

Seminar:

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Learning from the Øresund Experiences of Relevance to the Femern Connection

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Content:

- Background and Idea for the Seminar
- 10 Years of Learning from the Øresund Bridge
- Experiences in General
- Experiences in relations to Fehmarn
- Consequences

Background and Idea for the Seminar

- Building new bridges conference in Lübeck in the South Western Baltic Sea Region
- The Missing Links of Europe, 1984
- Bridge over the Great Belt 1998
- The Øresund Bridge 2000
- The Fehmarn Bridge 2018

10 Years of Learning from the Øresund Bridge

Regionalisation

- Late start of the regionalisation process before the bridge opening
- Priorities given to technical issues, under estimation of the need for mental bridges
- Big difference between rhetoric and real activities
- Lack of a common media platform
- Barriers for daily life transactions
- The bridge as an attraction
- The drivers of regionalisation
- Enthusiastic persons as drivers

- The influence on regionalisation of barriers and high risk
- Investment problems
- Powerful drivers
- Geographical demarcation of region of less importance
- Functional regionalisation and cross border density important for regionalisation

Experiences in General

- Lack of mental bridges
- Risk due to lack of transparency and barriers creates costs that hinder/diminish regionalisation
- Economic theory functions
 - price differences are important for regionalisation
 - big items in consumption and income creation have a big role (dwellings, houses, work)
 - lack of effective communication is a serious problem

Consequences

- Thematic issues are expected to become decisive for a successful Fehmarn regionalisation. Thematic issues can for example be sport, tourism, culture, teaching, industrial cooperation, municipality cooperation.
- Strategies to establish well functioning thematic cooperations should be stressed.