



THINK TANK

COPENHAGEN

2. JUNE 2026

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

09:30 – 10:00	Welcome & Opening Kirsten Jung , Managing Director, SCHULBAU, Sisse Marie Welling , Mayor of Copenhagen, Anke Meyer , Ambassador, Embassy Copenhagen, Christoffer Worm , International Manager, BLOXHUB, Partner of SCHULBAU
10:00 – 11:00	Perspectives: City, Architecture and Learning Christian Dalsdorf , Project Manager, By & Havn (Denmark) Urban development & school construction; Nordhavn as a case study, tba , 3XN (Denmark), Architecture for future-proof learning environments, Lene Bierbaum , CDO, Dansk Skoleskak: Skakkens Hus – brain gym®, for professional, mental, and social training, Rune Boserup , COBE Architects (Denmark), Associate, Urban Director Architect MAA & SLETH architects (Denmark): „Urban regeneration with livability“, James Dodson , SPINN arkitekter (Norway) Cultural Synergy
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break
11:20 – 13:00	German-Scandinavian Panel Discussion “Comparing Municipal School Construction Strategies” Short input presentations from participating cities and federal states Topics: Key challenges, strategic approaches, specific projects, interest in cooperations including Kerstin Niendorf , Director, School Administration Office, City of Stuttgart, Timo Schlosser , Educational State Institute Rhineland-Palatinate, Marco Tschöp , School Administration Office, Stuttgart Additional perspectives Mette Rose Eriksen & Astrid Mody (City of Copenhagen) Planning and implementation in a municipal context Magnus Anclair (Sweden), Forum Bygga Skola Scandinavian perspectives on learning environments Moderated roundtable discussion Participants: German cities, City of Copenhagen, Scandinavian experts Focus: Differences and similarities, transferable models, specific opportunities for collaboration
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch & Networking Sandwiches & crudités, water, coffee

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

Location: Fæstningens Materialgaard / BLOXHUB, Copenhagen

14:00 – 14:20	Q&A - Urban development Kirsten Jung , Founder & Managing Director, SCHULBAU, Dr. Jesse Shapins , Managing Director, Urban Partners, Investment and large-scale implementation
14:20 – 15:00	Office: New Work Spaces; School: Social Indoor and Outdoor Spaces, Community Gardens and Food for Children; Urban Development tba, Houe , Furniture and materiality in co-working spaces Søren Ejlersen , Co-Founder, Aarstiderne A/S, Fælleshaven A/S, Noon Social spaces and hospitality in the education sector, Banegaarden, Christine Skovgaard Madsen , Head of Welfare Construction in Byggerforeningen Presentation of a current study of 18 schools in Denmark
15:00 – 16:00	Workshops – Networking & concrete questions on the topics of: school construction, urban development, sustainability Format Hosted working session in small groups Goals • 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 Outcomes • Feasible solutions for current school construction challenges • Transferable models in the German-Scandinavian context • Starting points for future cooperation Added value for participants Practice-oriented results and concrete opportunities for collaboration, with an expanded perspective beyond one's own context
ab 16:00	Golden Hour in the Atrium • Wine, Snacks with DJ Vibes • Informal networking

Tickets:

