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Country report from
Denmark



Current News

October 2014: New political agreement:

- The State will play a more active role in adoptions through clear requirements and framework
- Background and reason: Financial problems and issues with the casework, in-depth analysis on adoption in Denmark
- Mandatory PAS advice just before and just after the homebringing of the child / children
- PAS advice until the adopted child turns 18
- Pilot PAS counseling for adult adoptees
- Training and courses for professionals
- Ensuring accessible knowledge for the adopted person about the upbringing
- SFI - THE DANISH NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH should initiate knowledge collection and relevant studies in the area of adoption



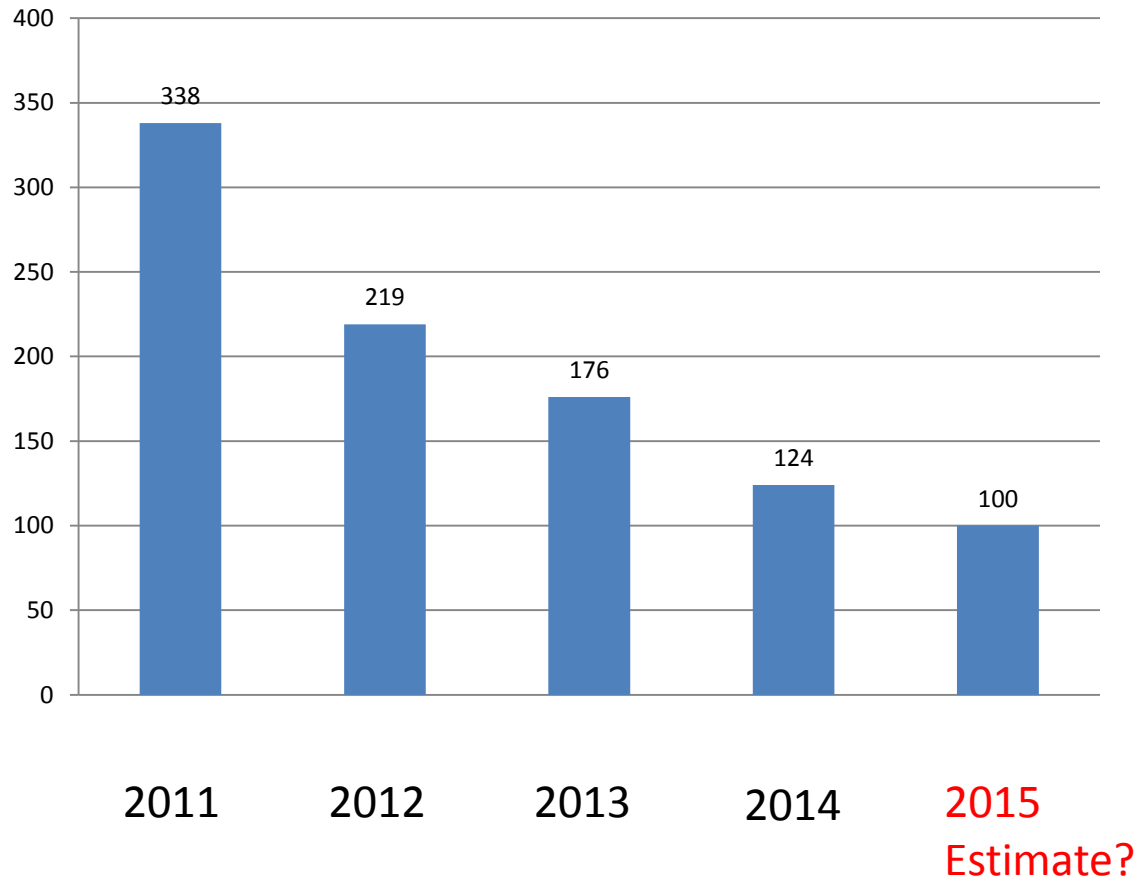
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- VISO (Knowledge and Specialist Consultancy Organisation in the social field and in special education) initiates a formal cooperation with “Ankestyrelsen” concerning professional knowledge on adoption
- State subsidy for operation of the adoption intermediating agency
- Enhanced quality assurance, where Ankestyrelsen must approve all matches
- Demands for closer cooperation between countries and DK. For example, the foreign employees participates in courses in Denmark, and there are requirements for solid reporting and unannounced visits from Ankestyrelsen, improving surveillance and oversight
- Ankestyrelsen must approve all project work in countries of origin, work must be related to adoption
- DanAdopt and AC International Child is merged into DIA, Danish International Adoption



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Adoptions 2011-2015



2005: 586 adoptions



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Concerns

- Very few adoptions and applications, target 150 next year
- The desired split of adoption work and project work creates problems in countries of origin
- The "pressure" on countries of origin – what consequences does it have to the cooperation and what about the children left alone in institutions, if cooperation is cancelled.....
- Who can say, if our way is the right way?



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PPAS

Finally:

A new and permanent PPAS solution in DK – more tomorrow





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Ongoing discussions

- The expectations to the new adoption system in DK:
 - Implementation of the new PPAS
 - The successful merge of DanAdopt and AC Child support
 - Handling the merge of waiting lists
 - Issues with lists for South Africa etc.
 - Does people have to give up?
 - Research, what, when, how (why)
- Degrees of open adoptions – to be further discussed
- The need for a formal Knowledge & Competence centre