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Programme for expert meeting on expenditure needs. Copenhagen 13.-14. September 2007.

Christiansborg Slotsplads 1, Rentekammersalen.

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- The Ministry of Interior and Health, Denmark,
- The Ministry of Finance, Denmark,
- The Korea Institute of Public Finance

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Session 1. Thursday 13.

Chair Niels Jørgen Mau.

9:30 - 9:50 Registration and coffee.

9:50 - 10:00 Welcome. Niels Jørgen Mau, Ministry of Interior.

10:00 - 10:15 Introduction. Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Minister of Interior.

10:15 - 10:25 Introduction. Junghun Kim, Korea Institute of Public Finance.

10:25 - 10:40 The issues. Jørgen Lotz. Ministry of Finance.

10:40 - 11:25 *Fiscal Equalisation in Australia: Some technical issues.*

Speaker: John Spasojevic

Discussants: Anwar Shah, Jørgen Lotz

11:25 - 12:10 *Measuring Fiscal Needs: Japan's experience.*

Speaker: Nobuki Mochida

Discussants: Hyun-A Kim, Ehtisham Ahmad

12:10 - 13:10 LUNCH

Session 2. Thursday 13.

Chair Jørgen Lotz.

13:10 - 13:55. *Fiscal Need Equalization: Is it worth doing? Lessons from International Practices.*

Speaker: Anwar Shah

Discussants: Junghun Kim, Prof. Peter Mischler.

13:55-14:40. *Decentralization in Spain: Estimating the cost of devolved services to the autonomous communities.*

Speaker: Silvia López Ribas

Discussants: HansJoerg Blöchliger, Nils Otter

14:40 - 15:00 COFFE

15:00 - 15:45 *Why Focus on Spending Needs Factors? The Political Economy of Fiscal Transfer Reform in Mexico.*

Speaker: Ehtisham Ahmad

Discussants: Sivia Lopez Ripas, Eugenia Cuéllar Barbeito

15:45 - 16:30 *The use of expenditure need in Korea: Equalization or regional policy?*

Speaker: Junghun Kim

Discussants: John Spasojevic, Prof. Giorgio Brosio

16:30 - 17:15 Distribution of Formula Grant to Local Authorities in England.

Speaker: Sarah Ponsford

Discussants: Ben Lockwood, Peter Huigsloot

18:30 Dinner at restaurant “Bastionen+Løven”

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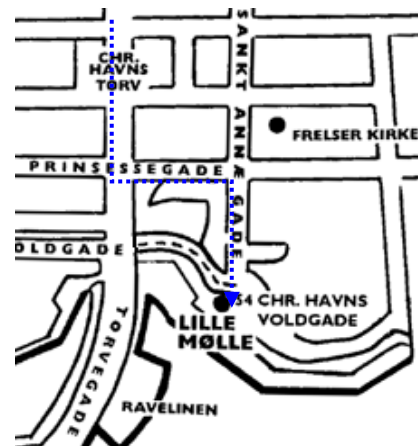
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Session 3. Friday 14.

Chair Nobuki Mochida Japan.

9:15 - 9:30 Coffee

9.30 - 10.15 Expenditure needs equalization – reasoning and organisation of work: The Danish case.

Speaker: Niels Jørgen Mau

Discussants: Prof. Giorgio Brosio, HansJoerg Blöchliger

10:15 - 11:00 Issues and attempts to assess regional and local expenditures in Italy.

Speaker: Prof. Giorgio Brosio

Discussants: Bernard Dafflon, Hessel Boerboom

11:00 - 11:45 Annual fluctuations in the cost equalization and budget stability for the municipalities in Sweden.

Speaker: Lennart Tingvall

Discussants: Sarah Ponsford, Bernard Dafflon

11:45 - 12:30 Expenditure needs equalization at the local level.
 Speaker: Bernard Dafflon
 Discussants: Junghun Kim, Lennart Tingvall

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

Session 4. Friday 14.
Chair Junghun Kim Korea

14:00 - 14:45 The equalized allocation of local expenditure needs in the Netherlands – an optimal mixture of objectivity and politics.
 Speaker: Hessel Boerboom
 Discussants: Prof. Stefano Piperno, Niels Jorgen Mau

14:45 - 15:30 Issues in Fiscal Need Equalization in Germany.
 Speaker: Nils Otter
 Discussants: Jørgen Lotz, Nobuki Mochida.

15:30 - 16 :00 COFFEE

16:00 - 16.45 Views on measuring expenditure needs, the international organisations.
 HansJoerg Blöchlinger OECD
 Ehtisham Ahmad IMF
 Anwar Shah IBRD

16:45 - 17:15 Close of meeting: What did we learn?
 Junghun Kim

18:30 Reception at Copenhagen City Hall.

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