

DENMARK AT A GLANCE

Denmark-Canada Relations:

- Growing business links: two-way trade of \$1.3 billion (2003); **Denmark** is the 14th largest European direct investor in Canada (\$293 million in 2002).
- Strong people-to-people ties: 170,780 Canadians claim Danish heritage (Census 2001), with a large concentration in western Canada (B.C. and Alberta); strong potential for increasing youth and academic exchanges.
- Like-minded multilateral partners: UN, NATO, peacekeeping, SHIRBRIG, Middle East peace-building; OSCE, OECD, WTO.
- Shared interests in the North: Arctic Council, University of the Arctic, EU Northern Dimension Program of Action, marine research, our indigenous people, sustainable development, maritime border shared by Canada and Greenland.
- “Best Practices”: growing dialogue and cooperation on health care, public sector reform, immigration & integration, social policies, environment, energy, R&D, transportation, as well as security, defence and foreign policy.

Canada, Denmark and the European Union:

- **International Security & Effective Multilateralism:** Like Canada, **Denmark** sees NATO as the cornerstone of Europe’s security. We should work together to ensure that NATO and the ESDP are complementary. **Denmark** is a valued partner in promoting peacekeeping and UN reform.
- **Global Economic Prosperity:** Progress on the TIEA trade talks will help our competitive export-oriented economies and increase professional mobility. Mutual benefits of cooperating on: science & technology, innovation, bio-and-food technologies, health and the WTO (Doha).
- **Justice and Home Affairs:** **Denmark** looks to Canada to share ideas on immigration / integration. Partners on anti-terrorism.
- **Global and Regional Challenges:** **Denmark** has a unique perspective and role in the Baltic and Nordic regions, and in the North (Arctic Council, EU Northern Dimension Policy). Partners on development assistance and in our focus on Africa and the Middle East (e.g. Danish-Canadian regional security initiative). **Denmark’s** environmental stewardship: brings scope for more cooperation, especially on renewable energy technologies, Kyoto and sustainable development. The EU’s Environment Agency is based in Copenhagen.
- **People-To-People:** Working towards a more comprehensive framework for our university exchange agreements, and student and young worker exchange programs. Parliamentary ties can be strengthened, as can our whole-of-government inter-action between counterpart Canadian and Danish ministries.