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The Capital Region is Denmark’s growth engine and a key player in the development of the Øresund region. To be an attractive metropolis we depend on a large international network that can attract knowledge, skills, investment and development.

The development of an efficient infrastructure that connects us to the world around us is essential if we are to continue to create growth resulting in revenue and new jobs – for the benefit not just of the region but of Denmark as a whole. We are therefore working within a number of infrastructural focus areas to ensure the continued development of:

- Copenhagen Airport as an international hub with links to the main international destinations and airports

- The infrastructure connecting us to the rest of Scandinavia and Europe, in collaboration with our neighbouring regions.

We expect these initiatives to improve the Capital Region’s international accessibility and bring us closer to near and distant markets, thereby strengthening the foundation of our business and workforce development and transportation of people and goods to and from the whole region.
Copenhagen Airport plays a vital role

Copenhagen Airport is the region’s strong central hub, but it is in tough competition with other airports in Europe. More international flights to growth markets in America and Asia are important to the region’s competitiveness. That is why, together with partners from all over eastern Denmark and Scania, we have started the flight route development project Global Connection, which so far has helped attract 11 new routes, including to Shanghai, Toronto and Dubai.

The airport is also important when it comes to tourism in the form of cruises. Many of the cruise lines that ship to destinations in, for example, the Baltic Sea set off from Copenhagen, and many tourists therefore come to Copenhagen to board the ships. Cruise tourism contributed DKK 1 billion to the region in 2011, and the recent rise in the numbers of ships calling into port here has helped create 1,500 jobs.

A high-speed rail network would double the airport’s passenger catchment area to comprise nearly eight million people. More airport passengers would in turn result in more long-distance flight routes, thus making the region a bigger part of the global network. Among other advantages, this would benefit our strong research centres – including Global Excellence and the European Spallation Source.

Similarly, a larger global network will support tourism. In 2012, the number of overnight stays by tourists in the Capital Region is expected to increase by approximately 7% compared to 2011. Overnight stays by Chinese tourists alone increased by 40% in the first half of 2012 – a growth that the new direct Shanghai route has helped make possible.

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Source: CPH: “CPH og samfundet 2011”
In the coming years, two of the world’s largest and most advanced research facilities will be built in Lund: European Spallation Source (ESS) and MAX IV. The facilities will be used to study materials at the atomic level. Specifically, they will be used to develop new products for the pharmaceutical industry, among others. All data from ESS and MAX IV will be processed in Copenhagen, and the facilities have the potential to meet the research needs of many universities and companies throughout the Øresund region.

Preliminary estimates show that each year up to 4,000 researchers will travel to Lund and Copenhagen for brief or long periods of work and research at ESS. The new research facilities will be reliant on good infrastructure connections to the rest of the world. Here too Copenhagen Airport will play a central role.

International accessibility attracts knowledge and creates jobs
Global Excellence: international research collaborations

The Capital Region and the universities in the region have established the development programme Global Excellence. The cost of the research conducted by the Capital Region’s health service amounts to more than DKK 1.4 billion per year, and much of this research is carried out in cooperation with established international research centres and companies. These international collaborations are key to ensuring the efficient, high-quality development of our healthcare for the benefit of our residents, while also bringing growth to the region.

These high international ambitions can only be met with the help of Copenhagen Airport. International accessibility to and from important destinations is essential to maintaining the high international level of our health service. It can help us gain international expertise and knowledge in order to develop new high-quality treatments in our health service.
With the opening of the Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link in 2021, the Capital Region will move closer to the rest of Europe. The link will create opportunities for close collaborations with neighbouring regions, such as the STRING cooperation and Scandinavian Arena. For example, we are working to build a high-speed rail network between Scandinavia and Northern Europe via the Fehmarn connection.

STRING is a cross-border political collaboration between Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Region Zealand, the Capital Region and Region Scania. The opening of the Fehmarn Belt Link in 2021 will significantly boost the infrastructure between Denmark and Germany. The STRING collaboration is intended to promote regional development and green growth in the corridor between the Øresund region and Hamburg that will be opened up by the Fehmarn Link. See more at www.stringcorridor.org
THE SCANDINAVIAN ARENA is a political collaboration between the Øresund Region and the Gothenburg/Oslo region. Its main aim is to highlight and improve the development of southwest Scandinavia in fields such as infrastructure and logistics.

See more at www.8millioncity.com

A high-speed rail network will bring a number of benefits:

- Many Danish, Scandinavian and Northern European destinations will be connected by high-speed trains, enabling passengers from Copenhagen to reach Oslo, Stockholm and Hamburg in less than three hours.

- The attractive travel times of high-speed trains will link up cities and regions in a way that will create a new foundation for our business and workforce development and for commuting throughout the region.

- A high-speed connection to and from the airport will also benefit the region, since fast trains will widen the airport’s catchment area. This will help ensure the airport’s continued growth and role as a hub for long-distance flight routes.

- Fewer short flight routes will reduce CO2 emissions, resulting in climate and environmental gains.