

# Brexit and the future of the EU

**Brexit and the future of the EU is one of the five main themes in the Danish government's foreign and security policy strategy for 2017-18.**

**The government will work to ensure a strong European cooperation, which is the best way to influence the world around us and ensure the prosperity of Danes. The government will work to preserve the cooperation by reforming it from within and by ensuring a strong, slender and efficient EU. The government will work to ensure the best possible agreement for Denmark in the Brexit negotiations.**

## **In 2017-2018, the Danish government will take the following initiatives:**

- The government will continue to highly prioritise efforts to ensure a slender and efficient EU, with a focus on contributing concrete solutions to transnational challenges, particularly those relating to migration, security and growth.
- The government will strengthen efforts to secure Denmark's overall interests in the forthcoming negotiations with the United Kingdom. This includes the expansion of Denmark's permanent representation at the EU and ensuring that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark has the necessary resources to perform the secretariat function for the Brexit Task Force.
- The government will strengthen Denmark's embassies in key European decision-making centres (Berlin, Paris and London) to ensure representation of Danish interests in the Brexit negotiations, both in relation to specific sectors and the new situation in the wake of Brexit.
- In the light of Brexit, the government will actively expand its cooperation with traditional partners and seek out new alliance partners who share interests and values with Denmark.
- The government will intensify its cooperation with other EU Member States with responsibility for budgets to ensure that the EU's financial framework and annual budgets reflect the new economic situation in an EU with 27 Member States.
- The government will present an action plan during the second half of 2017 with concrete initiatives to increase the number of Danes employed in EU institutions.