Main messages in the Danish response to the Commission's green paper on the Common Strategic Framework

1) Main priorities

- In general Denmark is particularly favourable of increasing the relative budget for the European Research Council, research infrast ructure and commercialisation and demonstration of technologies within the Common Strategic F ramework.
- Future programme s for research and innovation funding should contribute positively and targeted to promote productivity, growth and competitiveness of E uropean companies.

2) Overall structure of the Common Strategic Framework

- The Danish government supports the European Commission's plans to integrate instruments from the Competitiveness and Inno vation Framework Programme, the Framework Programme for r esearch and development and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology within a Common Strategic Framework.
- A future Common Strategic Framework should be coherent, streaml ined and fulfil the ambition of significant simplification.

3) Working togeth er to deliver on EU2020

- A better balance between funding available for early and late stages of the innovation cycle should be achieved
- More synergies should be achieved through better linkages with the education programmes.
- More synergies between resear ch and innovation funds and funds from the structural funds should be achieved

4) Tackling societal challenges

- Denmark supports an increase in the focus on grand societal challenges.
- For this purpose it is important that future calls for proposals are b roader to leave more freedom for the
 applicants to create cross disciplinary projects.
- It is important to ensure a strong role for social sciences and humanities when addressing societal challenges.

5) Strengthening competitiveness

- Research and innovation should be better linked to ensure that research results to a larger extent results in new innovations and growth.
- SMEs must play an important role in getting research results to market and the amount of bottom
 -up
 funds for SMEs should be increased.

6) Strengthening Europe's science base and the European research area

- The relative budget for the European Research Council should be increased.
- The relative budget for research infrastructure should be increased.
- Mobility is important and the attraction of top researchers from third countries to Europe is crucial.