

Infrastructure: The Regional Hub

World Economic Forum gives Denmark top European ranking on infrastructure and with good reason. An extensive road and railway system, bridges and international airports ensure easy access to Danish and regional markets

Airports

Copenhagen Airport is the largest international airport in Scandinavia with flights departing on a daily basis to destinations worldwide. In 2000, air passengers from all over the world chose Copenhagen Airport as the best in the world. In addition to this, Copenhagen Airport was in 2006 voted best airport in Europe for the fourth consecutive year.

Of Denmark's approximately 25 serviced airports, seven are part of the national network of domestic routes and three airports in western Denmark offer international flights.

The Copenhagen Metro

The Copenhagen Metro has fully automated trains providing direct and swift links to central parts of Copenhagen, making it easy to move around the capital. From the airport central Copenhagen can be reached in less than 15 minutes with the new metro line. The metro currently has 22 stations and is being continuously expanded with 15 additional stations to be built before 2012.

Roads and Bridges

Denmark has a well-developed network of motorways. The high-quality motorway network means swift and easy access to all markets in the Northern European region. Bridges and tunnels connect the two main islands Zealand and Funen to peninsula Jutland.

Through the opening of the Øresund Bridge in 2000, Denmark is now the gateway to the Scandinavian countries and the Baltic area. There is direct access from Copenhagen to the city of Malmö in Sweden either by train or car via the Øresund Bridge. This creates a vibrant regional integration of Copenhagen and Southern Sweden, the Øresund region (see page xxx).

Denmark and Germany are currently negotiating the potential for a possible bridge connection between Rødby and Puttgarden. This connection will link the south-eastern part of Denmark to the north-eastern part of Germany. The project is yet to be approved but is of high priority at governmental level in Denmark and Germany as well as in the EU commission. The bridge will significantly contribute to the regional development and integration of Denmark and Germany.

Ports

For shipping more than 100 commercial ports are available in Denmark. 90 are traffic ports of which many are served by the 75-80 ferry lines in the country. The Port of Aarhus is one of Northern Europe's key ports and a hub for the Baltic Sea. The ports are an essential part of the Danish economy, handling roughly three-quarters of the total Danish foreign trade volume.

Telecommunication

Denmark has one of the most advanced information technology infrastructures in Europe with a fully digitalised telecommunication network. Denmark has the highest broadband Internet penetration in the world according to 2007 OECD report and World Economic Forum ranks Denmark on top in network readiness.