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### Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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The programme for the Danish presidency was officially presented on the 6th of January at a press conference in Copenhagen. The four fundamental priorities for the Danish Presidency are:

- A responsible Europe;
- A dynamic Europe;,
- A green Europe; and
- A safe Europe.

By working for a responsible, dynamic, green and safer Europe, the Presidency will prepare Europe for the future economically, socially and environmentally.

The Danish Presidency will work towards ensuring a responsible European economy. Europe must be brought out of the crisis, the EU must prevent new crises and focus on strengthening growth and job creation in the time ahead. All EU Member States must implement the necessary measures to consolidate public finances and carry out the necessary reforms. The objective of enhancing fiscal discipline is well in line with the Danish Presidency's priority of a responsible Europe. The Danish Presidency will focus on implementing the new and stronger ground rules for the benefit of public finances, growth and job creation in Europe.

Revitalising growth and employment in Europe is another key goal. The Single Market is one of the greatest EU successes. The Presidency aims to create a more dynamic European economy by further developing the unexploited potential of the Single Market through efforts regarding the 12 key priorities of the Single Market Act. The Single Market is, among other things, to be brought into the digital age by making it easier and safer to trade on-line and by lowering roaming prices across borders. Innovative companies will be promoted to ensure greener and more sustainable growth. Strengthening of research and innovation efforts must also contribute to this.

The Presidency will, furthermore, set a proactive agenda for promoting green and sustainable growth. The aim and objective is to create growth without increased resource and energy consumption. A key objective will be to adopt measures improving resource and energy efficiency in Europe.

Lastly the Danish Presidency wishes for a safer Europe. In a globalised world, we must cooperate in Europe if we are to ensure the security of European citizens and solve crossborder problems. Denmark will work to ensure a more effective fight against international crime and terrorism as well as a well-functioning Common European Asylum System and stronger Schengen cooperation, thereby achieving more secure control at the EU's external borders.

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