



International activities and cooperation

Since the inception of the Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman office in 1955, the Danish ombudsmen and their staff have been very active in spreading the knowledge of the ombudsman concept, its purpose and philosophy. The Danish Ombudsman's international activities are wide-spread and take many different forms.

The collaboration with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In 2012 the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Parliamentary Ombudsman extended their collaborative agreement which started in 2000.

According to the agreement, the Ombudsman puts at the Ministry's disposal the office's experience in connection with counselling and assistance for the development and strengthening of democratic institutions in, particularly, the world's poorest countries. The Danish Parliament has approved the agreement, in accordance with which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs funds the Ombudsman office for one man-year to cover this activity.

Usually in cooperation with the Danish embassies, the work is mainly directed at establishing or assisting institutions within a similar field of activity to that of the Danish Ombudsman in those countries which wish for such assistance.

Under this agreement, the Parliamentary Ombudsman has worked in for instance Albania, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Jordan, Central America and, most recently, China.

Cooperation with China

The Ombudsman around the world

Guests at the Ombudsman office

Every year the Parliamentary Ombudsman office receives delegations and guests from abroad. These may be proper study visits which we plan here in Copenhagen and in which we often involve visits to Danish state and local government authorities. It may also be briefer visits where institutions or groups of visitors have asked for an introductory presentation of the Ombudsman office and the work we do here, followed by a question- and-answer session.

EU

The European ombudsmen and their office staff meet regularly in a network headed by the European Ombudsman.

Den Europæiske Ombudsmand

International Ombudsman Institute (I.O.I.)

The Parliamentary Ombudsman is a member of the International Ombudsman Institute (I.O.I.) which is an organisation of ombudsmen from over 140 ombudsman institutions, working at local, regional and national level. The I.O.I. is a well-known forum for cooperation and the exchange of experience among the world's ombudsmen.

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