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# Denmark

## Key engagement

Australia and Denmark established diplomatic relations in 1967.

Australia and Denmark cooperate on a range of issues in international forums and share a strong commitment to global security.

## Outlook

Australia's profile in Denmark, and vice-versa, was boosted by the marriage in May 2004 of Australian-born Mary Donaldson to Denmark's Crown Prince Frederik.

Over the past five years, total investment between Australia and Denmark has experienced a growth of around 14 per cent p.a.

## Bilateral relationship

Australia and Denmark share strong people-to-people links established over two centuries of migration. The Sydney Opera House, designed by Danish Architect Jørn Utzon and design engineered by Arup, is Australia's most prominent example of Australian and Danish collaboration.

## Foreign policy

Denmark actively contributes to global challenges and is at the forefront of the fight for an international set of laws and universal human rights. Denmark contributes towards global peace and stability with humanitarian efforts and international military operations, also focusses on prevention of terrorism and radicalisation and as a support to fragile states.

Denmark is a member of numerous international organisations including the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the Arctic Council and World Trade Organization.



Danish Diplomacy and Defence in Times of Change: A Review of Denmark's Foreign and Security Policy 2016:

<https://um.dk/en/foreign-policy/danish-defence-and-diplomacy-in-times-of-change/>

## FAST FACTS



Danish visitors to Australia (Year ended June 2020) **23,700**



Australian resident returns from Denmark (Year ended June 2020) **12,100**



Resident Australian population born in Denmark (2016 census) **8,790**



Australian residents of Danish descent (2016 census) **59,293**



Danish working holidaymakers (2019-20) **1,015**



Danish student enrolments in Australia (2019) **1,038**

## High level engagement

2020 Prime Minister Scott Morrison has met regularly with Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen in the Smart Management Leaders Group virtual teleconferences.

2017 Former Minister of Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne visited Denmark in May 2017 to attend a meeting on the Coalition against ISIL.



## Agreements with Denmark

Australia and Denmark have several bilateral agreements including a Working Holiday Maker Arrangement and Social Security Agreement, both signed in 2001. Denmark and Australia signed an Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation in 1981.

Texts of bilateral agreements are available at the Australian Treaties Database: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/treaties/australian-treaties-database>

## Public diplomacy

The Australian Embassy in Copenhagen actively promotes Australia's industries, sports credentials, culture and progress towards gender equality and LGBTI rights.

The Embassy hosts a number of cultural events throughout the year to remember past events, commemorate international days and showcase Australia's creativity and innovation. Partnering with local cultural institutions, the Embassy has supported exhibitions featuring Indigenous artwork and profiling significant moments in Australia's history. The Embassy has also hosted film festivals that highlight Australia's spirit, diversity and Indigenous history.

Copenhagen Pride – Denmark's largest annual Human Rights festival – is a particular focus of Post's public diplomacy efforts in August each year.

## Australian Embassy in Copenhagen

<https://denmark.embassy.gov.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AustraliaInDenmarkNorwayIceland>

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<https://twitter.com/AusAmbDK>

## Economic diplomacy

Australia continues to seek opportunities to promote Australian business and raise awareness of potential benefits of increased trade between Australia and Europe, including Denmark. This work has intensified followed the launch of Australia-EU FTA negotiations in June 2018.

Total two-way merchandise trade between Australia and Denmark in 2019 was worth \$1.5 billion.

Australia's major exports to Denmark were alcoholic beverages; oilseeds and oleaginous fruits; beef; and fruit and nuts. Major imports from Denmark were meat (excluding beef); medicaments (incl veterinary); pharmaceutical products (excl medicaments); and edible products and preparations.

More information about the Australia-EU FTA can be found at:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/negotiations/aeufta/Pages/default>

More economic and trade information can be found in the Denmark Country Fact Sheet:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/denm-cef.pdf>

## Business

Denmark is an open, innovative and export-focused economy with relatively low trade barriers. The innovation ecosystem in Denmark is well developed and boasts a wide range of opportunities for support for start-ups and companies wishing to do business in Denmark, including targeted start-up programs, cluster networks, regional growth centres, and access to early stage funding.

Over 100 Danish companies have a presence in Australia including Vestas Wind Systems (wind turbines), Falck (health services), ISS (cleaning company), Chr. Hansen (bioscience), and Arla (dairy). Significant Australian companies in Denmark include the Adina Group (hotels) and Virtus Health (IVF provider).

Austrade's Stockholm office is responsible for Denmark.

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/International/How-Austrade-can-help/Offices/sweden>

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