

### *Effects of the Programme - Some Preliminary Statistics*

As mentioned in the introduction, only a year after the launch of the programme as many as 3,000 companies are involved in the formation of networks.

Distributed in relation to the elements of the programme, 375 groups of companies have applied for feasibility study awards (17.4 million Dkr granted), 82 groups applied for grants to cofinance the expenses of detailed planning (5.5 million Dkr granted), whereas 37 groups applied for grants towards the actual implementation of their networks (27.5 million Dkr granted).

This distribution partly reflects the logic of the programme being that not all feasibility studies can be expected to lead to the formation of actual networks, partly it is the result of the still relatively short period that the programme has been available. Finally, it is also the result of an emerging pattern that quite a few groups of companies apply for the feasibility study grant but once the feasibility has been demonstrated they tend to move ahead without applying for further government funding. This trend was documented in a recent study.

The distribution of applying companies according to size is:

1	-	5 employees	24%
6	-	9 -	12%
10	-	19 -	17%
20	-	49 -	22%
50	-	99 -	13%
100	-	199 -	5%
200	-	-	7%

Distribution of companies according to branch/sector is:

Agriculture, forestry, fishing	8%
Food processing	9%
Textile, clothing	5%
Wood and furniture	14%
Metal working	23%
Electronics	9%
Construction	14%
Others	18%