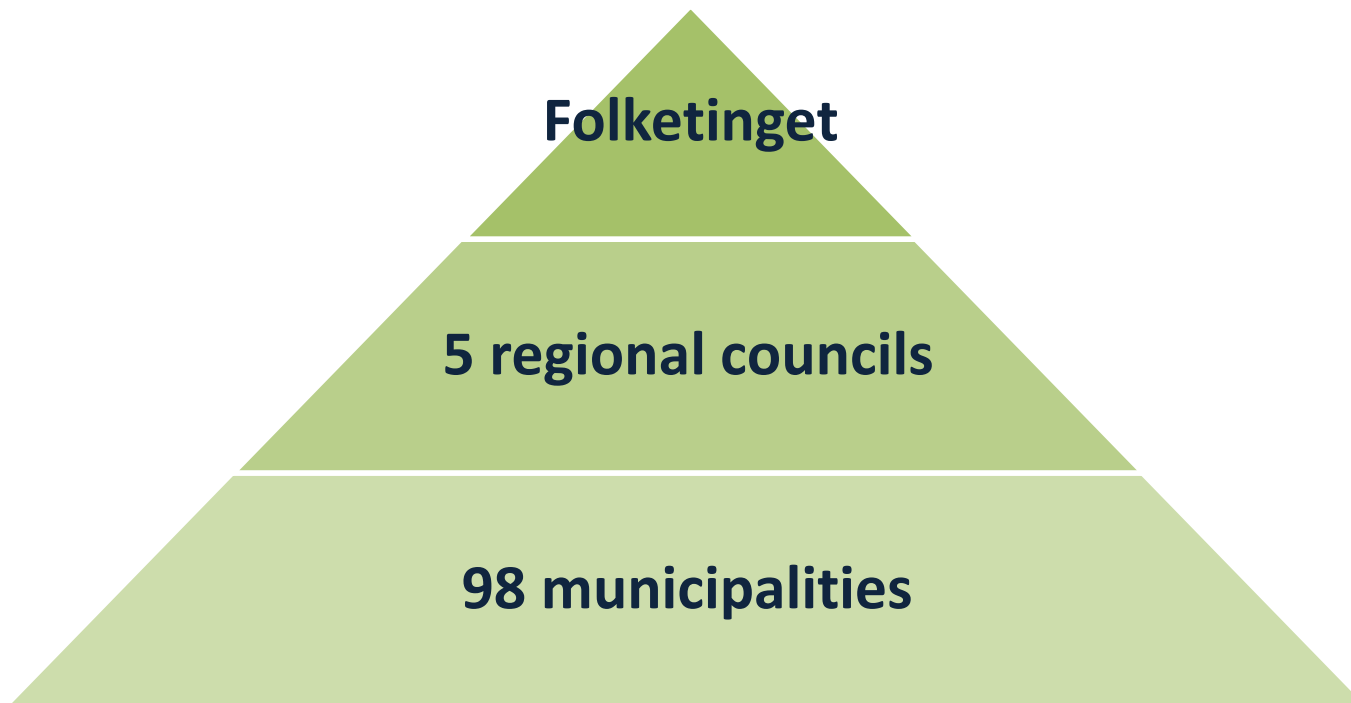


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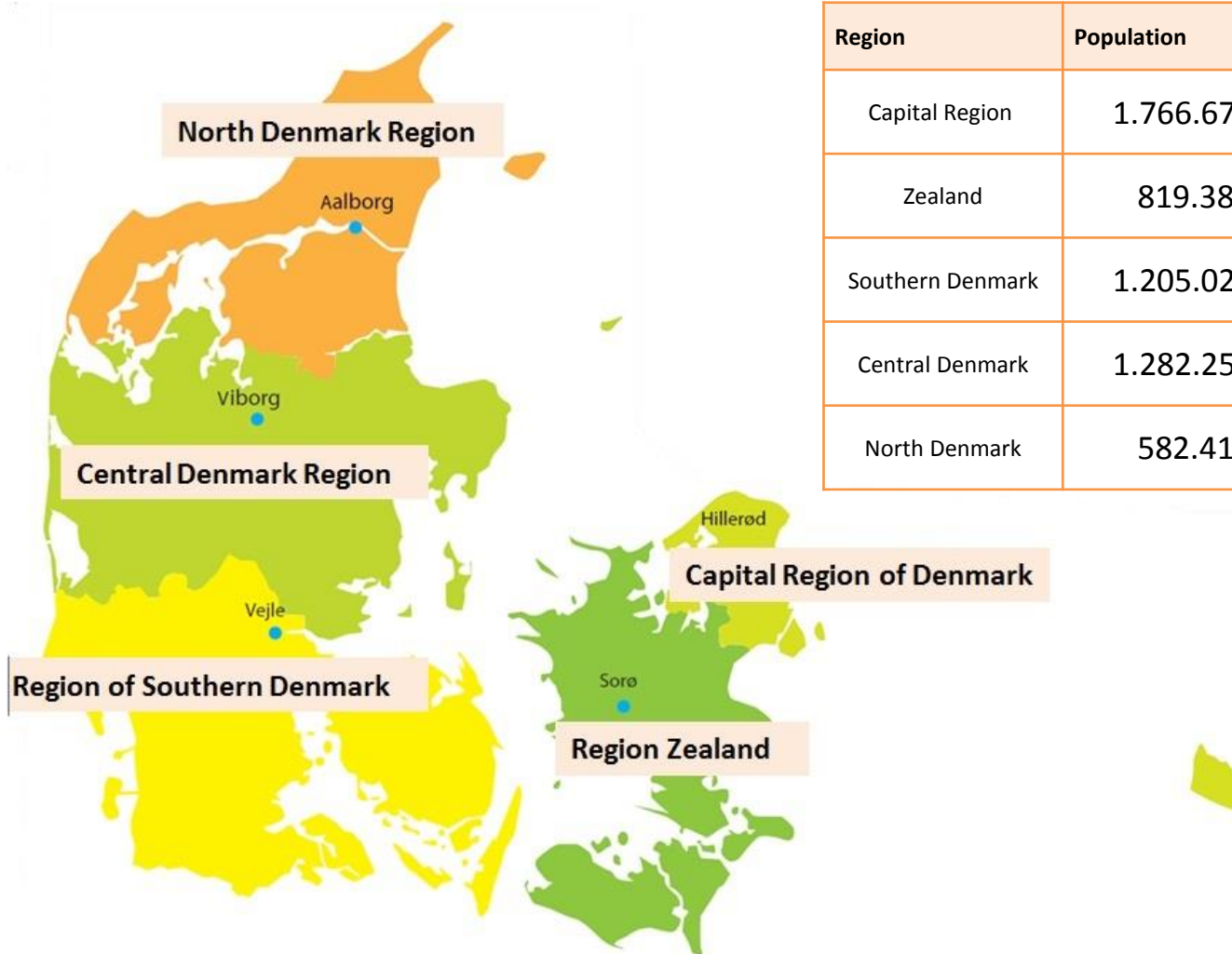


Political and administrative divisions





Regions in brief



Region	Population	Inhabitants per square kilometers
Capital Region	1.766.677	698
Zealand	819.385	114
Southern Denmark	1.205.025	98
Central Denmark	1.282.250	99
North Denmark	582.413	74



From 14 counties to 5 regions

2007: Structural reform. The perhaps largest administrative change in Danish history.

Voluntary merging of municipalities

271 → 98

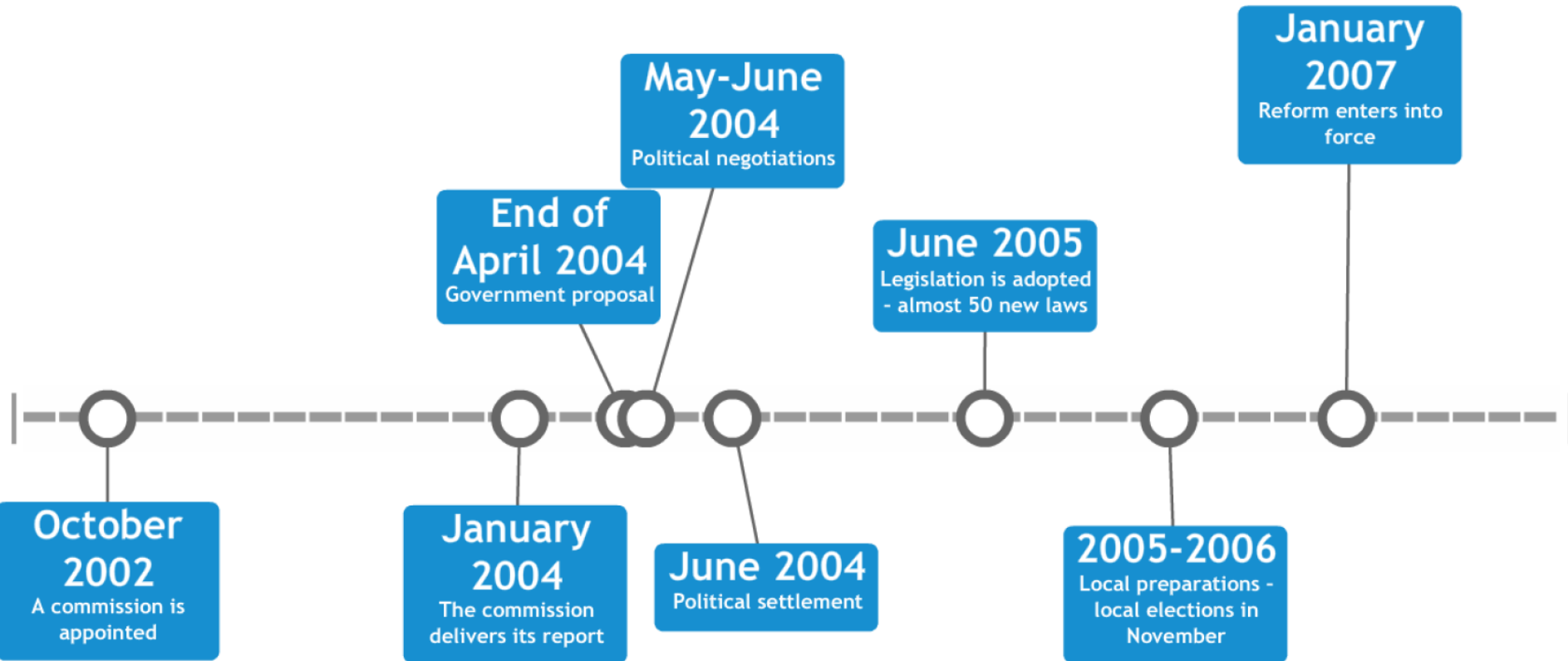
Establishing 5 regions

14 → 5

- 41 regional council members in each region
- Direct elections every 4th years



Structural reform: Timeline





Responsibilities of the regions

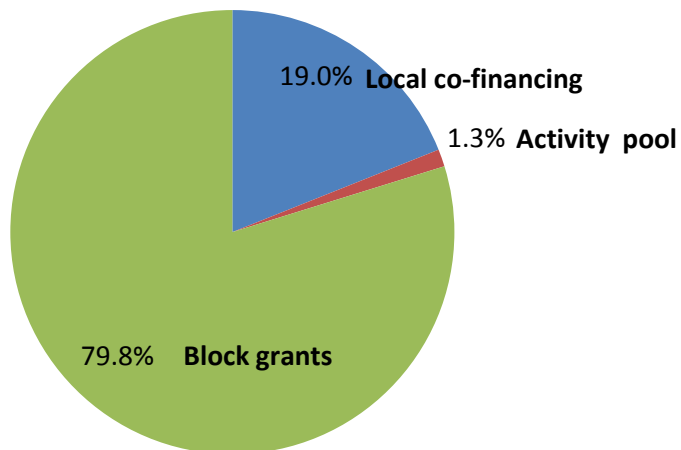
- Healthcare – somatic and psychiatric treatment, GP's and specialist doctors
- Social institutions and special education institutions
- Regional development
- Soil pollution and raw materials
- Public transportation



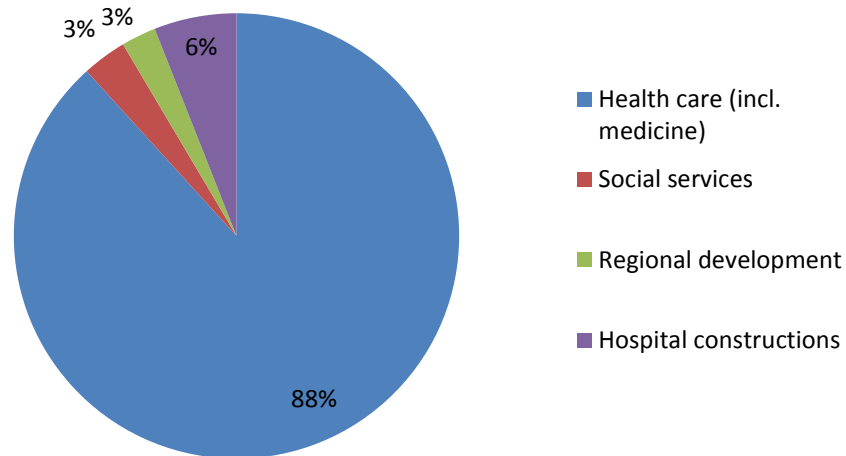


Regional finances

No regional tax income:



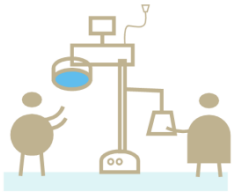
Operating budgets 2015



Health care (incl. medicine)	104.906
Social services	3.844
Regional development	2.999
Hospital constructions	7.119



Regional development and Regional Growth Forums



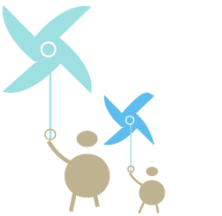
- **Regional Growth and Development Strategies**

- Set the direction for regional investments by addressing regional challenges and possibilities



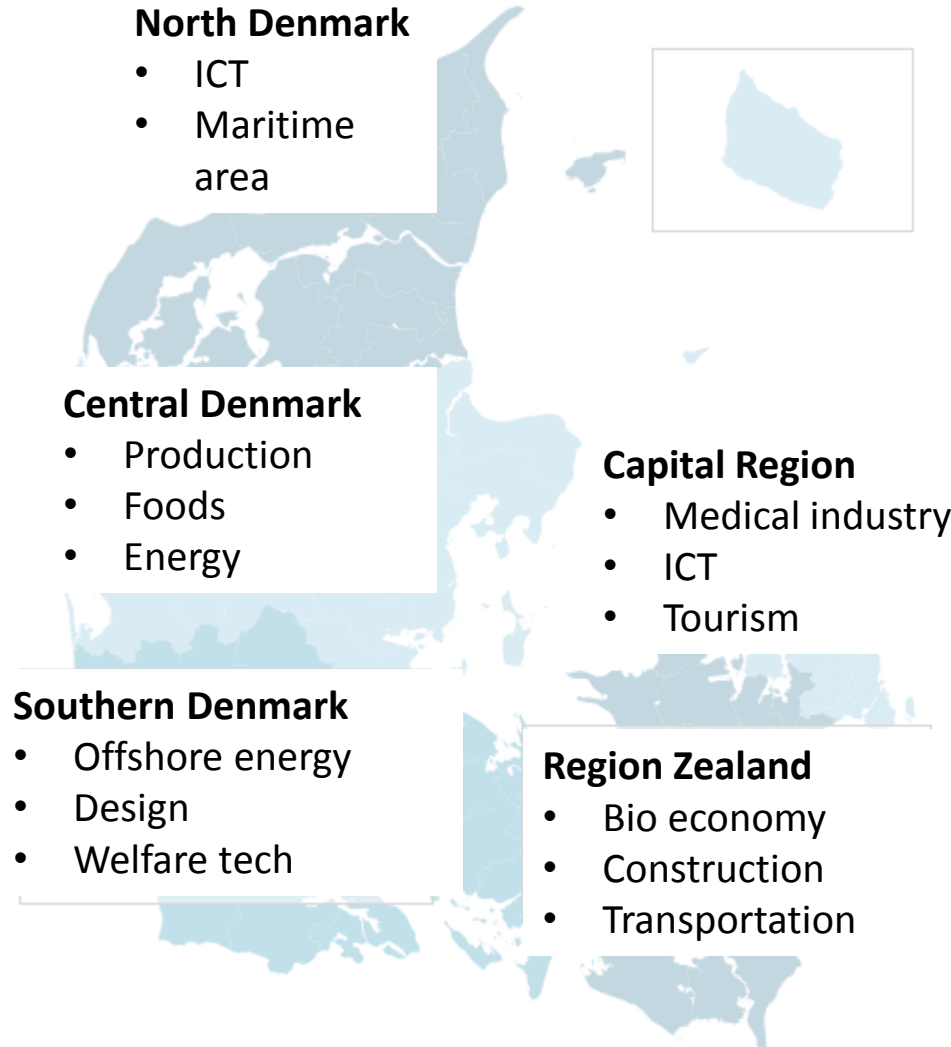
- **6 Regional Growth Forums**

- 21 members representing the regional council, municipalities, the business community, educational institutions, employers and employees
- Invest about 80 percent of the EU Structural Funds in DK (47 mio. euros/year)





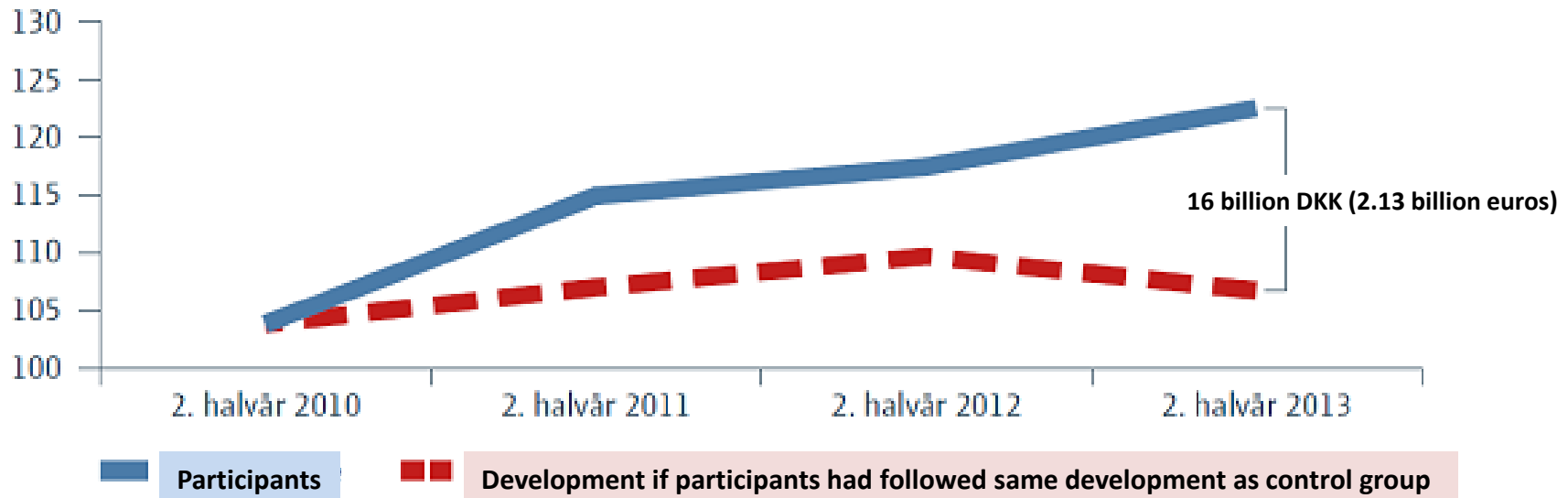
Examples of regional specialization





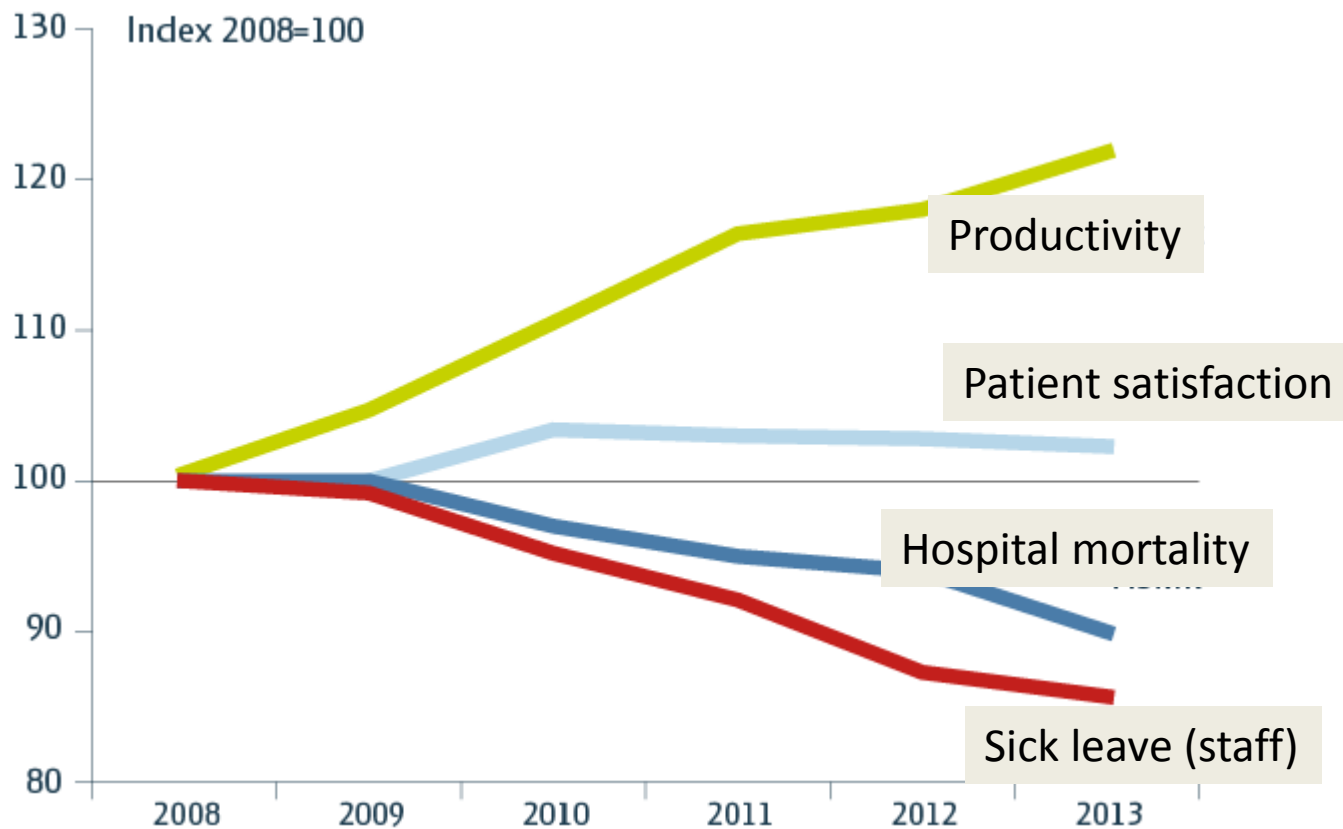
Effects of regional investments

Turnover in billion DKK



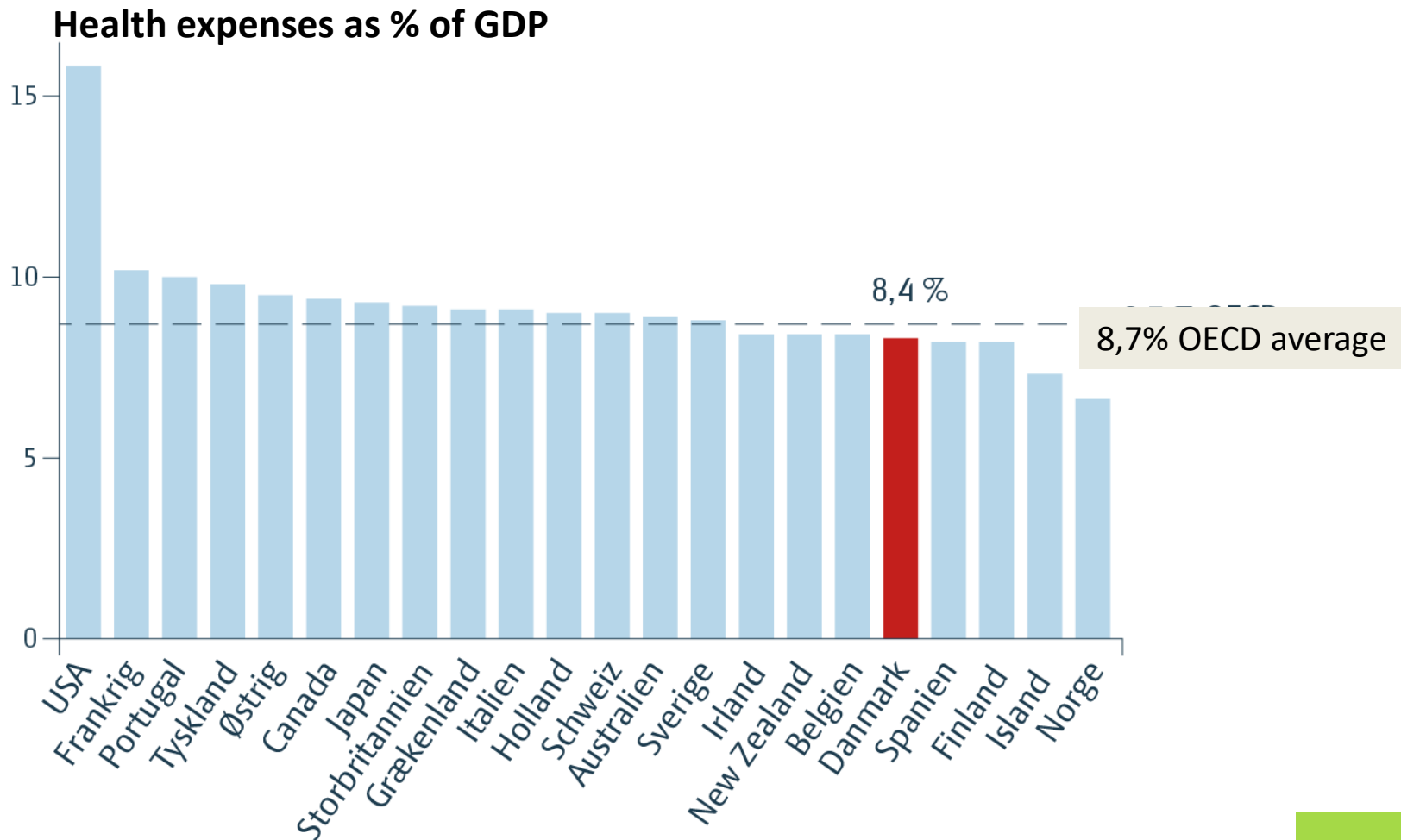


Regional results – healthcare





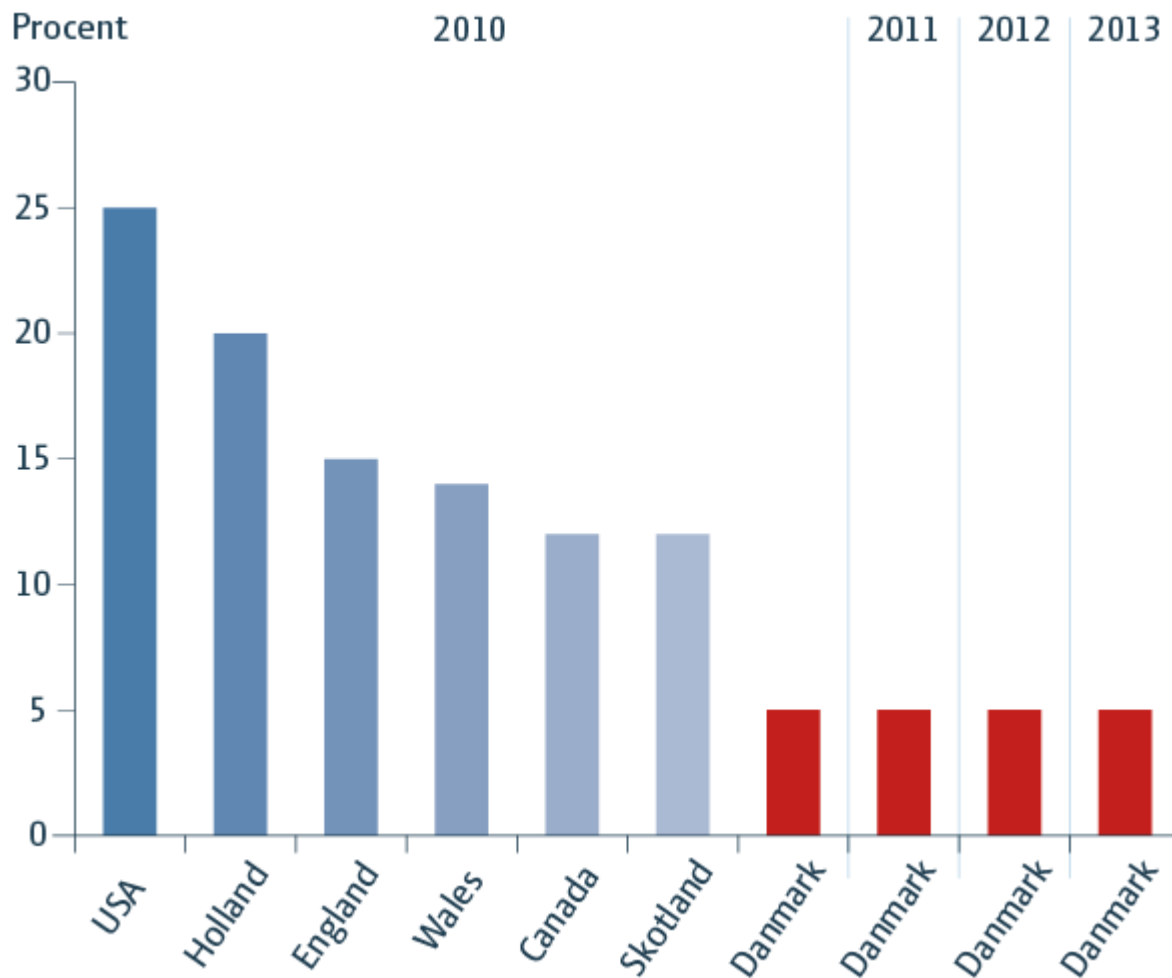
Health expenses in perspective





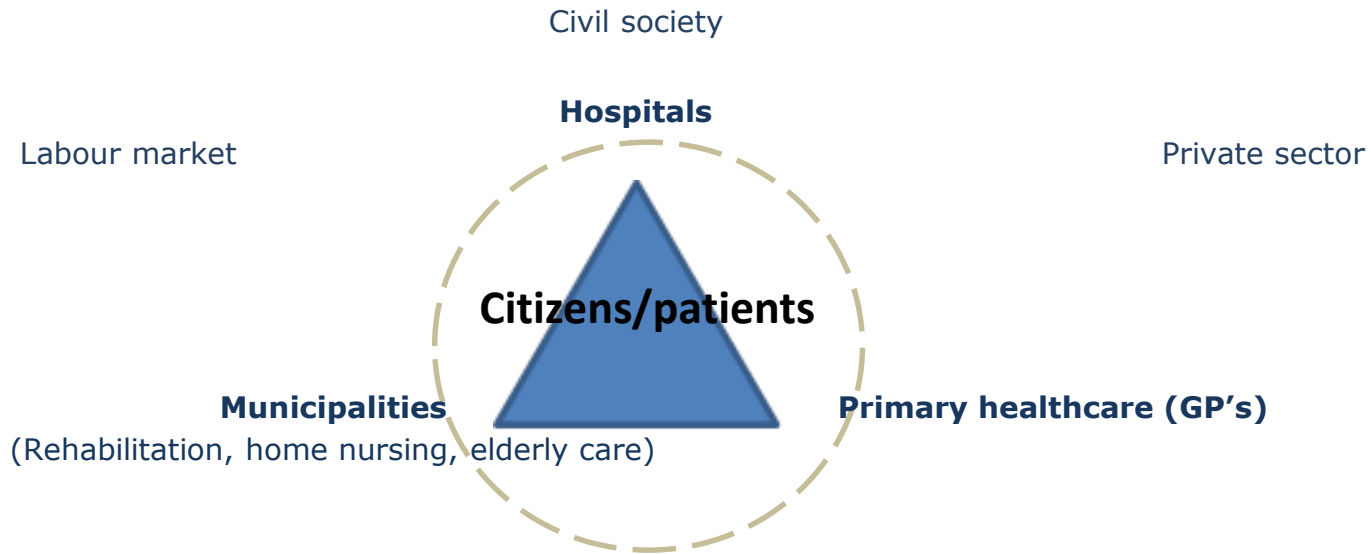
Low administrative expenses

Percentage of hospital expenses





A coherent healthcare system





Bridging the gaps

- **A coherent healthcare system** – bridging the many healthcare actors
- **Urbanization** – bridging the gap between rural districts and cities
- **A balanced labour market** – bridging the gap between employment, education and business policies.
- **Implementing** state policies
- **Creating critical mass** and coherence between local policies

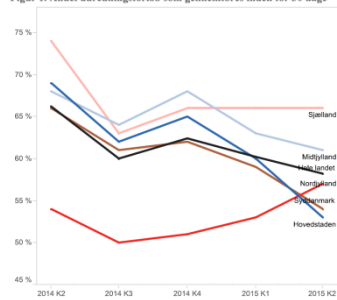




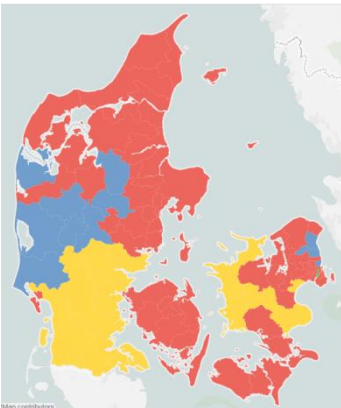
Challenges ahead

- Evaluation of the reform (2013)

Figur 1. Andel udredningsforløb som gennemføres inden for 30 dage



- Regional differences



- Citizen reactions