



**How has the enlargement of the European Union in 2004  
influenced citizens  
in small rural communities in Europe?**

**Næstved Municipality, Denmark**



## **Primarily getting closer to our closest neighbors and business partners**

Poland                      Bulgaria (goods transport )  
Czech Republic        Rumania (goods transport)  
Lithuania  
Latvia  
Estonia  
Hungary

## **And getting closer to our favorite tourist destinations**

Prag, Czech Republic      Holiday Centers, Bulgaria  
Budapest, Hungary  
Ski resorts, Slovakia  
Campsites, Slovenia  
Campsites, Croatia  
Holiday Centers, Malta  
Holiday Centers, Cypres



## **The Danish focus on the enlargement:**

- Security through close cooperation in Europe
  - A peaceful, cooperative Europe
  - New markets for trade
  - Facilitate investment across borders
  - The benefits of the open borders
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- Danes travel a lot, in education, work, challenges, experiences and holidays !



## New markets for trade

In 2011 the total **export** from Denmark to the new members 46,0 billion DKR of which to

Poland	18,9 billion
Baltic countries	10,0 billion
Czech Republic	7,0 billion
Hungary	5,0 billion
Others	5,1 billion



## New labor market

In 2004 the Danish Government expected that 39.000 persons to 2030 would come from the new members for work.

In 2013 81.729 from the new members worked in Denmark \*)

In 2014 90.875 from the new members worked in Denmark \*)

In 2015 105.977 from the new members worked in Denmark \*)  
in jobs of

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Industry
- Construction
- Hotel, restaurants, cleaning

\*) mostly working part of the year, - partly visiting family at



## Danish company cross borders investment

Examples:

- Carlsberg
- Dong Energy Power – wind mills
- Netto – retail shops
- Vestas – wind mills
- JYSK – bedding / Dänisches Bettenlager
- Pig farms / Danish Farmers Abroad
- Goods transport companies



## From National level to local level in Næstved

Immigration from	2014	2015
Poland	38	38
Romania	25	28
Bulgaria	14	9
Lituania/ Ukraine		27

Næstved Language and Integration Center offers work-related Danish Lessons, either at the workplace or at the Language Center.

The Language Center offers Danish Lessons to 70 different nationalities



## **The Labor Market in Næstved is characterized by many**

- Construction companies,
- Agriculture,
- Retail

In the construction companies and agriculture many immigrants are employed.

Unions focus on ensuring that immigrants are paid as Danish workers.

Since 1900 Næstved has had a Polish minority population and since 1926 they have had their own Catholic Church in the Næstved.

