



THINK TANK

# COPENHAGEN

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The think tank brings together selected representatives from German cities, the City of Copenhagen, and other influential Scandinavian stakeholders from architecture, urban development, and urban planning. The goal is to develop specific strategies, spatial concepts, and cooperation opportunities in school construction.

## Program

9:30 – 16:00 o'clock, followed by a "Golden Hour" with DJ Vibes, drinks, and relaxed networking opportunities

German-Scandinavian Think Tank on school construction, learning environments, and urban development

**Location:** Fæstningens Materialgaard / BLOXHUB, Copenhagen

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening</b> <b>Kirsten Jung</b> , Managing Director, SCHULBAU <b>Anke Meyer</b> , Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Denmark <b>Christoffer Worms</b> , International Manager, BLOXHUB, Partner of SCHULBAU
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Perspectives: City, Architecture and Learning</b> <b>Lene Bitsch Bierbaum</b> , CDO, Dansk Skoleskak: Skakkens Hus – brain gym®, for professional, mental, and social training <b>My Lunsjö</b> , Architect, 3XN (Denmark): How to bridge the gap between Psychology and Architecture? <b>Rune Boserup</b> , Associate, Urban Director, COBE Architects (Denmark): Urban regeneration with livability <b>James Dodson</b> , Architect, SPINN arkitekter (Norway): Cultural Synergy
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:20 – 13:00</b>	<b>German-Scandinavian Panel Discussion "Comparing Municipal School Construction Strategies"</b> <b>Short input presentations from participating cities and federal states</b> <b>Kerstin Niendorf</b> , Director, School Administration Office, City of Stuttgart <b>Timo Schlosser</b> , Educational State Institute Rhineland-Palatinate <b>Marco Tschöp</b> , School Administration Office, Stuttgart: NeckarPark Education Center in Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt <b>Tim Kostbade</b> , Educational Construction, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen <b>Friederike Krause</b> , Human Resources and Talent Management, Thuringia State Development Corporation (LEG Thüringen) <b>Additional perspectives</b> <b>Mette Rose Eriksen &amp; Astrid Mody</b> (City of Copenhagen) About building schools in Copenhagen where the architecture support pedagogy <b>Moderated roundtable discussion</b> <b>Participants:</b> German cities, City of Copenhagen, Scandinavian experts <b>Focus:</b> Differences and similarities, transferable models, specific opportunities for collaboration
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b> Sandwiches & crudités, water, coffee

<b>14:00 – 14:20</b>	<b>Urban Development - Keynotes + Q &amp; A</b> <b>Jonas Kjellander</b> , Architect & Light Designer, SWECO: Lighting, a matter of inclusion <b>Mauritius Duarte</b> , Urban Developer & Founder, Quartier Design: Urban Design for Life Quality and Value Creation <b>Sofia Lilja</b> , Architect, Office Direktor & educational architecture Lead, LINK Arkitektur (Sweden): Architecture for Change <b>Q &amp; A-Host: Kirsten Jung</b> , Gründerin und Geschäftsleitung, SCHULBAU
<b>14:20 – 15:00</b>	<b>Interiors and Exteriors as Social Infrastructure</b> <b>Lisbeth Juhl Christensen</b> , CCO, Fælleshaven A/S, „How can nature be a driver for improved wellbeing to 'us' people“ <b>Søren Ejlersen</b> , Co-Founder, Aarstiderne A/S, Fælleshaven A/S, Noon Social spaces and hospitality in the education sector, Banegaarden: „Øjn School food, Haver til Maver – school gardens and much more.“ <b>Christine Skovgaard Madsen</b> , Head of Welfare Construction, Bygherreforeningen: Presentation of a current study of 18 schools in Denmark
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Workshops – Networking around school construction, urban development, sustainability</b> <b>Format</b> Hosted working session in small groups <b>Goals</b> • Joint development of specific questions related to the topic of the day • Deepening perspectives from municipal, planning and design viewpoints • Active exchange between cities, architectural offices and stakeholders <b>Outcomes</b> • Feasible solutions for current school construction challenges • Transferable models in the German-Scandinavian context • Starting points for future cooperation <b>Added value for participants</b> Practice-oriented results and concrete opportunities for collaboration, with an expanded perspective beyond one's own context
<b>ab 16:00</b>	<b>Golden Hour in the Atrium</b> • Drinks, Snacks with DJ Vibes • Informal networking

