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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Denmark
Title:	New Government and new Ministry for Gender Equality
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	New ministry, new content
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Policy development
Field:	Gender mainstreaming
Applicable law:	N/A

Content

Policy development: The new Danish Government was formed on 28 June 2015. The ministry of gender equality has been removed from the previous ministry for children, gender equality, integration and social affairs to the ministry for children, education and gender equality.

The Prime Minister has published a document detailing the forthcoming work programme and objectives for the coming years in relation to Government policy, work, and development in Denmark. However, gender equality is not mentioned in this programme.

Key points of analysis: In the former Government's work programme of 2011, gender equality was both mentioned and prioritised. The previous Government prioritised objectives to help achieve equality between women and men in the labour market, particularly in relation to salary and influence in company boards. This work programme also focused on issues such as maternity leave benefits for the self-employed, the promotion of single mothers, and a number of other gender-oriented initiatives.

These gender equality policy proposals and political statements/objectives are missing in the 2015 work programme. This indicates that the new Government has not yet prioritised gender equality in its political objectives.

Internet link sources:

(all accessed 24 August 2015)

New work program 2015, available at:

http://www.stm.dk/multimedia/Regeringsgrundlag_2016.pdf

Prior work program 2011, available at:

http://www.stm.dk/publikationer/Et_Danmark_der_staar_sammen_11/index.htm

Ministry home page, available at:

<http://www.uvm.dk/>