

Denmark

National Higher Education Equity Policy

Governance

The Ministry of Higher Education and Science is responsible for defining national policies in higher education (<https://ufm.dk/en>).

Higher Education Policy Documents

What are the current official documents defining the national higher education strategy / policies?

- *The Danish Act on Universities 2010*

Equity in Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives do the policy documents identify?

Which equity target groups are identified in the policy documents?

Does the country have concrete targets for the participation of specific equity groups?

- There are no targeted measures that concentrate on under-represented populations.

Denmark does not have a standalone policy document dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

Are there specific anti-discrimination provisions?

- Not for higher education

What specific interventions and/or instruments of equity promotion are included in the official strategy and policy documents (monetary and non-monetary)?

Monetary Policy Instruments

- No tuition fees: less than 10% of students report paying fees (part-time students pay fees in Denmark).
- Universal grants benefit all students
- Student loans for living expenses

Non-Monetary Policy Instruments

- Outreach programs provide guidance for prospective students
- Denmark also offers programs that provide an alternative to the upper secondary leaving certificate: Higher Preparatory Examination.
- Academic and career guidance and counseling
- Flexible pathways and transfers / Recognition of prior learning
- Reformed admission procedures: for students from Greenland (a Danish territory).
- Retention programs
- Different examination conditions for students with disabilities and for students who do not speak Danish as their native language.

Financial Resources

What financial resources does the country devote to equity promotion measures?

- Not available

Quality Assurance

The quality assurance criteria do not take equity elements into consideration.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Not available

Dedicated Equity Promotion Agency

Denmark does not have an agency dedicated to equity promotion in higher education.

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