



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, Founder & Managing Director, SCHULBAU, **Sisse Marie Welling**, Mayor of Copenhagen, **Anke Meyer**, Ambassador, German Embassy in 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 and school construction; using Nordhavn as a case study
tba, 3XN (Denmark), Architecture for future-proof learning environments
tba COBE Architects (Denmark) Schools as part of the public urban space
Marion Pflugfelder, spinn arkitekten (Norway) Innovative school concepts and learning environments in practice

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
Munich, Stuttgart, Erfurt
Topics: Key challenges, strategic approaches, specific projects, interest in cooperations
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
Host: **Kirsten Jung**, Founder & Managing Director, SCHULBAU
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 & crudité's, 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, Hove, 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
Ulla Kjærvang, Architect & Consultant, Kjærvang, Skolens Rum, Danish Center for Educational Environment Presentation of a current study of 18 schools in Denmark in collaboration with Realdania

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

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Golden Hour in the Atrium

- Wine, Snacks with DJ Vibes
- Informal networking

Tickets:

