



Organisation of sport in Denmark

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Historical tradition

The forming of associations have a long and strong tradition in Denmark

The right to form associations is embodied in the Danish constitution (1849)



It is said that whenever three people get together to share a common interest, they immediately form an association!

Three national organisations

Three national sport organisations in Denmark:

The Danish Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (DIF)

- 1.6 mio members
- 10.600 clubs

Danish Gymnastics and Sports Associations (DGI)

- 1.3 mio members
- 5.000 clubs

The Danish Federation of Company Sports (DFIF)

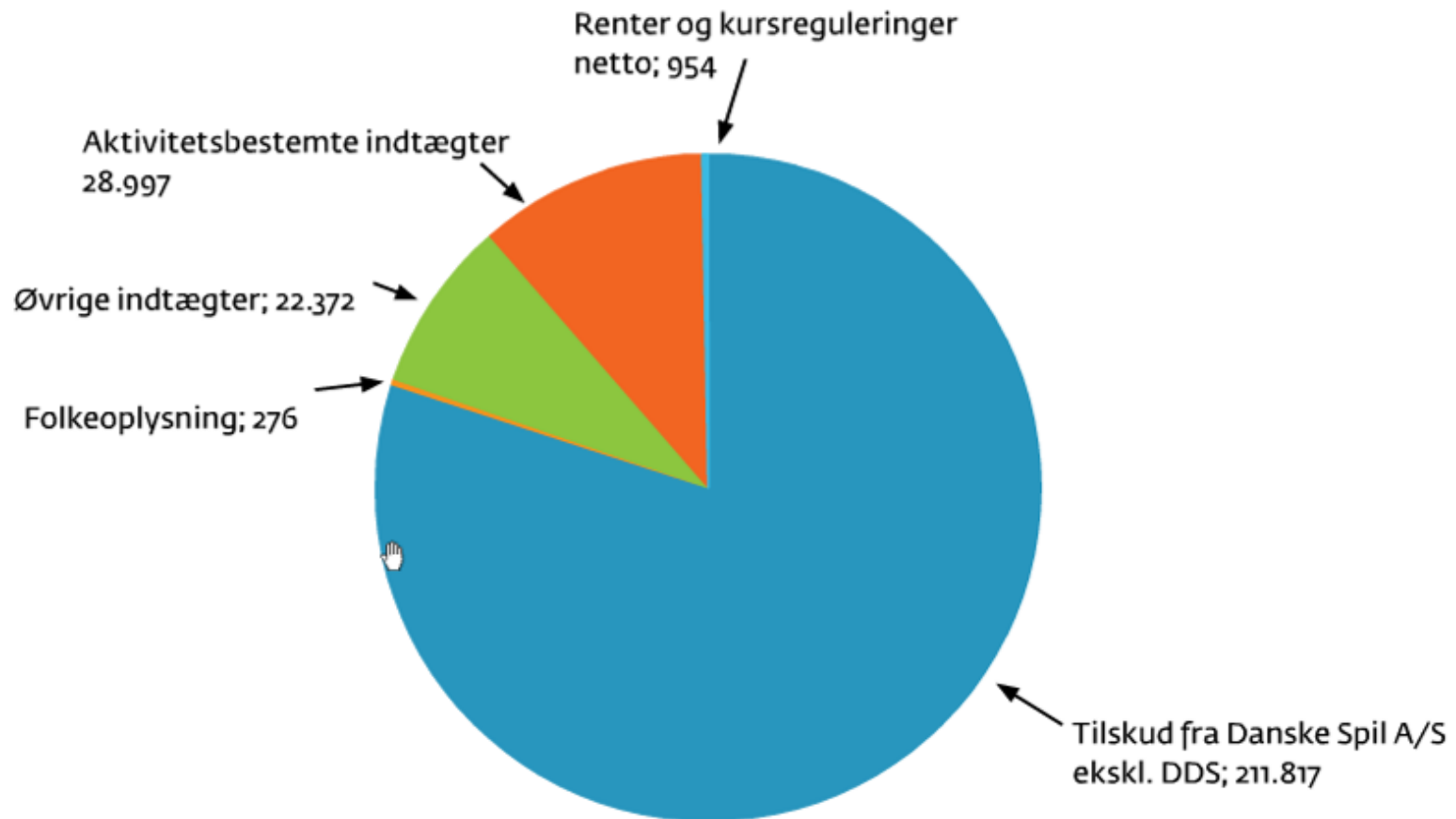
- 330.000 members
- 92 company clubs

DGI – regional organization



Economic basis

Her kommer pengene fra - angivet i tusinde kroner



Facilities

The number of sports facilities in Denmark per inhabitant is among the highest in Europe

- 1.200 sports halls**
- 300 swimming baths**
- 5.300 football grounds**
- 2.000 tennis courts**
- 2.500 gyms**

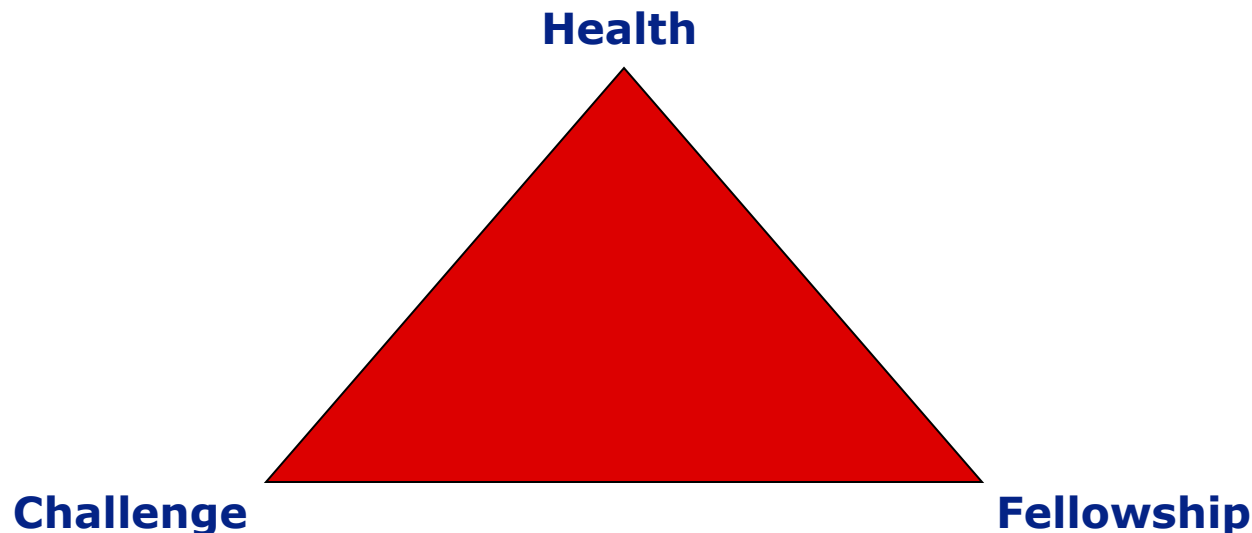


Most of the sports halls were built in the 1960-70ies – now they need renovation

DGI values

Danish Gymnastics and Sports Associations (DGI)

- 1.3 mio members
- 5.000 clubs
 - clubs with 1 activity (ex. Football)
 - clubs with several activities (ex. Football, gymnastics etc)

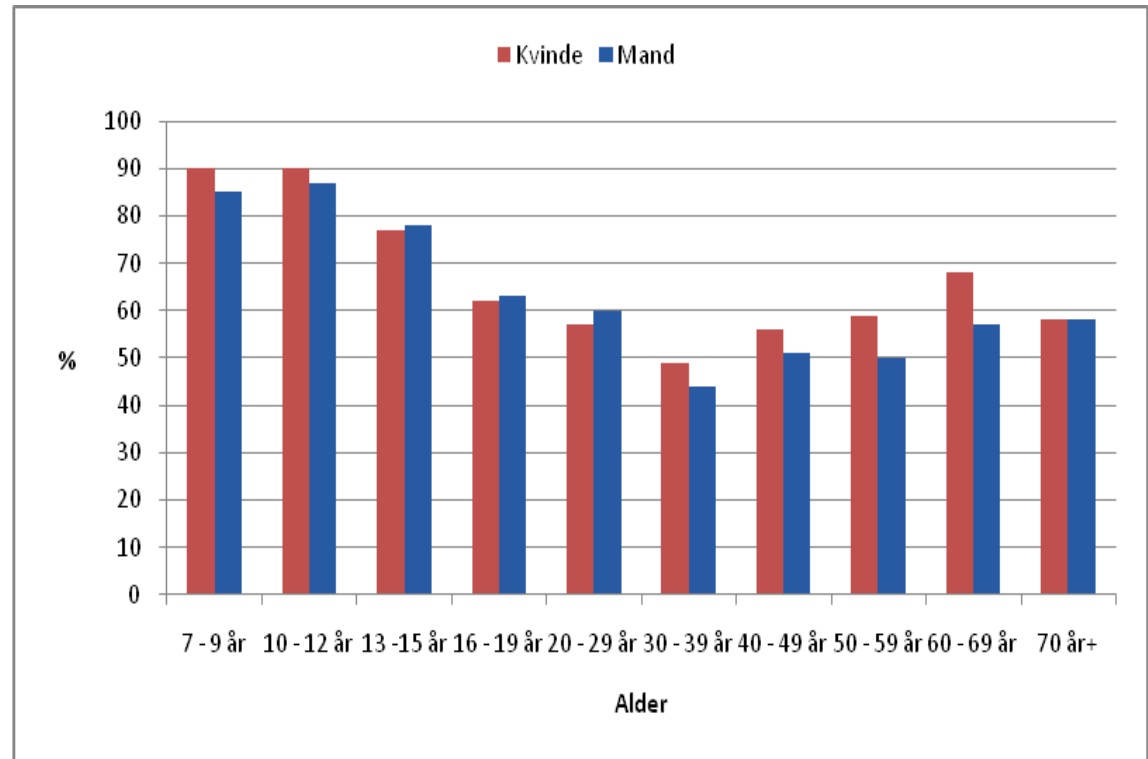


Sports in DGI

- **Gymnastics**
- **Football (soccer)**
- **Badminton**
- **Swimming**
- **Handball**
- **Outdoor**
 - MTB
 - Kayak, canoe
 - Running
 - Fitness indoor/outdoor
- **Athletics**
- **Basketball**
- **Sports for Children**
- **Petanque**
- **Dancing**
- **Sports for elderly**
- **Table-tennis**
- **Ultimate**
- **Volleyball**



Level of activity in Denmark



Democracy in the clubs

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The clubs are;

- non-political
- non-religious
- non-profitable



A club is governed by a set of norms, rules and regulations

- to ensure the democracy in the club
- to describe elections
- to describe membership

The board of the club

- A board is elected every year
- any member over 18 years can be elected
- members of the board is not paid for the job



Social responsibility

The clubs play an important role in society

- Teaches members the rules of democracy
- Ensure healthy members
- Supports the integration of foreign citizens



Volunteering work

Coaches and instructors

- are doing volunteering work (is not paid)
- are offered education
 - technical, tactical and planning the activity
 - first aid
 - fundraising
 - Knowledge about children

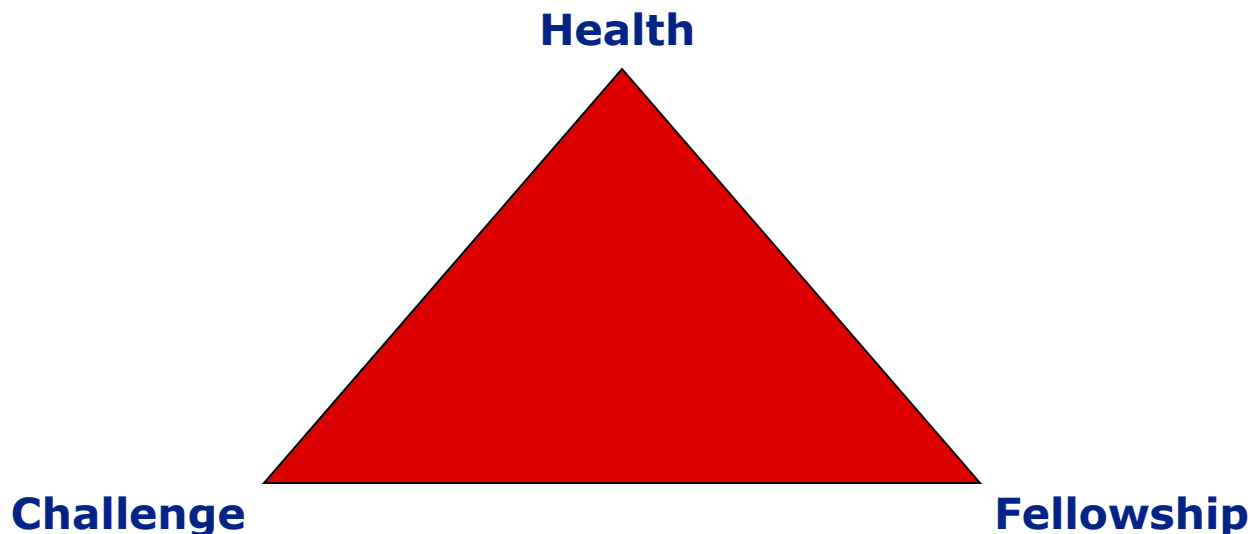
Volunteering work helps a lot of coaches and instructors when they look for a job.



Challenges

Challenges – Strategy 2010

- Identify new activities, which can match the commercial sector (growing industry)
- Motivate more Danes to exercise – not necessarily in the clubs
- Bring more attention to the values of Volunteering work – especially among young people





Thank you for listening