

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON 16 NOVEMBER LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

On 16 November, we have municipal and regional elections in Denmark. Citizens from the EU, Norway, and Iceland with residence in Denmark are entitled to vote. Similarly, citizens of any other foreign country with at least three consecutive years of residence in Denmark are entitled to vote.

International citizens are important and valuable members of Danish society, and it is important that you let your voice be heard in democratic elections in Denmark.

The branches of Venstre (Denmark's Liberal Party) in the City of Copenhagen and Municipality of Frederiksberg have published this program on the policies relating to international citizens, which we will pursue during the election term from 2022-25. We will, furthermore, present our key political issues.





LIVE IN DENMARK?
VOTE IN DENMARK

A STRONG VOICE FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The Danish Capital has a strong asset in our international environment of employees, students, and researchers. As a diverse and innovative city, we need to offer good conditions for expats and their families. We in Venstre constantly strive to improve the lives of our international citizens. Specifically, we aim to secure the following services for our international citizens:

- General Services
 - Municipality information available in English
 - A “one-stop-shop” and permanent desk officer for international families
 - Collaboration with central governmental agencies to create a single platform for entry into Denmark
 - Events and cultural activities, bringing Danes and other nationalities together. International Citizens Days is an annual welcome event focusing on housing, career, and leisure
- International Talent
 - More international programs in our schools and kindergartens
 - Better assistance for international spouses searching for employment. The Copenhagen Career Program is targeted at spouses and accommodates 200 participants annually
 - Branding of the Danish Capital as a career destination in order to attract international talent
- International Students
 - Focus on retaining foreign students in Denmark, among other things by ensuring a variety of student jobs and high-quality employment after graduation. The Greater Copenhagen Career Program is a popular job search course for international students
 - Establishment of a dormitory for international students, including a “concierge-service”, offering practical support on everything from paperwork and how to sign up for Danish classes to how to join the local football club

Achieving these ambitious goals will require a strong representation of politicians who share these views. A vote for Venstre is a vote for the international community in the Danish Capital.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR VENSTRE IN COPENHAGEN AND FREDERIKSBURG

In addition to focusing on international citizens, Venstre will pursue these policy ambitions:



School and Leisure Activities

Venstre wants children to get a good start in life with high quality schools, which cooperate with the parents in providing a safe framework for their upbringing. Our schools should have a view to the outside world – and cooperate with businesses, civil society, and international organisations.

Venstre wants children to be able to pursue leisure activities. We constantly work to upgrade our sports facilities and cooperate with organisations offering spare time activities.



Green and Sustainable City

Venstre favours a green and climate-friendly development. We want a green infrastructure with more space for cycling and an extension of the metro net. We want to promote the use of electric cars in inner-city areas by securing the required infrastructure with electric vehicle charging stations.

We aim for a CO2-neutral society through means such as energy-saving, garbage sorting, recycling and the establishment of more parks and green areas.



Health and Social Services

Life in the city should be good for everyone. For Venstre, it is a given that we take special care of vulnerable groups. We need to ensure safe and respectful conditions for our elderly citizens. Venstre intends to give the elderly the greatest possible responsibility and choice when it comes to where they want to live in their senior life and who they want as a provider of home care.

In the wake of Covid-19 Venstre believes in a strong effort for public health, including securing physical and mental wellbeing of the ones most affected by the lockdown.



Business-friendly Environment

Venstre believes that the best way of creating new jobs is a healthy business environment.

We want to secure this by easing taxes, fees, and administrative burdens and by improving the municipal service culture towards the business community.

We strive to make the Danish Capital attractive to international talent and companies, and to reinstall Copenhagen's brand as a popular destination for tourists, fairs, and conferences.

VENSTRE – DENMARK'S LIBERAL PARTY

Venstre is a major political party, focused on implementing practical changes to improve people's lives in Denmark. Venstre has always been internationally oriented and a strong advocate of co-operation within the EU, the UN, and other international institutions.

Venstre is the second largest party in the country. At the most recent general elections in Denmark in 2019, Venstre gained 23.4% of the votes. The party's President is Jakob Ellemann-Jensen.

Venstre is the oldest party in Denmark, founded in 1870. At that time, there were only two parties in Denmark: Liberal Democrats to the left and Conservatives to the right. This is the historic reason for the party's name, as Venstre means left in Danish (which may be a bit confusing to foreign observers).

Since parliamentarism was introduced in 1901, Denmark has often had a central government led by a Prime Minister from Venstre.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS – WHO CAN VOTE AND HOW?

Citizens of EU member states plus Norway and Iceland are entitled to vote at local and regional elections as soon as they are registered in Denmark with a Danish CPR number (Central Personal Registry) and a permanent address in the country. Registration can be made at the municipal population register (in Danish: Folkeregisteret).

Citizens of all other nationalities are entitled to vote after three consecutive years of residence in Denmark.

Every citizen entitled to vote will receive a ballot card by mail approximately 5–7 days before the elections. The ballot card contains information, including the address of the assigned polling station. If you, for some reason, have not received your ballot card by 16 November, you can still vote by showing up at the polling station with a valid ID.

If you are unable to vote at the polling station on 16 November, you can still vote by an absentee ballot (in Danish: Brevstemme). In this case, you can vote from 5 October to 12 November by showing up, with a valid ID, in the municipal citizen service center (in Danish: Borgerservice). Voting by an absentee ballot is also possible in some of the municipal libraries.



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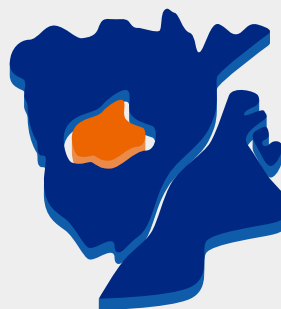
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