

## 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 Sep. 16 in its current version of Nov. 03, 2011.

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 the annual action plan. The plan is normally adopted at the end of each calendar year for the next year. 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 2015, the Region's budget is approx. 690,000 euros. The budget for the Cultural Agreement is approx. 600,000 euros.

With an overall volume of more than 4 million euros, the recently approved 4-year Interreg project KursKultur is 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 euros to Danish-German projects.