

Booking of public places and squares in Copenhagen for events around the 2009 Copenhagen Climate Summit (COP15)

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*This document is prepared based on communications with the Municipality of Copenhagen (CM).
We wish to bring this information to the attention of our international contacts.*

1 Introduction

In anticipation of the many activities likely to be planned by various organisations in the lead-up to and during the 2009 Copenhagen Climate Summit (COP15), the Municipality of Copenhagen (CM) has reserved all public places and squares for a period of 6 months leading up to December 2009. The Municipality wishes to coordinate the planned events, taking into consideration the intrinsic limits of the spaces available. For example, Town Hall Square (Rådhuspladsen) is visited by 150,000 people daily, and is therefore a very attractive location, but there will not be room enough for all organisations, and therefore coordination is a must.

2 Resources available

2.1 Outdoor spaces

A list of the reserved outdoor squares is attached (page 4). However, the following should be noted regarding some of the larger public squares:

- **Town Hall Square** (Rådhuspladsen): priority will be given to presentation activities oriented towards Copenhageners.
- **Parliament Square** (Christiansborg Slotsplads): priority is normally given to demonstrations.
- **Kongens Nytorv**: Extensive archaeological digging is expected to take place on Kongens Nytorv due to the coming construction of a Metro station.

It should be noted that the construction of the new Metro ring may give rise to difficulties in other areas. The construction work will start in 2008 and continue until 2010. Forty places and squares will be affected. Archaeological digging will precede the construction.

In addition, the area around **Bella Center**, the conference center where the Climate Summit itself will be held, will be subject to special considerations:

- **Security**: The security measures will not be as heavy as for other large summits, except if/when heads of state are present, which is only expected to occur in the second week of the summit if the negotiations are successful. A more detailed plan will be determined approximately two months before the summit. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- **Space limitations**: Much of the space in this area will be reserved for transportation for the summit participants (public transport, diplomatic and ministerial vehicles, etc.). There will also be a Green Transportation showcase.

2.2 Indoor spaces

It is anticipated that the Copenhagen Municipality will also give access to a number of indoor areas, such as their culture houses and sports installations (sports arenas). Further information is expected from the CM later.

2.3 Advertising

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed Wonderful Copenhagen (WOCO) to announce the planned events and activities. WOCO will not participate in the coordination of events, but will obtain and communicate an overview of the events. All enquiries regarding cultural events will be referred to WOCO.

2.4 Climate-related events coordinated by CM and possibility of applying for financial support

The Municipality of Copenhagen have recently invited bids for suggestions to do climate-related events to be carried out in Copenhagen from 1. January 2009 – 31. December 2008. Such events should be informative, possibly used to present Copenhagen as a modern climate friendly city, and primarily targeted to people living in the Copenhagen City. **This bid HAS been completed (deadline June 4, 2008)** and approximately 90 project ideas have been submitted to CM, totaling events for roughly 70-100 million DKK (10-15 million EUR).

The CM are now in the process to decide if they can provide financial support to a limited number of these events. Rejected applications may be forwarded to other sources of support.

We are not aware if other invitations for bids will come available from CM later.

3 Deadlines

Please take note of the following deadlines for the reservation of public spaces:

- **20 September 2008** : Deadline for expressions of interest in use of public squares. A complete and detailed plan/application is NOT necessary at this stage (although encouraged). However a summary of the project and of the space/electricity/other requirements should be presented. Expressions of interest will be treated on a first come, first served basis.
- **1 March 2009**: Deadline for more new expression of interest.

Additional details on previous plans may be submitted to the CM on an ongoing basis.

4 Information required for expression of interest

4.1 Description and focus of the planned activities

The CM encourages the applicants to provide details on the objective and target group for the use of the locations.

Thus, it should be clear if the focus is on:

- International?
- National?
- Local?
- Beyond COP-15?

4.2 Logistical requirements

Requirements:

- Space



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- Time (half a day? a week? several weeks)
- Electricity needs
- Noise levels (e.g. concerts)

5 Contact information at Copenhagen Municipality

For requests concerning **outdoor areas**, any communication can be handed to:

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6 Projects already announced

6.1 Dansk Industri

Danish Industry (DI) will promote all technologies available that can be seen as part of the climate solution, including also the many technologies from Danish companies. “Bright Green Expo”:

<http://www.di.dk/Virksomhed/Miljoe/Bright+Green/Aktiviteter/Udstilling+i+Parken.htm>

Guided bus tours around Denmark to demonstrate solutions in energy efficiency, for example existing buildings and installations. The Climate Consortium will foot the bill. Possibly with overnight stays?

Rented the Park during the weekend in the middle of the Summit (5-6 Dec. 2008). Exhibition of technologies, “global clean tech”, in a gallery-like atmosphere. Invitations will be sent to companies from the entire world to come and exhibit. Possibly room for a few NGOs. Accompanied by a web platform.

Target group: The broad public, COP15 foreign delegations.

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