



The financing of the Region of Sønderjylland-Schleswig

The cooperation is based on the agreement on Danish-German cooperation in the Region of Sønderjylland–Schleswig dated September 16, 1997, in its current version of June 9, 2017.

Under the current version of the agreement, the organization's expenditures – after deduction of third party contributions – are borne equally by the Danish and the German side. The allocation of the national costs is a matter for the Danish and the German side respectively.

The activities are consolidated in the budget of the administration office (Regionskontor & Infocenter) and decided upon by the board in conjunction with 2-year action plan. The plan is normally adopted at the end of every second calendar year for the next two years. The administrative office (secretariat) submits a report on the annual accounts to the board, which takes note of the report and decides how surpluses or shortfalls, if any, are to be dealt with.

The costs of the administrative office and its consulting services to employees, employers and institutions as well as other initiatives of the Regionskontor & Infocenter, including assistance and services to various (net)working groups, are paid out of the regional budget. Costs occurring in the preparation of and follow-up work on Interreg projects and other third party financed projects, are funded out of the administrative office's budget.

The Cultural Agreement Sønderjylland-Schleswig was concluded as part of a separate agreement. Besides its objectives and main areas of focus, the agreement also stipulates the form of the organization and its independent status in respect of its budget.

In 2011, the board decided to automatically adjust the budget on a regular basis to compensate for general price increase rates. In 2019, the Region's budget is approx. 706.945 EUR/5.266.739 DKK. The budget for the Cultural Agreement is approx. 493.303 EUR / 3.697.500 DKK, until 2020 and without compensation for price increase rates.

With an overall volume of more than 4 Mio. EUR/29.800.000 DKK, the 4-year Interreg project KursKultur was the most extensive project that the Region of Sønderjylland-Schleswig has ever applied for. The culture and network pool provides funding of more than 940.000 EUR/ 7.003.000 DKK to Danish-German projects. During summer 2019 the project KursKultur 2.0 started with a budget of 3.172.163 EUR/23.632.611 DKK for a three year period.

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