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The Lord Chamberlain's foreword

Welcome to the Royal House of Denmark's annual report for 2021.

During the past year, the Royal House of Denmark – just like the rest of the society – continued to be affected by the coronavirus situation, which meant that a number of planned arrangements and events had to be cancelled or postponed in the course of the year.

However, this does not change the fact that 2021 was also a year in which many events could be carried out, and it was again possible to go on visits abroad while respecting applicable guidelines.

H.M. The Queen and the royal family participated in more than 400 program items last year, including a state visit to Germany, several business promotional campaigns, historical celebrations in South Jutland and Greenland, a joyful visit to the Faroe Islands, H.R.H. Prince Christian's confirmation and a wide range of other arrangements.

The planning, implementation and evaluation of the Royal House of Denmark's official program all take place in close interaction between the Court and the royal family. The Court's 130 employees, who represent a wide range of different fields, have as their prime duty to support The Queen and the royal family's work for Denmark and for Danish interests. The Royal House of Denmark is a special workplace that is based upon historical continuity and traditions, but which, at the same time, evolves in step with the times. In the past year, the Royal House of Denmark, among other things, started a sustainability project that affects the way in which all employees work – from better sorting of waste, preventing food waste and making buildings more energy-efficient to continuously converting parts of the automobile fleet to electric and hybrid vehicles.

As a consequence of the lower level of activity due to COVID-19, the Royal House of Denmark had a positive accounting result in 2021.

The reduced strain on the finances was utilized to, among other things, modernize and future-proof the Royal House of Denmark's digital infrastructure. Within digitalization, security, communication and sustainability, there will also be a substantial need for investment in the coming years so that the Royal House of Denmark is constantly a modern and efficiently run organization.

On behalf of the Court, I would like to express great thanks to our many partners in Denmark and abroad for a constructive and inspiring collaboration during the year. They have contributed so that the royal family, despite a year with many unforeseeable circumstances, could still carry out their extensive work for Denmark, both here at home and out in the world.



Lord Chamberlain Kim Kristensen Photo: Steen Brogaard ©

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Introduction

The first months of 2021 were strongly marked by the spread of COVID-19 in the society. The traditional New Year's banquet and subsequent New Year's levees had to be cancelled, and H.M. The Queen instead received written New Year's greetings from the levee participants.

The coronavirus situation also affected a number of The Queen's constitutional duties, including leading the meetings of the Council of State, in which all laws and important government measures are dealt with. Thus, on 16 March, the Council of State was held virtually for the first time ever when The Queen, with H.R.H. The Crown Prince by her side, conducted the meeting from a computer screen in the Council of State Room in Christiansborg Palace while the ministers logged in from the ministry offices. In all, six councils of state were held in 2021, of which half were carried out virtually.

In September, the government was gathered at Fredensborg Palace for a Council of State dinner with The Queen as host and with the participation of the Crown Prince Couple. The aim is to hold a Council of State dinner in each electoral period. The most recent Council of State dinner was held in 2017.

The public audiences at Christiansborg Palace, which had been suspended since the first coronavirus shutdown in March 2020, were resumed in mid-September, after which Her Majesty carried out a total of six public audiences. In addition to this, The Queen received 34 newly appointed ambassadors and 13 departing ambassadors in audience during the year.



H.M. The Queen, Trend, 2 May 2021





During the visit at the Capital Region's Emergency Medical Services in Ballerup on 28 January, The Crown Prince took part in a tour of the Control Center and got an introduction to the health emergency agency during the coronavirus crisis. *Photo: The Emergency Medical Services* © In the first months of the year, the royal family continued to engage in various ways in the society's handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

H.R.H. The Crown Prince visited, among other places, the Capital Region's Emergency Medical Services in Ballerup in January, where The Crown Prince was introduced to the health emergency agency's help for citizens.

In May, H.R.H. The Crown Princess – in her capacity as a captain in the Home Guard – visited the Jonstrup Camp in Ballerup. There, The Crown Princess received a briefing about the contact tracing unit, in which Home Guard soldiers and civilians worked together to contact infected persons and track close contacts.

When spring – and the reopening of Denmark – finally announced its arrival in March, The Queen sent a greeting to the Danish people from the coniferous forest at Her Majesty's hunting lodge Trend in West Himmerland.

"In the time to come, we must continue to live with restrictions, but, in more than one sense, we are facing brighter times."



< For the first time in history, the council of state was held virtually on 16 March. Photo: Keld Navntoft, The Royal House of Denmark ©



< On 3 May, The Crown Princess visited the Jonstrup Camp in Ballerup, where, among others, soldiers from the Home Guard and personnel from the Danish Emergency Management Agency contributed to the infection tracing. *Photo: Michael Stub* ©



∧ The Queen held the Council of State dinner in the Dome Hall at Fredensborg Palace on 29 September. Photo: Keld Navntoft, The Royal House of Denmark ©

A year with major celebrations

< In connection with the celebration of the Reunification, The Queen, The Crown Prince and Prince Christian rode in a carriage over the old border at Frederikshøj south of Kolding, where a reproduction of the celebratory arch from 1920 was erected. The carriage ride took place at the same spot where Christian X rode over the old border on the white horse Malgré Tout on 10 July 1920. *Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller Photo & Video* ©





In connection with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Reunification, The Queen, The Crown Prince and Prince Christian participated in a celebratory church service at Haderslev Cathedral on 13 June. The celebratory service took place in both Danish and German and was led by bishop Marianne Christiansen as well as dean of the chapter Torben Hjul Andersen and parish priest Christa Hansen. *Photo: Keld Navntoft* ©

> After attending the show "The Reunification Celebration" at Alsion Concert Hall in Sønderborg, The Queen hosted a dinner on Dannebrog with the participation of the German president and first lady, the prime minister and Mr. Bo Tengberg. Photo: The Royal House of Denmark ©



On a rainy and windy day in May, The Queen embarked the Royal Yacht Dannebrog in Copenhagen Harbor to mark the start of the sailing season, which in the following months – despite mechanical problems in the course of the year – took Her Majesty to the Reunification celebration in South Jutland and on a summer cruise to the municipalities of Thisted, Esbjerg and Fanø. In 2020, Dannebrog did not go out to sea because of the coronavirus situation, which was the only interruption of the yearly voyages since the occupation in 1940-45, when the ship was docked in Copenhagen Harbor.

Many South Jutlanders showed up with Dannebrog flags in their hands when The Queen, together with The Crown Prince and Prince Christian, rode in a carriage over the old border at Frederikshøj south of Kolding in connection with the festive celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Reunification, which was held with a one-year delay because of the COVID-19 situation.

The carriage ride by the three generations of the royal family took place at the same spot where Christian X rode over the old border on a white horse in 1920. After the events at Frederikshøj, The Queen, The Crown Prince and Prince Christian took part in a celebratory church service at Haderslev Cathedral in which the president of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen also participated.

Afterwards, The Queen visited the Reunification Park, which is Aabenraa Municipality's new public park in front of the historic community center called Folkehjem, and took part in a ceremony at Kongeskansen (The King's Redoubt) at Dybbøl Banke. Together with the German president and first lady and the prime minister, The Queen also visited the German Museum North Schleswig in Sønderborg, which sheds light on the history of the German minority.



Another major 100th anniversary celebration in 2021 was the jubilee of the first royal visit in Greenland. In 1921, The Queen's grandfather, Christian X, visited Greenland as the first Danish monarch to do so, and Her Majesty commemorated that the days of 8 to 12 October by visiting Ilulissat and Nuuk, followed by a private visit to Thule Air Base (Pituffik) and to Station Nord.

After The Queen's arrival in Ilulissat at Disko Bay, where the prime minister of Greenland, Múte Bourup Egede, welcomed The Queen at the airport, Her Majesty visited the newly opened Kangiata Illorsua – Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, which interprets the surrounding Arctic nature that is on UNESCO's World Heritage List, followed by a visit to the birthplace of polar researcher and author Knud Rasmussen. The Queen thus also marked the 100th anniversary of Knud Rasmussen's renowned 5th Thule expedition.

During the Greenland visit, The Queen, among other things, took part in the consecration of the Greenland Diocese's new bishop, Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, and in a commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the introduction of Christianity in Greenland at Ilisimatusarfik – The University of Greenland.



In connection with the official visit in Greenland from 8-12 October, The Queen participated in the consecration of the Greenland Diocese's new bishop, Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, at Hans Egede Church in Nuuk. Photo: Christian Klindt Sølbeck, Ritzau Scanpix ©





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Earlier in the year, The Queen paid an official visit to the Faroe Islands, where Her Majesty on 15 July – with a 24-hour delay due to local weather conditions – was welcomed by prime minister Bárður á Steig Nielsen in Tórshavn to the strains of "King Christian" and the Faroese national anthem "Thou fairest land of mine". During the four-day visit in Tórshavn, Klaksvík, Svínoy, Fuglafirði, Vestmanna, Kvívík, Vatnsoyrum, Miðvági, Toftum and Strondum, The Queen experienced Faroese culture, nature and gastronomy.

✓ The Queen paid an official visit to the Faroe Islands the days of 15-19 July. Among other places, The Queen visited the new school Skúlan á Fløtum, where there is a view over Tórshavn from the school's roof. *Photo: Hanne Juul/Ritzau Scanpix* [©]





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 The Queen also visited the Faroe Islands' new tunnel, Eysturoyartunnillin, where artist Tróndur Patursson has created an art installation in the traffic circle in the tunnel. The traffic circle is the world's first subsea traffic circle. *Photo: Hanne Juul/Ritzau Scanpix* ©



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V The Queen and The Crown Prince paid a state visit in the Federal Republic of Germany from 10-13 November at the invitation of H.E. Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. In the photo, The Queen and The Crown Prince are seen with the German Federal President and his wife, Elke Büdenbender, at a state banquet at Schloss Bellevue. *Photo: Mads Claus Rasmussen/ Ritzau Scanpix* ©



In 2021, The Queen went on her outward-bound state visit number 55 when Her Majesty, together with The Crown Prince, was on a state visit in Germany in November at the invitation of H.E. Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

During the state visit, The Queen and The Crown Prince participated in a large Danish business promotional campaign focused on solutions in green energy, health, food products and sustainable production. Together with Denmark's foreign minister and Germany's acting federal minister for food and agriculture, The Crown Prince was, among other things, able to witness the signing of five agreements on future cooperation between Danish and German companies.

In 2020, Denmark and Germany were able to celebrate "The Danish-German Cultural Year of Friendship", and, in extension of this, a number



^ On the state visit's first day, The Queen and The Crown Prince were received by Berlin's mayor, Michael Müller, at the German capital's famed monument, the Brandenburg Gate. Photo: Mads Claus Rasmussen/Ritzau Scanpix ©

of agreements were entered into within the creative educations and the field of arts and culture during the state visit. Danish culture was thus in focus at the return arrangement, which was held at the German Historical Museum in Berlin with entertainment by, among others, the Royal Danish Ballet, the Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir and the cellist Josefine Opsahl, who had composed the evening's music.

After the visit in Berlin, The Queen continued alone to the state of Bavaria's capital, Munich, where Her Majesty was received by Minister President Markus Söder on the square in front of Residenz München. November also featured the Nordic Council's 73rd session, for which Denmark held the presidency in 2021. The Nordic Council is a cooperation body for the five Nordic parliaments in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Iceland as well as the self-governing areas the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. In this connection, The Queen and the Crown Prince Couple participated in a number of arrangements with the council's members and the Nordic prime ministers and parliament speakers.





In May, the royal family celebrated one of the year's major events when Prince Christian was confirmed by the royal chaplain-in-ordinary, bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen, on 15 May in Fredensborg Palace Church, which has been used for various royal confirmations since 1915. Afterwards, there was a private celebration for the Prince at the Chancellery House, though without guests from abroad due to the existing restrictions. After the summer holiday, yet another milestone was marked when Prince Christian moved away from home to begin gymnasium at Herlufsholm's boarding school in Næstved.



^ Prince Christian moved in at Herlufsholm's boarding school in Næstved on 10 August. Photo: Keld Navntoft, The Royal House of Denmark ©



Queen, the Crown Prince Couple and his siblings, Princess Isabella, Prince Vincent and Princess Josephine. Photo: Franne Voigt ©



The royal family's focus areas

Each year, the Royal House of Denmark – through the royal family's many patronages and honorary tasks – brings into focus a wide range of topics that affect societal life. From public health to sustainability. From children's well-being to promotion of culture. The photos on this page illustrate the work in a number of these focus areas in 2021.















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The Guard Hussar Regiment had lined up in the palace garden at Koldinghus when H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. Princess Benedikte arrived for the opening of the Royal Danish Collection at Koldinghus on 23 April. As a part of the Royal Danish Collection, Koldinghus will henceforth present objects, works and narratives about Danish royal history, and, in the opening exhibition "The Queen's Embroideries", The Queen displayed for the first time a selection of the private embroideries – with a color selection characterized by Her Majesty's penchant for "riotous colors".

For Her Majesty, the year by and large offered a number of high points in the world of arts and culture. In 2021, the Agency for Culture and Palaces received the Europa Nostra Award in the category "Conservation of cultural heritage" for the restoration of Fredensborg Palace Garden. On a sunny June day, The Queen held a reception to thank the many people involved in the 12-year-long restoration project, which among other things has included re-establishment of the garden's central axis, which, with the avenue's 258 linden trees, reflects the basic elements from the layout of the palace garden in the 1760s.

Fredensborg Palace was the setting for several festive events during the year. In September, The Queen and The Crown Princess participated in the Army's Medal of Honor Dinner. The Medal of Honor Dinner is held once a year, alternating between the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. One month later, the Danish film industry was honored at the tradition-filled Fredensborg Concert with the participation of The Queen, the Crown Prince Couple and TRH Prince Joachim and Princess Marie. • On 23 April, the exhibition "The Queen's Embroideries" opened at the Royal Danish Collection at Koldinghus. The exhibition came about in a collaboration between Museum Kolding, the Royal House of Denmark and the Royal Danish Collection at Koldinghus. *Photo: Claus Fisker, Ritzau Scanpix* ©





In keeping with tradition, The Queen spent part of the summer at Graasten Palace in South Jutland, where Princess Benedikte and Queen Anne-Marie also stayed for a few days together with Her Majesty. In connection with the summer stay, The Queen invited representatives from the neighboring areas of South Jutland to a reception at Graasten Palace in which Princess Benedikte also participated. Queen Anne-Marie turned 75 years old in 2021, which was celebrated privately at her home in Greece.

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In a year with many celebrations, the year's last evening also featured a special milepost when The Queen was able to deliver a New Year's address for the 50th time. Among other things, The Queen spoke about the importance of encountering our fellow human beings – especially those who have to live with a disability – with openness, understanding and respect.







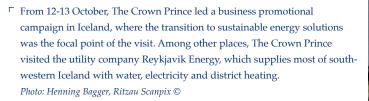
 The Queen held her New Year's Address number 50 on 31 December. It took place from Christian IX's Palace at Amalienborg. Photo: Keld Navntoft, The Royal House of Denmark ©



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In 2021, The Crown Prince continued to focus on the global climate and environmental challenges and on Denmark's role as a leading nation in green transition, which, among other things, was a theme for The Crown Prince's speech for the digital P4G summit in South Korea in May.

During the year, His Royal Highness led two Danish business promotional campaigns focused on sustainability.



In October, The Crown Prince visited Reykjavik together with the foreign minister and a delegation of Danish companies and organizations with the objective of strengthening Denmark's commercial cooperation on green energy solutions with Iceland, where the government has a goal of CO2 neutrality by 2040. The day after the journey to Iceland, The Crown Prince again helped to create awareness of Danish sustainable solutions in an international context when His Royal Highness participated in a business promotional campaign focused on exercise, health and mobility in large cities at Maison du Danemark (House of Denmark) in Paris together with a number of Danish companies. Prior to taking part in the business campaign, The Crown Prince was in Paris to also help present the route for Tour de France 2022, which will begin in Denmark for the first time in the cycle race's history.

Through the year, The Crown Prince also supported a number of other athletic events. In August, The Crown Prince gave a speech at the Experimentarium that paid tribute to the Danish Olympic athletes who had participated in The Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, and, through the summer, the Crown Prince Family attended a number of the national men's team matches on home pitches during the European Football Championship. On 12 September, members of the Crown Prince Family themselves had their running shoes on in Sønderborg, Aalborg, Odense, Copenhagen and Frederiksberg when Their Royal Highnesses, together with nearly 80,000 Danes, ran for the third time in Royal Run, which is one of the largest exercise running events in Danish history.

In June, the Royal House of Denmark announced that The Crown Prince had decided to step down as an active member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), in which His Royal Highness has had a special focus on getting young people to live a healthy and active life for nearly 12 years. In addition to that, The Crown Prince has helped to influence the Olympic movement's work in a sustainable direction. Among other ways, that has occurred through membership in the steering committees Sport and Environment and Sustainability and Legacy.

At the end of the year, The Crown Prince, who also has science, innovation and entrepreneurship as important focus areas, took on a new role as patron of ScienceYear22. With a starting point in the UN's designation of 2022 as the "International Year of Basic Science and Development" and the 100th anniversary of Niels Bohr's Nobel Prize in physics, ScienceYear22, with The Crown Prince in the lead, will promote the importance of science for both children and adults.



As a conclusion to the business promotional campaign in Paris, The Crown Prince on 14 October visited the International Energy Agency (IEA), which is a global organization that, among other things, keeps data and statistics about the world's energy supply and works to promote energy efficiency. In the picture, The Crown Prince is seen together with IEA executive director Dr. Fatih Birol. *Photo: IEA*



 < On 9 August, The Crown Prince took part in a tribute to the Danish Olympic athletes who participated in the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo. At the reception, The Crown Prince congratulated the athletes for their sports and athletic performances. *Photo: Martin Sylvest, Ritzau Scanpix* ©



 On 12 September, Royal Run took place in the cities Aalborg, Copenhagen, Frederiksberg, Odense and Sønderborg. In the picture, The Crown Prince runs along the one-mile distance in Odense. *Photo: Lasse Olsson* ©



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Lithuania's president, H.E. Gitanas Nausėda, had invited The Crown Princess to take part in the official commemoration from 30 September – 1 October of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Danish-Lithuanian diplomatic relations. On the visit's first day, The Crown Princess participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Antakalnis Cemetery in Vilnius to honor the victims of the Lithuanian fight for independence. *Photo: Martin Haien, Aller Photo & Video* ©





During the year, The Crown Princess took part in a number of trips focused on promoting Danish interests within business, culture and development work.

The competencies of Danish architecture and design businesses in sustainability and circular economy were at the top of the agenda when The Crown Princess participated in Milan Design Week in Milan in September.

Later that month, The Crown Princess was the lead representative for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Denmark and Lithuania. The Republic of Lithuania's president, H.E. Gitanas Nausėda, had invited The Crown Princess to take part in the official commemoration in the capital, Vilnius.

From 7-8 September, The Crown Princess participated in Milan Design Week, which is the world's largest annual furniture and design event. Among other ways, Denmark was represented in the form of an exhibition that focused on sustainability and circular economy in Danish design and architecture. *Photo: Fusillolab* ©





^ The Crown Princess visited Burkina Faso together with minister for development cooperation Flemming Møller Mortensen to focus on the health and rights of girls and women in a region characterized by poverty, unrest and climate change. Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix ©

In connection with The Crown Princess's longstanding engagement in promoting equality and girls' and women's rights, Her Royal Highness traveled together with the minister for development cooperation to the West African country Burkina Faso, where Denmark has had a close development policy collaboration for 25 years, especially in the area of sexual and reproductive health.

In Denmark as well, The Crown Princess focused on topics such as equality, inclusion and rights. As patron of Copenhagen 2021, which is the collective name for the LGBTI+ events WorldPride and Eurogames, The Crown Princess gave the opening speech at the Copenhagen 2021 Human Rights Forum in the UN City and also spoke to a large audience in Fælledparken at the concluding ceremony, in which the prime minister also participated.

Another important effort area for The Crown Princess is protection of nature, and, in her role as president of WWF-Denmark, Her Royal Highness launched a new, digital project in 2021 aimed at bringing Danes together on nature. "We cannot

take nature and all of its beauty and abundance for granted", said The Crown Princess in connection with the launching of the project, which under the hashtag #ForNaturenWWF called upon Danes to share their nature photos and experiences on the social media.



On 21 August, The Crown Princess gave a speech at the closing ceremony for Copenhagen 2021 in the central park Fælledparken, where prime minister Mette Frederiksen was also present. Fælledparken was the gathering point for the event's six different pride marches. Photo: Ulla Munch-Petersen ©





On 6 June, it was 77 years since 800 Danish seamen took part in the Allied landing in Normandy on D-Day. In this connection, Prince Joachim, together with Denmark's representative in NATO, honored the seamen at the Danish monument at Sainte-Marie-du-Mont. *Photo: The Defence Command* ©



 Prince Felix graduated from Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium on 23 June. Photo: Mads Claus Rasmussen, Ritzau Scanpix ©



In connection with the official flag day for Denmark's personnel stationed abroad on 5 September, the Danish Defence launched a video to honor the persons who are or have been sent abroad on behalf of Denmark. The video was narrated by Prince Joachim, who works as the military attaché at the Danish Embassy in Paris. *Photo: The Defence* © During the year, Prince Joachim and Princess Marie were both occupied with working for Denmark and Danish interests and with attending to a number of duties for their Danish patronages. In the position as military attaché at the Danish Embassy in Paris, Prince Joachim has worked since 2020 to strengthen Denmark's military cooperation with France and serve as a link between the defense ministries and defense commands of the two countries. In his work as military attaché, the Prince has also focused on offering support to the Danish defense companies that want to enter into the French market, and, in September, His Royal Highness was among the leading figures behind an export campaign in Paris, in which 24 Danish defense companies had the opportunity to network and enter into agreements on Danish-French cooperation. In early summer, a proud Prince Joachim was able to place the graduation cap on H.H. Prince Felix, who graduated from Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium on 23 June and was celebrated afterwards by his parents, Prince Joachim and H.E. Alexandra, Countess of Frederiksborg, as well as the graduate's older brother, H.H. Prince Nikolai.



Marie, who began work as a Special Cultural Representative in association with the Danish Embassy in Paris as of 1 October.

In the coming years, the Princess will make use of her special knowledge of both French and Danish culture and her extensive experience in networking to seek out new partnerships for the benefit of Danish cultural life. Among other things, the Princess will focus on ensuring Denmark's imprint on a major cultural program in connection with the Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and on increasing knowledge of Maison du Danemark (House of Denmark) on the Champs-Élysées as well as of the exhibition space and the digital platform "Le Bicolore", which provides Danish artists, designers and architects the opportunity to display their work and develop their networks in the French capital. The Princess was in Denmark several times during the year to participate in arrangements focused on the fight against food waste, which is one of the Princess's special focus areas. In addition to speeches and visits at, among other events, the food festival Copenhagen Cooking in Copenhagen, the Madens Folkemøde festival on Lolland and the year's Harvest Festival in Frederiksberg, the Princess also cooperated in the DR program "Princess Marie's fight against food waste", in which Danes could closely follow the Princess's efforts to activate children and young people towards a more sustainable everyday life.

In September, Princess Marie's 10th anniversary as patron of DanChurchAid was celebrated with speeches and video greetings from a number of the persons the Princess has met on her trips for the organization to Cambodia, Uganda and Myanmar, among other places.



V On 1 October, Princess Marie began as a Special Cultural Representative associated with the cultural section of Denmark's embassy in Paris as part of a new initiative to strengthen Danish culture and cooperation. The Princess became part of the embassy's "Team for Partnerships". In the photo, the Princess is seen in a meeting with the embassy's culture and press counselor, Klaus Ib Jørgensen. *Photo: Anne Sofie Seyer-Hansen, The Royal Danish Embassy in Paris* ©

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Princess Marie took part in the Frederiksberg Harvest Festival on 20 August and had an opportunity before the long-table dinner to visit "the rolling summer kitchen", which is a mobile cooking school where children learn to prepare food from so-called "ugly" vegetables to put focus on food waste. *Photo: Lars H. Laursen, Aller Photo & Video* ©



In her speech at the anniversary reception on 28 September, Princess Marie looked back at 10 years as patron of DanChurchAid: "Trips and countries, people and meetings, moving experiences and strong impressions have left deep imprints. It has given me new insight and new perspectives on the world. It has meant – and means – incredibly much for me". *Photo: Bax Lindhardt* ©



For Princess Benedikte, 2021 was a year with a number of exciting events within the Princess's patronages, which span a wide range of topics, with parasports, equestrianism, the scouting and guiding movement and support for young artists as special focus areas, among others.

Within the sports world, the Princess was present in August to mark the opening of the Paralympic Games at an arrangement at the Experimentarium in Hellerup, and, a couple of months later, Her Royal Highness, in her role as patron of Parasport Danmark, which is a special organization under the Sports Confederation of Denmark, was able to participate in a celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary. The Princess has committed herself for many years to the fight to allow people with a disability or special needs to have the opportunity to take part in sports, exercise and compete in social gatherings.

During the year, the Princess also made news when it was announced that the Queen Ingrid Honors Award is to be handed out for the tenth and final time in 2022, which Princess Benedikte and her two sisters decided to mark with a TV-broadcast gala performance featuring ballet and music from Amalienborg's four palaces in 2022.



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- ^ In 2021, Parasport Danmark celebrated its 50th anniversary at The House of Sport in Brøndby, and Princess Benedikte gave a speech to attendees in this connection. *Photo: Lars Møller* ©
- < On 15 September, Princess Benedikte held a news conference about the Queen Ingrid Honors Award, which has been handed out every other year since 2005. The news conference took place in Christian VIII's Palace at Amalienborg. *Photo: Keld Navntoft, The Royal House of Denmark* ©





• The Queen and the royal family are closely involved in the planning and the development of the Royal House of Denmark's external and internal activities on a daily basis. In the photo, The Queen meets with Lord Chamberlain Kim Kristensen (to the left), Director of Communications Lene Balleby and Cabinet Secretary Henning Fode. *Photo: The Royal House of Denmark* ©

The royal family's extensive engagement in a wide variety of areas of society also manifests itself in the work with the royal foundations. During 2021, Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation, Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation and The Nikolai and Felix Foundation altogether received more than 1500 applications regarding support for humanitarian, cultural and educational purposes inside and outside of Denmark. The Queen and the royal family participate actively in the work of evaluating and selecting the applications to the royal foundations, which altogether granted more than 10 million DKK to 120 projects in 2021.

Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation made a total of 86 distributions for cultural, scientific and social purposes in 2021, while the 14 distributions from Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation had special focus on taking care of the well-being and education of children and young people in connection with the COVID-19 situation.





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In 2021, the Royal House of Denmark adopted a comprehensive action plan which identified a number of efforts that can make the Court more sustainable. An internal working group was also set up consisting of employees from across the Court's departments and units who together carry out the sustainability project. The work with sustainability involves many workflows and matters in-house - from improved waste sorting, phaseout of plastic bottles and reduction in paper use to transition to more sustainable cleaning products and installation of energy-efficient light bulbs. In addition to that, the Royal House of Denmark continuously discusses the opportunities for making the palaces more energy efficient with the Agency for Culture and Palaces.

In 2020 and 2021, the Royal House of Denmark replaced three gasoline-fueled vehicles with an electric vehicle and two plug-in hybrid vehicles. In the coming years, the majority of the vehicle fleet will be replaced with electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. In this connection, the Royal House of Denmark has also set up electrical recharging stations at the residence palaces and plans to increase the number of electrical charging stations. Today, the Royal House of Denmark has a total of four electric vehicles and four plug-in hybrid vehicles.

IT is becoming an increasingly necessary and integrated part of the work and normal daily life in the Royal House of Denmark. In 2021, the Royal House of Denmark focused on improving the possibilities of working digitally, among other ways by increasing the Internet capacity, expanding access to WiFi and broadening the use of mobile units such as, for example, portable PCs and mobile telephones. At the same time, the Royal House of Denmark implemented a significant increase in IT security in 2021 in collaboration with the Royal House's IT operations provider.

In the spring of 2021, there was negotiation of a new local agreement, which will be valid until April 2023. Employment and salary conditions for employees of the Court are primarily based on the national regulations.

The year also featured new initiatives in relation to the Royal House of Denmark's communications efforts. In November, the Royal House of Denmark launched a new website, which in addition to having an updated and more user-friendly design also provided the opportunity for insight and immersion into themes such as, for example, The Queen's artistic work and in a new digital database containing approximately 10,000 photos from Her Majesty The Queen's Reference Library, The Royal Danish Collection.

The Royal House of Denmark experiences a great deal of interest from the public in the royal family's activities, which in 2021 manifested itself in the more than 300 interview requests to the royal family. In addition, The Royal House receives thousands of requests and greetings from media, partners and the general public in Denmark and abroad. These are answered by the relevant departments in the House.

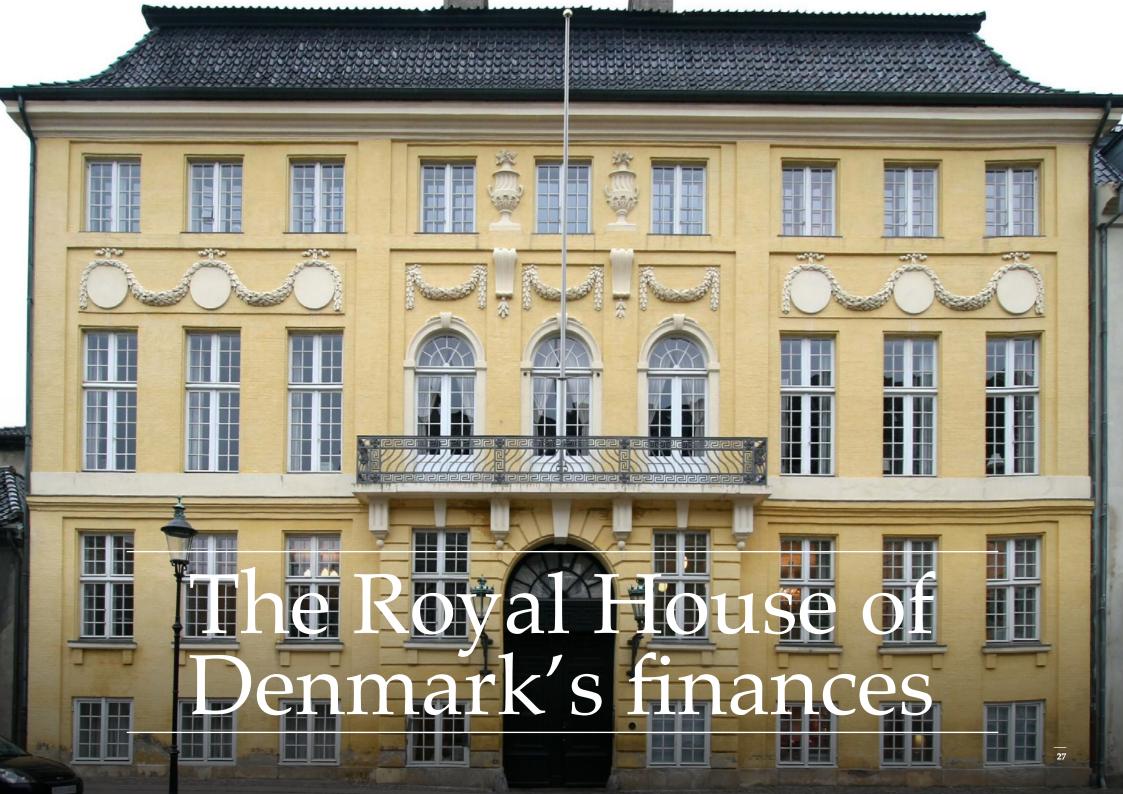
The many followers of the Royal House of Denmark's digital platforms, which now have 582,000 followers on Instagram and 339,000 followers on Facebook, were able to read more than 500 posts on the social media and 211 news items on the website's homepage in 2021.



^ Both Crown 9 and Crown 10 have been replaced by hybrids of the Audi A8 L 60 TFSI e quattro type. Photo: The Royal House of Denmark ©



to launch its new website. The Royal House of Denmark got its first official website back in the 1990s. Since then, the website has been changed four times, most recently in 2016. *Photo: The Royal House of Denmark* ©



The Royal House of Denmark's annual report 2021

Extracts from the annual report

audited by the independent accounting firm Deloitte.

The royal finances are presented here in summary form. The full text is contained in the Danish version of the annual report, which has been

General

The financial statements of the Civil List and the Parliamentary Annuity paid to The Crown Prince are presented in accordance with the provisions regarding class A enterprises under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In accordance with the Danish Act on the Registration of Motor Vehicles, The Queen, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess, Prince Joachim and Princess Benedikte have not been subject to registration tax in relation to motor vehicles, etc. In accordance with the Danish Personal Tax Act, The Royal Family are subject to the normal tax rules governing inheritances, gifts and property. Value added tax is reimbursed in accordance with the rules that also apply for state institutions, and the annual reimbursement is limited to a percentage of the parliamentary allowance corresponding to the current rate of value added tax.

The Civil List

The annual Parliamentary allowance to The Queen is laid down in The Civil List Act, as last amended in 2001.

That allowance is adjusted in accordance with movements in the pay index for employees in the state sector. The state has pension liabilities in respect to Court officials employed under the terms of the Civil List (employed by The Queen), and pension contributions equivalent to the pension contributions paid by government ministries and state agencies are paid to the Ministry of Finance from the Civil List.

The Parliamentary allowance is provided to meet the expenses of The Queen relating to staff, operation of the Royal Household, administration and properties as well as expenses of a more private nature. For Princess Benedikte, the allowance covers expenses connected to official obligations.

Total VAT rebate for 2021: 7,364,623 DKK.







The Civil List - Extract from financial statements

Income statement

1 January - 31 December 2021

	2021 DKK	2020 DKK′000
Income		
Parliamentary allowance	87,210,862	85,942
Other income	2,723,953	2,678
Total	89,934,815	88,620
Expenditure		
Staff costs	54,030,503	54,210
Court expenses	9,279,257	7,338
Administration expenses	7,720,385	6,823
Property expenses	4,926,998	4,500
Depreciations	976,846	1,527
The Queen expenditure cap	11,359,215	11,194
Parliamentary allowance to HRH Princess Benedikte	1,308,163	1,289
Total	89,601,367	86,881
Net income before financial income and expenditure	333,448	1,739
Financial income and expenses	1,353,813	402
Net income for the year	1,687,261	2,141
Result allocation carried over to next year	1,687,261	2,141

The Civil List - Extract from financial statements

Balance sheet

31 December 2021

Assets	2021 DKK	2020 DKK'000
Fixed assets	5,350,681	5,051
Current assets	26,788,283	29,470
Total assets	32,138,964	34,521

Reserve and liabilities	2021 DKK	2020 DKK'000
Reserve at 31 December	18,080,942	16,394
Current liabilities	14,058,022	18,127
Total reserve and liabilities	32,138,964	34,521



The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess

The Parliamentary annuity paid to The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Crown Prince Frederik of 2004. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Total VAT rebate for 2021: 2,742,554 DKK



The Parliamentary Annuity

Extract from financial statements

Income statement

1 January - 31 December 2021

	2021 DKK	2020 DKK'000
Income		
Parliamentary allowance	21,465,145	21,154
Total	21,465,145	21,154
Expenditure		
Staff costs	12,312,392	11,387
Court expenses	2,278,738	1,845
Administration expenses	246,217	232
Property expenses	1,748,125	1,309
Depreciations	498,068	503
The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess expenditure cap	4,293,029	4,231
Total	21,376,569	19,507
Net income before financial income and expediture	88,576	1,647
Financial expenses	1,678	2
Net income for the year	86,898	1,645
Result allocation carried over to next year	86,898	1,645

Balance sheet

31 December 2021

Assets	2021 DKK	2020 DKK'000
Fixed assets	3,679,344	2,153
Current assets	2,961,810	4,895
Total assets	6,641,154	7,048

Reserve and liabilities	2021 DKK	2020 DKK'000
Reserve at 31 December	2,866,419	2,780
Current liabilities	3,774,735	4,268
Total reserve and liabilities	6,641,154	7,048



Prince Joachim

The Parliamentary annuity paid to Prince Joachim and Princess Marie is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Prince Joachim, as last amended in 2008. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Prince Joachim received an annual annuity of 3,739,996 DKK and reimbursement of 156,370 DKK value added tax.