

DENMARK'S NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY 2025-2029

WHAT IS AN ACTION PLAN FOR WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY?

The action plan charts a course for Denmark's efforts to strengthen women's rights and participation in peace and security. It builds on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, adopted in 2000, which was groundbreaking in its recognition of women as central actors in peace processes – not just as victims of war and conflict. Denmark was the first country in the world to launch a national action plan for WPS in 2005 and has since worked purposefully to advance this agenda. Despite great progress, the WPS agenda remains under pressure in many parts of the world.

WHY DOES DENMARK HAVE AN ACTION PLAN?

Denmark has an action plan to ensure that the work on Women, Peace and Security is translated into concrete action. The action plan serves as a tool for coordinating and strengthening Denmark's efforts in this area. With the action plan, Denmark aims to ensure that women's perspectives and rights are included as a natural part of solutions to peace and security challenges. The plan translates ambitions into action and creates a framework for tangible progress. It makes it possible to set clear goals, follow up, and document results.



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WHAT DOES DENMARK WANT TO ACHIEVE WITH THE NEW ACTION PLAN?

The action plan has four thematic priorities:

- 1. Strong international engagement:** Denmark will promote WPS globally – both as a member of the UN Security Council (2025-26) and during its presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2025.
- 2. Women's participation in peace and security:** Where possible and relevant, WPS must be incorporated into foreign, defence and development policy work, including police and emergency management, and in the area of asylum and integration. Funding has also been allocated to support the participation of local women's organisations in peacebuilding and conflict prevention.
- 3. Protecting the rights of women and girls:** Denmark will support initiatives against conflict-related sexual violence, human trafficking and child marriage in conflict contexts.
- 4. Strengthening national WPS priorities:** Strengthen WPS implementation internally within Danish authorities, including a focus on gender equality in the security sector. The action plan builds on a recognition that Denmark – like other countries – also faces challenges and has a responsibility to create change. This recognition that WPS is not only relevant in fragile contexts also increases the credibility of Denmark's international efforts.

WHO IS BEHIND THE ACTION PLAN?

The action plan is broadly anchored, with the participation of six ministries: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality, the Ministry of Resilience and Preparedness, and the Ministry of Immigration and Integration. Civil society organisations, research communities and independent experts have contributed knowledge and input.

Read the full action plan [here](#).