




**EARLALL Seminar *Youth: One Step Ahead***

# Introduction to the youth policies of the Region of Southern Denmark

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## The Region of Southern Denmark's vision in the field of education

- To be a region where **companies and institutions can get the Labour force they are demanding**
- To be a region where the Labour force has a **high level of qualifications**
- To be a region which you would like to move to because of **excellent career possibilities and excellent possibilities for education and learning** both for children and adults

## But how do we achieve our visions?

- The South Danish Agreement of Education
- The Growth Forum of the Region of Southern Denmark

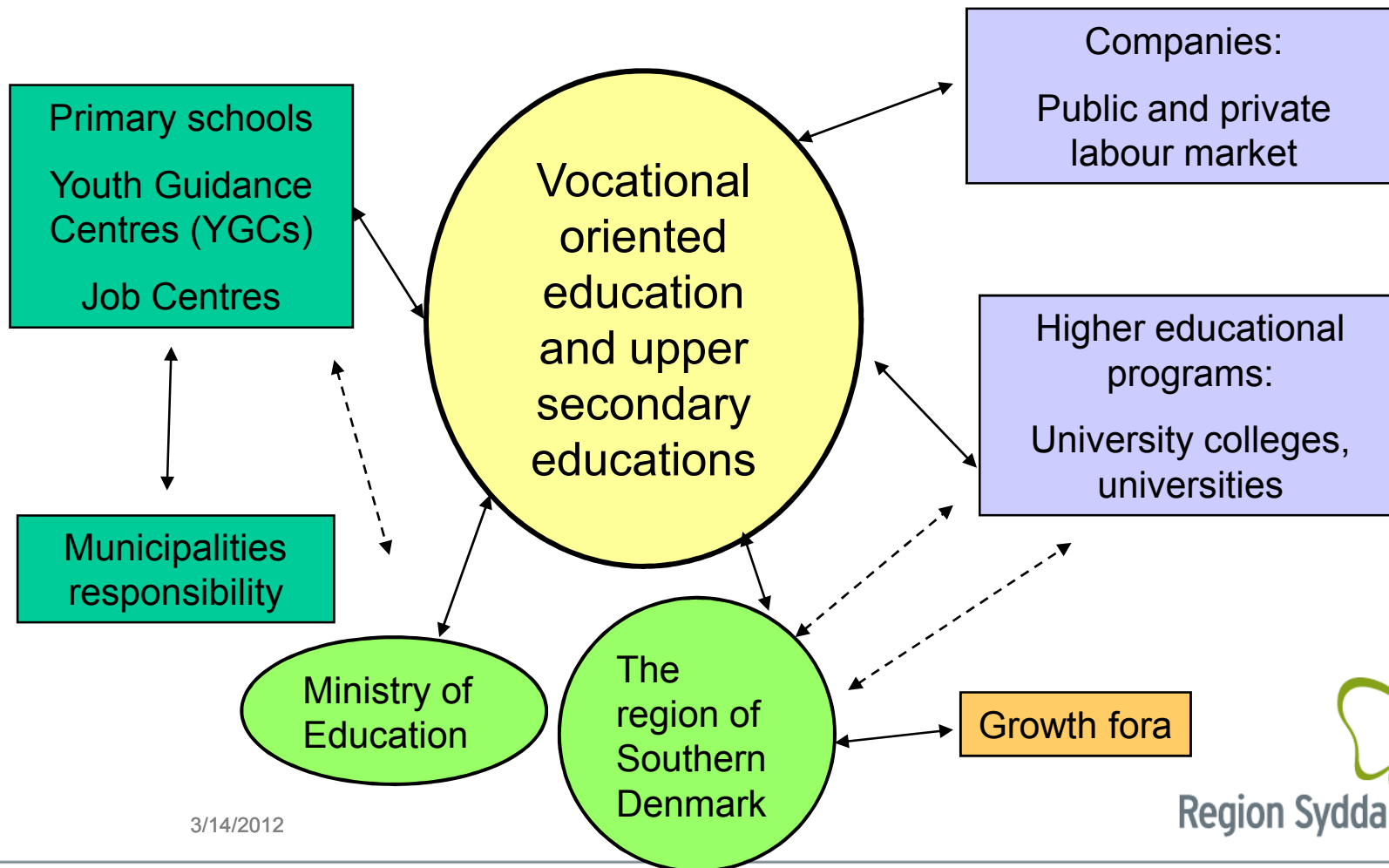
# The establishment of South Danish Agreement of Education

- The South Danish Agreement of Education was established in 2009

## The goals of the agreement

- 1) 95% of a year group achieve a formal upper secondary education or a vocationally oriented education and training by 2015
- 2) 20 % of a year group complete a science education
- 3) 50 % of the boys in a year group complete a higher education at a college or a university

# Partners in the South Danish Agreement of Education



## The main focus of the agreement

- 20 million DKK per year to fund new initiatives in the effort to reach the goals
- There is a constant focus on sharing ideas so more people can benefit from our experiences and initiatives
- The companies demands for a qualified workforce in in constant focus in our daily work



The South Danish Agreement of Education brings the central actors in the field of the educational system together to find new solutions

## **An example of an initiative:**

### **Project *Mobication from the basic school to worklife***

#### **Purpose:**

- To show the pupils the job possibilities that exists among different kinds of companies
  
- Show young people what kind of demands they will be facing when stepping out into the working life

#### **Methods and approaches:**

- to develop new interdisciplinary approaches to use in the basic schools which include the companies
  
- the lessons takes place both in the classrooms and at the involved companies.



# The Regional Growth Forum

## A public private partnership

### Three selected business areas

- Welfare technology and service
- Experience economy
- Sustainable Energy

→ 200 million DKK in EU Structural Funds and regional development funds per year

### Initiatives towards unemployed

- European Globalization Funds, 27 mill. euros, to upgrade the skills of laid off workers

### Initiatives towards young unemployed

- Project – Competence and Innovation in Rural Areas
  - Purpose: To give unemployed graduates the opportunity to work for a private company up till 4 weeks
- Project – “Bodybuilding” for the Energy sector”
  - Purpose: To give young engineering graduates the opportunity to study an extra course in combination with job training in a private company.