

"Together to create new growth"
**"Social entrepreneurship & social economy: Developing a European
ecosystem to unlock social innovation, growth and jobs"**
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CURRICULUM VITAE

Ole Sohn has been an active Member of the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) for the **Socialist People's Party** since 1998. During his Parliamentary career Ole Sohn has a broad parliamentary experience being member of the finance Committee (2004-2011), the economic and political Affairs Committee (2004-2011) and the Standing order Committee (2004-2011). He has furthermore been deputy member of the Labour Market Committee (2007-2009) and the Cultural Affairs Committee 2006-2011. In 2005 he was appointed as **Group chairman** for the **Socialist People's Party** in the Danish Parliament.

The prime minister, **Helle Thorning Schmidt (Social Democrats)** appointed Ole Sohn as **Minister for Business and Growth** in October 2011. The **newly elected government** in Denmark consists of the Social Democrats, the Social Liberal Party and the **Socialist People's Party**.

During the **coming Danish EU Presidency** the Minister for Business and Growth will chair the **single market and industry part of the Competitiveness Council**, as well as the maritime and telecommunication part of the **Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council** during the Danish presidency.

NEW INNOVATIVE GROWTH IN EUROPE

As Minister for Business and Growth, Ole Sohn, has responsibility for improving the conditions for growth, including improving the conditions for social business.

The Ministry is responsible for a number of policy areas which are important for **the general business environment**, including business regulation, Intellectual Property Rights, competition policy, the financial sector and shipping. Furthermore the Ministry is working for **improving the business conditions for social business** and for businesses to take a **Corporate Social Responsibility**.

As a future president of the Competitiveness Council and the Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council the Minister is committed in developing **new innovative growth in Europe**.