Fremtidens

beskæftigelsesindsats

Recommendations and considerations regarding Danish employment policies in the future

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1 Task of the expert group

2 Diagnosis

3 Six main recommendations

Task of the expert group

The aims of the expert group



Support high employment



As low costs as possible

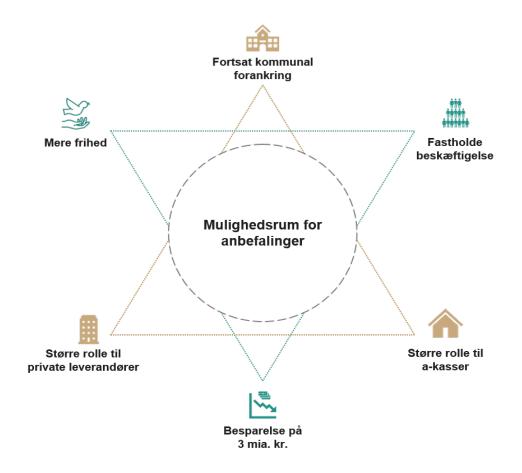


High user satisfaction



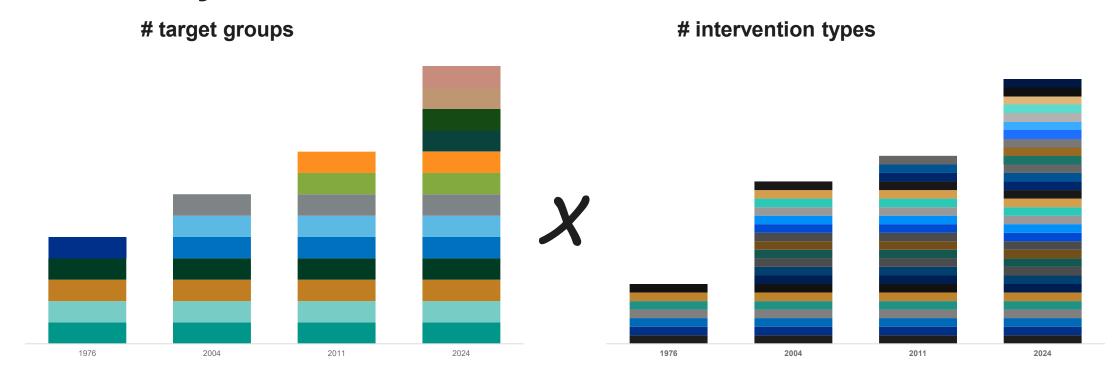
Simple and transparent

The assigned task



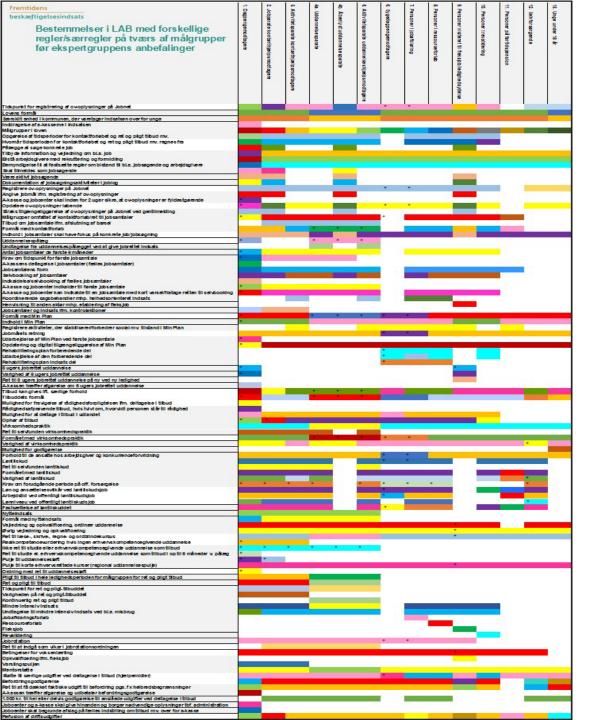
Diagnosis

Number of target groups and interventions/rules have increased dramatically over time





Complexity and special rules for different target groups



Central, heavily regulated processes/policies

Client: When to upload upload CV?

 UI benefit recipients before 2 weeks, while for 'job ready' social assistance recipients before 3 weeks

Caseworker: Right and obligation to meet private provider for <u>one</u> target group

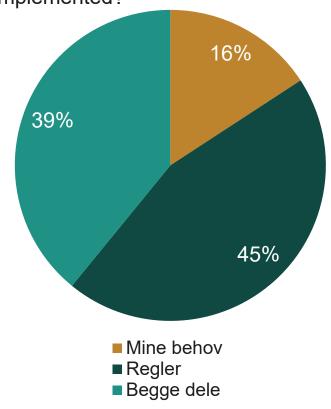
- For those visited to 'fleksjob (receiving unemployment assistance) the case worker has to inform client after 6 month abour a right to meet with a private provider, while after 12 months it's an obligation
- No similar rule for other target groups

Administration: Practises re. sanction regulation

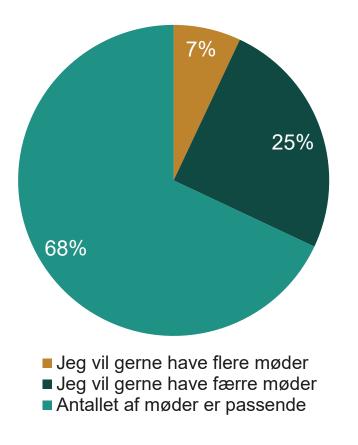
Mistakes in ALL cases investigated by the Board of Appeal re.
'activity ready' social assistance recipients.

New analysis of citizen satisfaction (with PES) and experienced dignity in the handling of the case

What determines the process and interventions implemented?

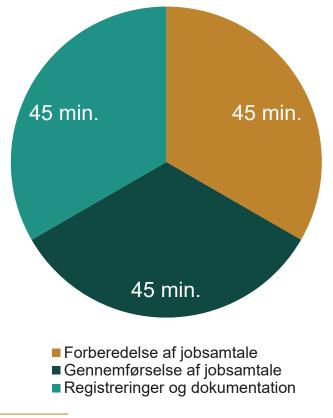


Is the assistance appropriate?



New analysis of PES' time- and resource usage

Time use pr meeting with clients not ready for employment



Time use pr rehab team meeting for activity ready social assistance recipients



Expert group's diagnosis



Detail regulated employment policies with a myriad of processual demands



Low satisfaction with demands, rules and regulations



Complex and non-transparent system



High expenditures for employment policies (but broader target group than in most countries)

Six recommendations for employment policies of the future (in DK)

Fewer target groups and target group specific rules

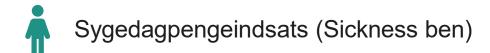


From 13 to 5 target groups









Other groups

Fewer target groups and target group specific rules





Remove a number of target groups (8). Associated income transfers converted to closest resembling (SA og sickness benefits)



Same rules for youth as for those above 30 – i.e. no forced focus on education

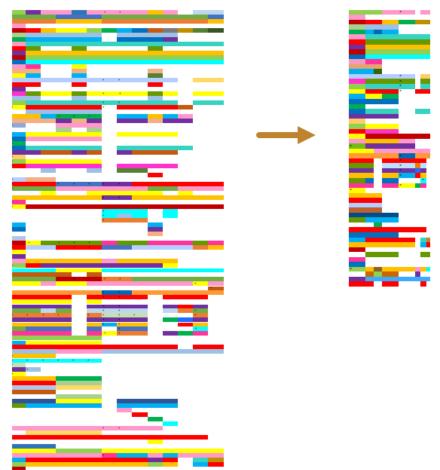
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Individually tailored sequence of meetings and interventions



#2

>50% of target group specific rules are removed



Individually tailored sequence of meetings and interventions



#2

New rules regarding meetings early in spells

Clients not immediately ready foir employment



Minimum one meeting first 6 months. No requirements re. activation.

Unemployed (UI benefits + job ready SA)



Minimum four meetings and one activation period before 6 months but exemption possibilities

Individually tailored sequence of meetings and interventions



#2

Selected proposals



Annual 'progress guarantee' for those not immediately ready for employment



Possibility to be temporarily exempted from activities



Sicklisted from employment no longer have to report to PES



Educational interventions (classroom training programs) simplified and targeted those with greatest need

Dignified and balanced system of sanctions





Not immediately ready for employment: No sanctions as a general rule



Unemployed:

Automatic reminders, and automatic sanctions in case of non-compliance

Closure of job centres and free organization in municipalities



News possibilities in the organization of employment policies



Munic's can merge employment, social, health org in one administrative unit if they want



Munic's can decide that some target groups are handled by e.g. social authorities

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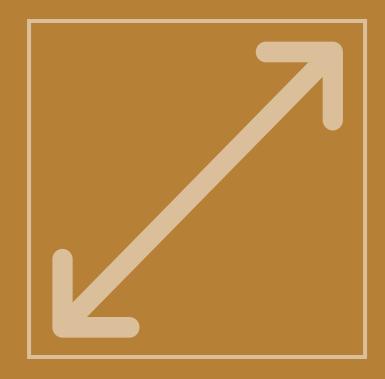
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Laws on active social policy and active labour market policy should be harmonized wrt aims



More room for UI funds and private providers

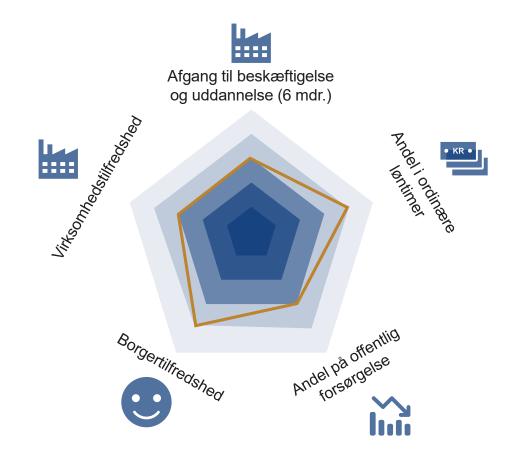




Governance by results (rather that processes)



From proces demands towards result-requirements



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Proposals save 3 bill DKK. (25% of total costs of ALMPs)

