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# Cooperation with duty bearers: the case of municipalities

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## ABOUT US



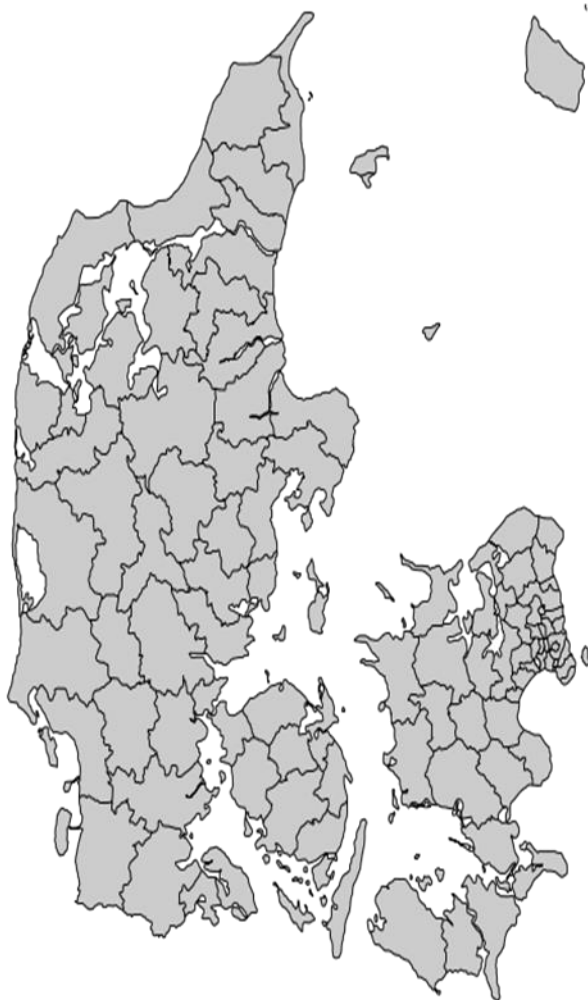
- An independent, state-funded, national human rights institution
- Promote, protect and monitor human rights and equal treatment in Denmark and abroad
- National equality body in relation to race and ethnicity and gender
- Special role in the disability area: promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD

## COOPERATION WITH DUTY BEARERS: THE CASE OF MUNICIPALITIES



1. The important role of municipalities in implementation of key areas
2. Development of municipal indicators to measure situation of persons with disabilities in municipalities
3. Dialogue with complaints bodies in social area and Ombudsman on how to strengthen respect for rule of law and rights of persons with disabilities

## THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF MUNICIPALITIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF KEY AREAS



- Key areas such as schools, social support and accessibility of public areas
- Do municipalities see CRPD and human rights as State obligations, rather than (also) municipal obligations?
- Individual rights v. local self-determination in municipalities
- How do we push for more focus on equal rights of persons with disabilities?

## MUNICIPAL INDICATORS TO MEASURE SITUATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN MUNICIPALITIES



- Gold indicators (10 Danish statistical outcome indicators)
- Municipal gold indicators
- To be used by municipalities to measure situation of persons with disabilities in their municipality compared to others
- Qualification of municipal disability action plans

## DIALOGUE WITH COMPLAINTS BODIES IN SOCIAL AREA AND OMBUDSMAN



- How to strengthen respect for rule of law and rights of persons with disabilities (awareness raising)
- 'From welfare to workfare'
  - individual rights v. local self-determination
  - economical arguments increasingly valid
  - reform of social benefit schemes with increased focus on employment, also vulnerable groups
  - complaints bodies' investigation of municipal decisions under the Act on social services (30 pct. incorrect)

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. What role do municipalities play in implementation of key areas in your countries? Are they important actors in relation to equal treatment of persons with disabilities?
2. What are your experiences with use of municipal indicators to measure situation of persons with disabilities in municipalities in your countries?
3. How do you work with municipalities, complaints bodies and other relevant institutions to strengthen respect for rule of law and rights of persons with disabilities in your countries?

(25 minutes of group discussion before wrap-up)

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