



Annual report 2023



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HRH Prince Christian was celebrated on 15 October 2023 on Amalienborg Palace Square on the occasion of his 18th birthday, when The Prince appeared on the balcony of Frederik VIII's Palace together with HM The Queen and HRH The Crown Prince.

Photo: Keld Navntoft.





The Lord Chamberlain's introduction

Welcome to The Royal House of Denmark's annual report for 2023.

A year which we very likely remember most of all for its conclusion. Because, on the final day of the year, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe made Danish history by announcing her abdication in the New Year's Address. Two weeks later, Queen Margrethe handed over the throne to HM King Frederik X.

In the annual report, we look back at HM Queen Margrethe's final year as Denmark's monarch, on HM The King's final year as Crown Prince, on HM The Queen's final year as Crown Princess and on HRH The Crown Prince's final year as Prince Christian. Therefore, The Royal Family will be referred to in the 2023 annual report by their former titles. In other words, we look back on the time before the landmark succession of the throne.

2023 was the year of a historic milestone and an unforgettable celebration.

In July, The Royal House of Denmark could celebrate that The Queen had become the longest-serving reigning monarch in Danish history. Three months later, Prince Christian celebrated his 18th birthday together with more than 200 young people in festive mood from across Denmark as well as from the Faroe Islands and Greenland at an outstanding gala dinner at Christiansborg Palace. The country's 98 municipalities as well as authorities in Greenland and on the Faroe Islands deserve special thanks for helping to make sure that Prince Christian's birthday was a celebration that resounded throughout the entire Realm.

2023 was also marked by a large number of events, trips and visits, among others visits by the Norwegian King and Queen and the Spanish King and Queen as well as The Crown Prince Couple's visit to India to lead a large Danish business delegation.

On behalf of The Royal House of Denmark, I would like to thank our many partners in Denmark and abroad who have contributed so that the entire Royal Family was able to fulfil its role in the past year.



Lord Chamberlain Christian Schönau.

Photo: Steen Brogaard.



On 1 January, The Queen inspected The Royal Life Guard in Christian VII's Palace at Amalienborg upon arrival at the New Year's banquet for the government, the Speaker of the Danish Parliament and representatives of official Denmark and The Court.

Photo: Jesper Sunesen, Aller foto og video.

The Royal House of Denmark's report



Introduction

After two years of cancellations as a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic, The Queen and The Crown Prince Couple could once again begin the year by wishing "Happy New Year" to approximately 1300 guests at the traditional New Year's banquet and New Year's levees at Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palace.

Christiansborg Palace is also the setting of the public audiences in which The Queen and The Crown Prince during the year received more than 1500 people seeking audiences, while approximately 8000 Danes received a congratulation from The Queen in connection with special festive days such as 100th birthdays and diamond wedding anniversaries.

In a constitutional monarchy such as Denmark's, The Queen, as head of state, has a number of functions in the administration of state, including leading meetings of the Council of State, where, among other things, the laws the Danish Parliament has passed are signed (assented to) by Her Majesty, and where the government presents the bills that will be proposed in the Danish Parliament. In 2023, The Queen and The Crown Prince carried out six Councils of State at Christiansborg Palace.



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In Denmark, there is a long, historical tradition that citizens with special business have been able to seek an audience before the monarch. Today, the public audiences take place approximately two times per month at Christiansborg Palace.

At the audience on 4 September, among others (top left), Torshavn mayor Hedin Mortensen, Spar Nord Bank A/S business customer employee Jette Helga Nielsen, activities advisor at Lillevang in Farum, Else-Marie Ladefoged, former electrician in Elektro-Isola A/S, Friits Rishede, Aalborg University Hospital nurse Elin Overgaard Jensen and Banedanmark engineer Michael Skov West appeared to thank Her Majesty for the medal of merit.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Ritzau Scanpix.

On the whole, the past year was – despite The Queen's extensive back surgery in February – marked by a high level of activity for The Royal Family, which participated in approximately 430 official events and arrangements in Denmark and foreign countries.

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During the year, The Queen received 30 newly appointed and 12 departing ambassadors in audience. On 10 October, it was, among others, the newly appointed ambassador from Gambia, HE Fatou Bensouda, who presented his credentials to The Queen. The ambassador is seen in the photo with The Lord Chamberlain.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Kongehuset.





In 2023, there was also a warm reunion with the royal couples from Norway and Spain. Their visits to Denmark marked the close and historical ties between The Royal House of Denmark and the royal houses in the two countries.

The visit from Norway began in Copenhagen with The Queen's reception of TM King Harald and Queen Sonja at the Northern Custom House. The King and Queen led the official visit, which also included a Norwegian business delegation with a focus on areas of Danish-Norwegian cooperation in, among other things, green solutions and defence.



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 "Norway and Denmark are like two siblings. We not only share a long history, but, together with the other Nordic countries, we also share fundamental values", The Queen's speech stated, among other things, at the banquet in Christian VII's Palace on 15 June in honour of King Harald and Queen Sonja.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Kongehuset.



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 The Royal Yacht Norge and the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, which arrived together in Aarhus Harbour on 16 June, are the only two active royal yachts in the world.

Photo: Mikkel Berg Pedersen, Ritzau Scanpix.

The reception ceremony was followed by a business conference at the Confederation of Danish Industry before The Queen hosted a gala dinner at Amalienborg that evening.

On the second day of the visit in Aarhus, The King and Queen were received by The Crown Prince Couple, who arrived aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, after which the day included, among other things, a meeting with Norwegian students, an official luncheon at Aarhus City Hall, a business conference and the festival LiteratureXchange at DOKK1, where Queen Sonja gave a speech.



In November, The Queen again welcomed a European monarch to Denmark, when, on 6 November, HM King Felipe and HM Queen Letizia of Spain arrived at Copenhagen Airport, accompanied by two Danish F-16 jets.

During the state visit, The King and Queen took part in, among other things, a wreath-laying ceremony at The Citadel by the Monument for Denmark's International Effort since 1948 followed by visits to Copenhagen City Hall and the University of Copenhagen. The Spanish reciprocal arrangement took place at the Glyptotek, where The King and Queen were given a tour of Spanish artist Joaquín Sorolla's exhibition "Light in motion".

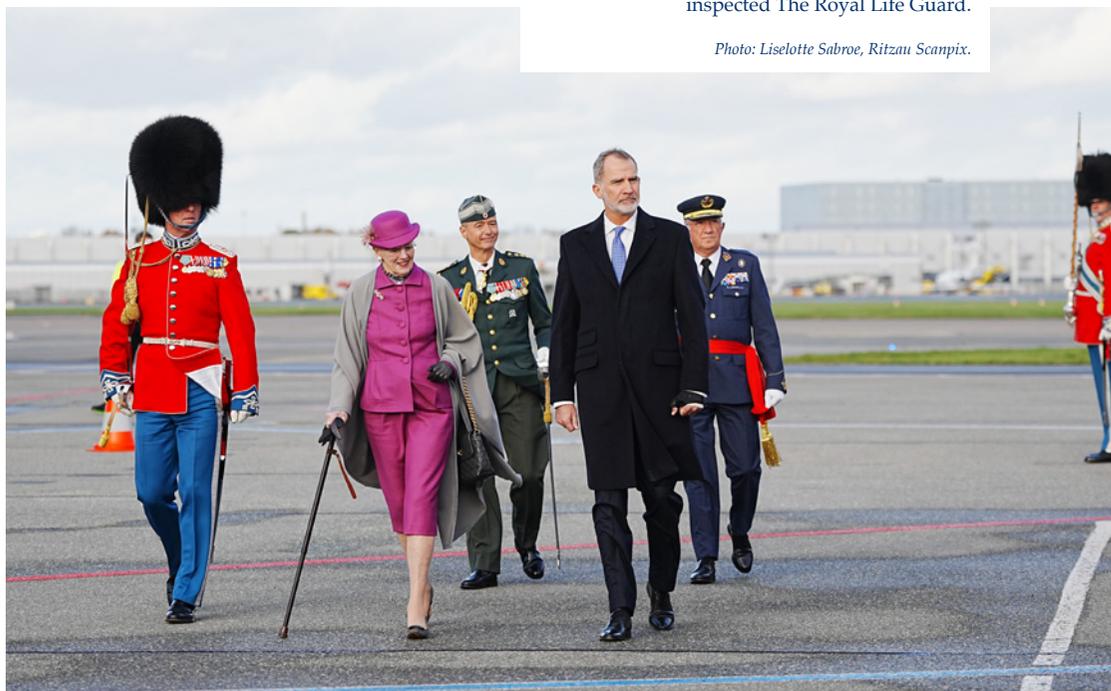
On 7 November, The Crown Princess and The Queen of Spain visited Mary Elizabeth's Hospital, which is Rigshospitalet's future hospital for children, teens, pregnant women and their families.

Photo: Martin Syltoest, Ritzau Scanpix.



After arrival at the Vilhelm Lauritzen Terminal on 6 November, The Queen and King Felipe inspected The Royal Life Guard.

Photo: Liselotte Sabroe, Ritzau Scanpix.



The Spanish King and Queen were accompanied by the Spanish minister for foreign affairs and a business delegation, which, during the visit, took part in a conference focused on green transformation, Power-to-X and energy infrastructure at which both The Crown Prince and The King spoke.

Photo: Casa Real.



The close ties between the Danish and Swedish royal houses were also marked in the past year when The Queen, The Crown Prince Couple and Queen Anne-Marie participated in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the reign of HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden in September.



On 15 September, The Royal Palace in Stockholm was the setting for a jubilee banquet on the occasion of King Carl XVI Gustaf's 50th anniversary on the throne.

Photo: Ingemar Lindewall/The Royal Court of Sweden.



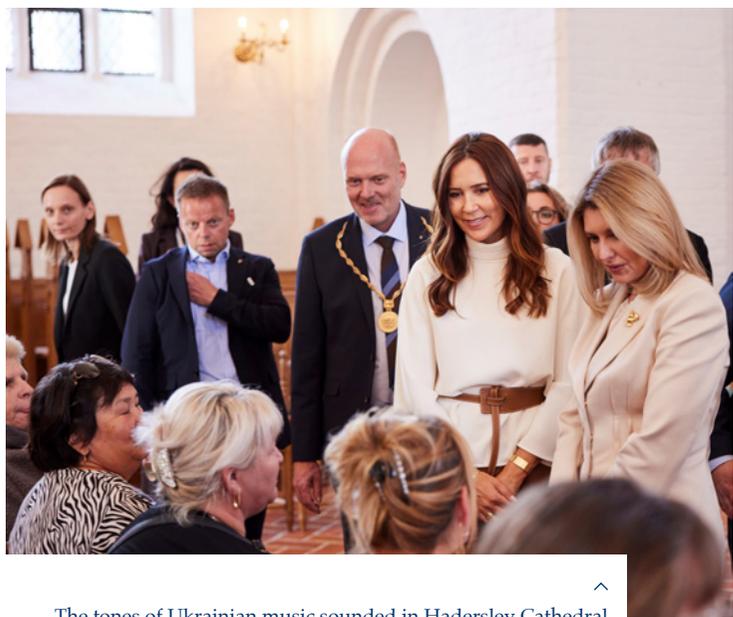


The Queen, who on several occasions has expressed her strong support for the Ukrainian people, received the Ukrainian President and First Lady on 21 August in the Great Hall of Christiansborg Palace, where The Crown Prince Couple were also present.

Photo: Martin Sylvest, Ritzau Scanpix.



Government leaders and heads of state from the Czech Republic, the Republic of Korea and Ukraine were received by The Queen at Amalienborg and Christiansborg Palace during the year. In August, the President of Ukraine, HE Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and First Lady Olena Volodymyrivna Zelenska paid their first official visit to Denmark. It was a visit which marked the Danish support for the country and its people in connection with the war in Ukraine.



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The tones of Ukrainian music sounded in Haderslev Cathedral during the Danish-Ukrainian evening service that took place on 20 August in connection with the visit of the President and First Lady.

The Crown Princess and Ukraine's First Lady took part in the service, where they had the opportunity afterwards to meet with Ukrainians living here.

Photo: Theis Poulsen, Kongehuset.



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The funeral of King Konstantin, who was born in 1940 as Prince of Greece, took place on 16 January in the Metropolitan Cathedral in the Greek capital.

Photo: Tim Rooke, Shutterstock/Ritzau Scanpix.



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During the year, visitors at Amalienborg Palace Square were greeted by the sight of scaffolds on the square, as The Agency for Culture and Palaces – as part of the future-proofing of the royal palaces – carries out replacement of the roofs on Christian VII's Palace and Christian VIII's Palace. Due to age, the roofs show signs of steadily increasing amounts of damage, which is why the two planned roof replacements are now necessary. The restoration project will last until the end of 2027.

Frederik VIII's Palace and Christian IX's Palace got new roofs from 2005 until 2007 and 2014 until 2016, respectively.

Photo: Kongehuset.



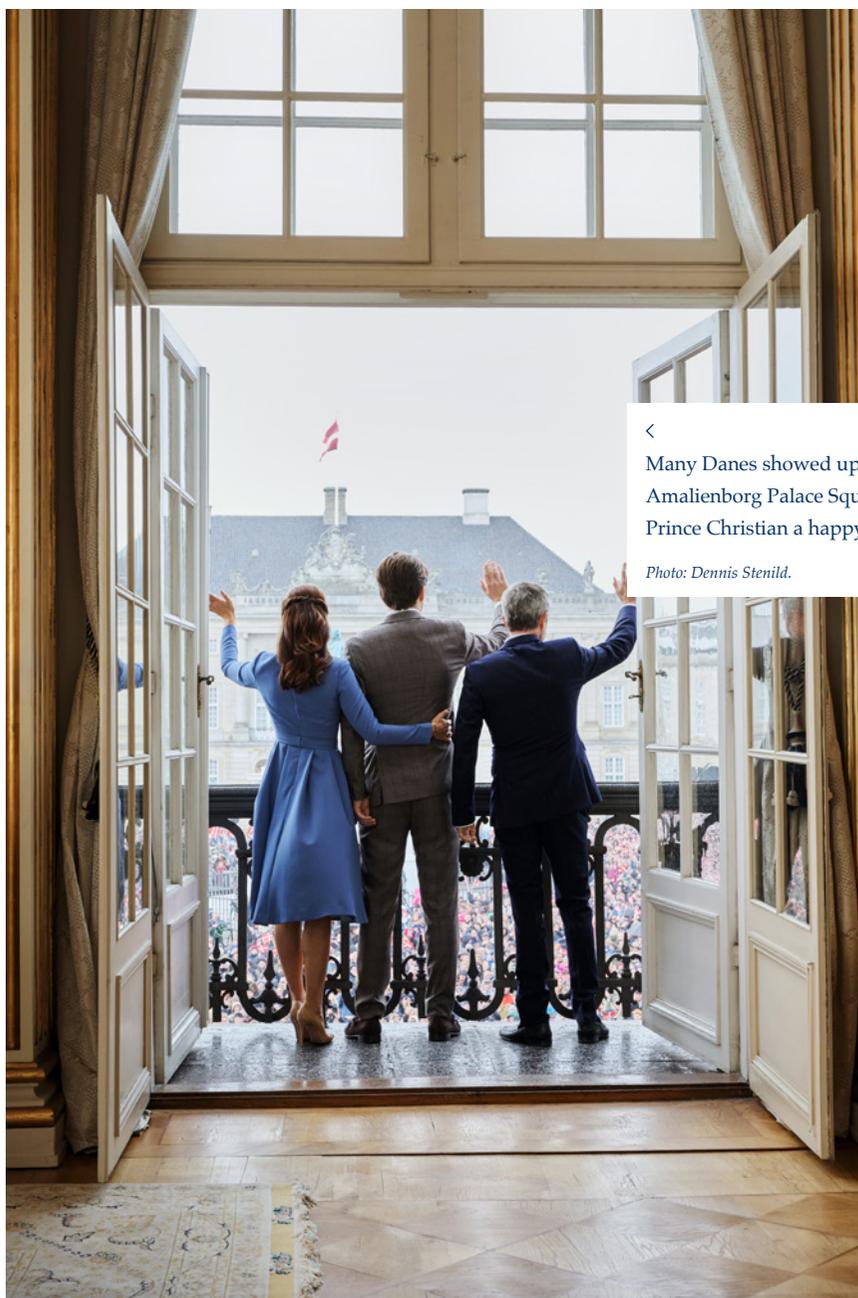
Prince Christian's 18th birthday

"I cannot deliver perfection, because what is perfection anyway, but I can promise dedication. I will give everything I have, and learn everything I can."

Prince Christian

Prince Christian gave a speech at the gala dinner at Christiansborg Palace, where The Queen and The Crown Prince gave speeches for the young man celebrating his birthday.

Photo: Mads Claus Rasmussen, Ritzau Scampix.



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 Many Danes showed up on Amalienborg Palace Square to wish Prince Christian a happy birthday.

Photo: Dennis Stenild.

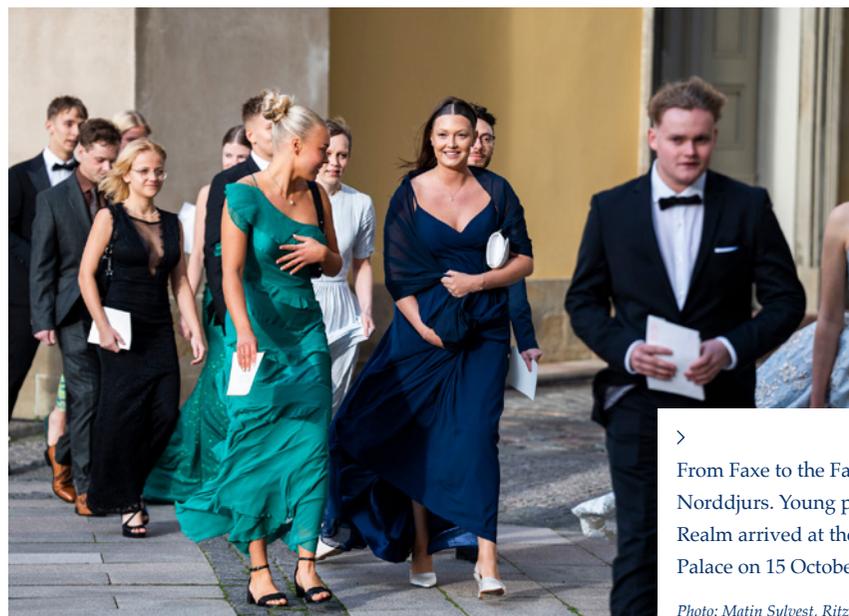
On 15 October, Prince Christian turned 18 years old, and before approximately 350 guests in the Great Hall – and at least one million TV viewers – The Prince gave his first official speech. Surrounded by young people of the same age from the entire Realm, The Prince spoke of standing on the threshold of something new, of finding his own path in life and of the love for Denmark.

The Queen hosted the gala dinner, where the guest list, to a great extent, reflected The Prince's generation. The country's 98 municipalities as well as Greenland and the Faroe Islands each had the opportunity to select two 18-year-olds to participate in the dinner. In addition, a selection of the country's youth organisations as well as young people who have made their mark

in the worlds of sport, arts and culture were represented.

During the gala dinner, at which The Queen and The Crown Prince also gave speeches, there was music and entertainment by The Royal Life Guard's Drum Corps and Band, the Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir and the DR Danish National Girls' Choir, while, after the dinner, the dance floor was set in motion when Benjamin Hav & Familien gave a concert.

Earlier in the day, thousands of Danes gathered on Amalienborg Palace Square, where the birthday song was sung and Dannebrog flags were waved when Prince Christian appeared on the balcony of Frederik VIII's Palace together with The Queen and The Crown Prince Family.



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 From Faxe to the Faroes. From Narsaq to Norddjurs. Young people from across the entire Realm arrived at the gala dinner at Christiansborg Palace on 15 October.

Photo: Matin Sylvest, Ritau Scampix.



Young heirs to the throne from a number of the European royal houses were present at the gala dinner on 15 October.

In the official photo from The Velvet Room, seen from left are TRH Princess Estelle of Sweden, Princess Ingrid Alexandra of Norway, Prince Christian, Princess Catharina-Amalia of The Netherlands and Princess Elisabeth of Belgium.

Photo: Keld Navntoft.



In the official gala portrait, Prince Christian wears the Order of the Elephant, which The Queen bestowed upon The Prince on 15 October. The Order of the Elephant is the oldest and most distinguished Danish royal order of chivalry, and the elephant that Prince Christian was given was most recently worn by The Prince's grandfather, Prince Henrik.

Photo: Dennis Stenild.





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The Great Hall of Frederik VIII's Palace was the setting for the official birthday portraits in connection with The Prince's birthday.

Photo: Dennis Stenild.



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In Greenland, The Prince's birthday was celebrated with the release of a new postage stamp. The traditional white anorak which The Prince wears in the photo is the upper part of the male version of the Greenlandic national costume.

Photo: Franne Voigt, Tusass.

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On 14 November, Prince Christian – in the presence of The Queen, The Crown Prince and the government – made his solemn declaration in the Council of State.

Photo: Keld Navntoft.





The passage of the year in The Royal Family

HM The Queen

To the tunes of the national anthem “Der er et yndigt land”, the townspeople of Fredensborg welcomed The Queen home to Fredensborg Palace with the traditional torchlight procession on a cool evening in April. This year, the welcome by the townsfolk was especially warm, as it was the first time The Queen appeared at a public event following Her Majesty’s extensive back operation in February.

The operation took place on 22 February at Rigshospitalet in Copenhagen, and an extended period of rehabilitation awaited following the operation, which meant that a number of official programme items in the first quarter of the year were postponed, attended to by other members of The Royal Family or cancelled.



The flag dedication on Bornholm on 5 June was part of an old custom, in which, in keeping with tradition, three ceremonial nails are struck into the flag: one for The Queen, one for the Fatherland, and one for the recipient of the flag.

Photo: The Danish Emergency Management Agency.



On The Queen’s 83rd birthday on 16 April, The Queen received an ovation from the balcony of Christian IX’s Palace. Also on the balcony were Her Majesty’s children, daughters-in-law and all eight grandchildren.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Kongehuset.

One of the postponed events was The Queen’s planned summer cruise to the Regional Municipality of Bornholm, the Ertholmene archipelago and Halsnæs Municipality.

However, The Queen participated in a short visit to Bornholm aboard the Royal Yacht Dannebrog when Her Majesty was present at the Danish Emergency Management Agency’s barracks in Allinge on Constitution Day, 5 June, to take part in dedication of the colours at Danish Emergency Management Agency Bornholm. The new flag became the agency’s first royally dedicated flag.



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On 29 August, The Queen was received by Vordingborg Municipality's mayor, Mikael Smed, who afterwards gave an official welcome speech for Her Majesty at Kornerup Town Hall on the town's square.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.

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Northeast of Bornholm lies the Ertholmene archipelago, which includes Christiansø, among other islands.

On 7 June, The Queen invited all of the permanent residents of the islands – children as well as adults – for afternoon coffee, juice and cake on Dannebrog. The Queen's guests were picked up by the Royal Yacht's transport boats and sailed out to the ship.

Photo: Kongehuset.



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With a private dinner at Koldinghus on 15 July, The Queen marked that Her Majesty became the longest-serving reigning monarch in Denmark's history as of mid-July.

The dinner was held in the Great Hall, which was established by Christian IV around 1600 as Northern Europe's second longest baronial hall.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Kongehuset.

In late summer, Dannebrog again headed out in Danish waters when The Queen began the traditional late summer cruise with a visit to Vordingborg Municipality followed by visits to Randers Municipality and Fredericia Municipality. In continuation of the late summer cruise, the citizens of Allerød Municipality had a visit from The Queen on 12 September. The city visit in Allerød was originally planned for 15 May, but was postponed as a consequence of the back operation.



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At Kirstinebjergskolen in Fredericia Municipality on 1 September, The Queen visited a “speech class” and heard about how the school works with children who have linguistic challenges.

Photo: Claus Fisker, Fredericia Municipality.



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In Randers Municipality, The Queen had the opportunity on 31 August to visit Tradium Business School, where Her Majesty visited the carpentry and masonry departments, among others.

Photo: Jakob Lerche, Randers Municipality.

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A large number of citizens turned out at the consulting company NIRAS, which is one of the largest workplaces in Allerød Municipality, where the Queen paid a city visit on 12 September.

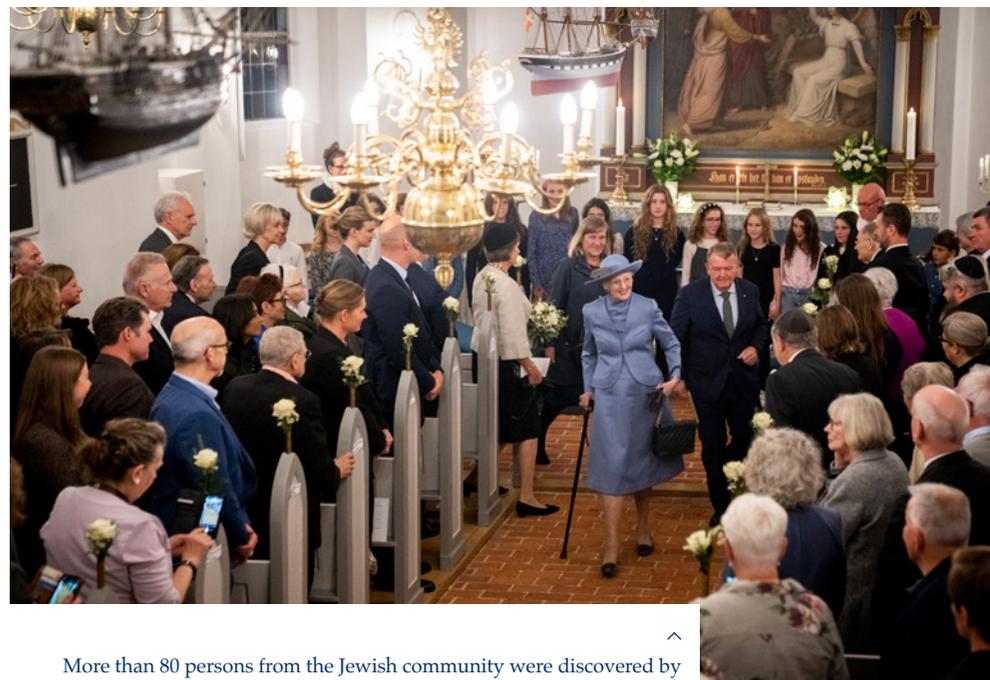
That evening, The Queen hosted a reception at Fredensborg Palace for invited guests.

Photo: Keld Nauntoft, Allerød Municipality.





In October 2023, the 80th anniversary of the rescue of the Danish Jews was marked in many places in the country. In this connection, The Queen attended a special performance in The Royal Danish Theatre on 8 October, which, among other things, featured contributions from the Royal Danish Orchestra's string quintet, The Jewish Children's Choir and readings of personal stories about the flight of Jewish families to Sweden. Just one week later, The Queen participated in a ceremony in the Copenhagen Synagogue in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in Israel on 7 October.



More than 80 persons from the Jewish community were discovered by the Gestapo in October 1943 when they were hiding in the loft of Gilleleje Church. The same church was the setting on 9 October for a memorial ceremony arranged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS). The Queen participated in the ceremony together with Minister for Foreign Affairs Lars Løkke Rasmussen.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scampix.

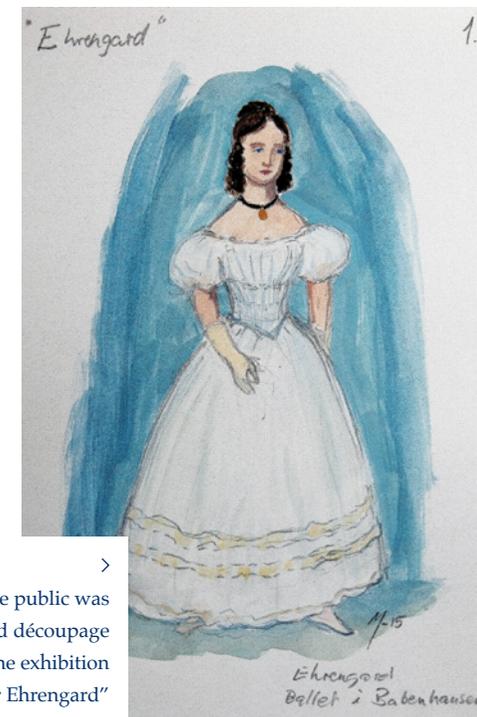


At the gala premiere of "Ehrengard", The Queen, who was behind the film's Robert Award-winning costume design among other things, was present in Moltke's Palace together with The Crown Princess. Afterwards, "Ehrengard" was shown on Netflix, where, shortly after the premiere, the film appeared in the top-10 of the most viewed films in more than 40 countries.

Photo: Emil Nicolai Helms, Ritzau Scampix.

Creative and artistic work continued to be a priority for The Queen in the past year. Karen Blixen's novel "Ehrengard" particularly engaged Her Majesty, who, over the past few years, had created approximately 70 découpage artworks and a large number of costume sketches for director Bille August's film adaptation of "Ehrengard", which premiered on 6 September.

The Queen was also the artist behind scenography and costumes for the ballet performance "The Snow Queen", which had a revival at Tivoli in November. During the year, The Queen was behind eight ballet productions at Tivoli.



At Karen Blixen Museum Rungstedlund from 6 October, the public was able to get a very close look at The Queen's sketches and découpage artworks for the film "Ehrengard" in connection with the exhibition "PORTRAITS OF SEDUCTION – The Queen sets the scene for Ehrengard"



Through the decades, The Queen has created a large number of official, embroidered religious textiles as well as innumerable private embroideries which have been presented as gifts or used in The Queen's own rooms.

In 2023, both Vemmetofte Kloster and Vallø Stift at Vallø Castle received a fire screen with The Queen's embroidery as a present. In the photo, the fire screen for the 300-year-old Vallø Stift at Vallø Castle is seen.

Photo: Kongehuset.



On 30 November, The Queen attended the revival of the ballet performance "The Snow Queen", which Her Majesty helped to create in 2019 in an artistic collaboration with, among others, the musician Oh Land and the choreographer Yuri Possokhov.

Photo: Keld Navntoft, Tivoli.



TRH The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess

Green transformation, Danish cultural heritage, communities and international security were some of the main themes for The Crown Prince Couple's joint activities in 2023 – both in Denmark and abroad.



Together with representatives of official Denmark, The Crown Prince Couple participated in the Flag Day for Denmark's personnel stationed abroad, during which Their Royal Highnesses, among other things, laid a wreath at the Monument for Denmark's International Effort since 1948 at The Citadel.

Photo: Martin Sylvest, Ritzau Scanpix.



The Danish Parliament's Speaker, Søren Gade, was among the speakers at the Danish Parliament's service marking the anniversary of the war in Ukraine on 24 February.

The same day, The Crown Prince visited a group of Ukrainian soldiers at Rigshospitalet who were undergoing rehabilitation following a medical evacuation to Denmark.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix.

At the beginning of the year, The Crown Prince Couple participated in the Danish Parliament's religious service in connection with the anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The commemoration, which took place in the Church of Holmen, was aimed at emphasising the Danish Parliament's support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Denmark's international engagement was also a focal point when Their Royal Highnesses, on the Flag Day on 5 September, helped to honour the persons who are – or have been – sent abroad on mission for Denmark.



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At the celebration of Christiansfeld's 250th anniversary on 13 August, The Crown Prince Couple visited, among other places, the Moravian Brethren's cemetery, God's Acre, where all of the gravestones are identical.

Photo: Lars H. Laursen, Aller foto og video.

In 2023, The Crown Prince Couple – together and individually – took part in a large number of arrangements all around Denmark.

In August, The Crown Prince Couple visited Christiansfeld, which was named as a World Heritage Site in 2015 by the UN organisation UNESCO. There, The Crown Prince Couple took part in the celebration of the city's 250th anniversary, which began with a festive church service at the Moravian Brethren Church, followed by a tour of the city, which was founded

in 1773 with permission from King Christian VII.

A few months later, there was a tour to Esbjerg in connection with the presentation of The Crown Prince Couple's Awards 2023. There, communities – both on land and on water – were in the centre, as The Crown Prince Couple, among other things, drank coffee with the users of the meeting place Folkehuset Kvaglund and took part in helping the rowing club take down its pennants in the new maritime centre on Esbjerg Beach.



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Residents of Esbjerg warmly received The Crown Prince Couple, who visited the western Jutland city on 4 November in connection with the presentation of The Crown Prince Couple's Awards at the Esbjerg Performing Arts Centre.

Photo: Keld Nævntoft, Ritzau Scanpix.



└ Near the northern Indian city Agra lies the famous marble monument Taj Mahal, which The Crown Prince Couple visited on 26 February in connection with the official visit to India. The Great Mogul Shah Johans built the monument for his deceased wife Mumtaz Mahal during the years of 1632-1653.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.



In 2023, The Crown Prince Couple took part in approximately 20 trips abroad, during which Their Royal Highnesses together and individually represented Denmark and Danish interests in business, culture and development work.

One of the year's foreign highlights was The Crown Prince Couple's official visit to India at the end of February. The Crown Prince Couple,

together with Minister for Foreign Affairs Lars Løkke Rasmussen and Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities Lars Aagaard, led a large Danish business delegation with 38 companies, which under the theme "Partners for Green and Sustainable Progress" took part in the visit with the goal of strengthening the green strategic partnership between Denmark and the densely populated country.

As an official start to the visit in India, The Crown Prince Couple took part in a wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial for the Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi, who was murdered in 1948 in New Delhi.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.



In the capital New Delhi and the south-eastern Indian city Chennai, The Crown Prince took part in a number of seminars and business sessions focused on Denmark's contribution to India's green transformation in energy and water, which were the business promotional campaign's two focus areas.

There, the Danish companies gained knowledge of new market opportunities, insight into some of India's large public investment projects and access to relevant decision-makers.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.



As patron of the Danish organisation Maternity Foundation, The Crown Princess visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, where Her Royal Highness gained insight into the hospital's work and the general conditions for women who are pregnant and about to give birth in India.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.

In May, there was a tour to London, where The Crown Prince Couple attended the coronation of TM King Charles III and Queen Camilla in Westminster Abbey on 6 May. The previous evening, Their Royal Majesties greeted The King at a reception at Buckingham Palace.

Photo: Reuters, Ritzau Scanpix.





“Architecture has become a stronghold for Denmark’s exports with Danish architects who design urban life, affordable housing and cultural beacons across the globe”, stated The Crown Prince in a speech on 17 January at Copenhagen City Hall in connection with Copenhagen’s designation as World Capital of Architecture in 2023 by UNESCO and the International Union of Architects.

The Crown Prince was the patron of the year of architecture, in which the designation as World Capital of Architecture was marked with a large number of events throughout the year.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix.



HRH The Crown Prince

Throughout more than two decades, The Crown Prince has been engaged in the global climate and environmental challenges and has contributed to generating attention about Denmark’s role as a pioneering country in the green transformation.

The days of 5-6 December, The Crown Prince participated in the COP28 conference in The United Arab Emirates, where His Majesty, together with Danish ministers and companies, represented Denmark and the country’s role in the action to achieve the UN’s climate goals.



In connection with the climate conference in Aalborg on 27 November, The Crown Prince opened a new pilot facility for CO2 capture at Aalborg Portland.

Photo: Henning Bagger, Ritzau Scanpix.

The role of Danish companies in the green transformation was also the focal point for The Crown Prince’s participation in a ceremony at the Port of Esbjerg on 8 March, where the first storage of CO2 in the North Sea’s subsea took place. Storage and capture of CO2, which is a tool in the fight against climate change, was thus the theme for the conference “EU’s Carbon Capture and Utilisation and Storage Forum”, which took place in Aalborg on 27 November in the presence of The Crown Prince.



In 1972, Prince Henrik officially opened the production of oil and gas from the Danish part of the North Sea. 51 years later, The Crown Prince was at a ceremony in Esbjerg to help mark that the flow in the North Sea's pipelines is reversed. Instead of pumping oil and gas up from the subsea, the empty fields will now be used to store captured CO₂.

Photo: Lasse Lagoni.





Science, innovation and entrepreneurship are other important focus areas for The Crown Prince, who, on 22 May together with the Danish ESA astronaut Andreas Mogensen, helped to start up an information-sharing project for children and teens, "Space Journey 2023", about the mission to the international space station. Young people and learning – though in more down-to-earth connections – was also the theme for the "DM i Skills" in Fredericia, where, on 2 February, The Crown Prince presided over the opening of the large, annual Danish championship for young professional talents in, among other things, the masonry, painting, cooking and hair styling trades.



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In Niger's capital, Niamey, on 25 May, The Crown Prince met children and youths from Save The Children's project Gallery Taweydo, which focuses on inclusion, education and climate change.

Photo: Mads Claus Rasmussen, Ritzau Scanpix.



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After the official opening of the information-sharing project "Space Journey 2023", school students from the 7th form at Trørøds skolen introduced The Crown Prince and Andreas Mogensen to the class's work with "The space station of the future".

Photo: Emil Nicolai Helms, Ritzau Scanpix.

In May, The Crown Prince visited the West African country Niger together with Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy Dan Jørgensen to focus on a number of agendas that all revolved around the fight for the climate. Niger and the surrounding countries are particularly vulnerable to climate change, with temperatures that are increasing 1.5 times faster than the global average.



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During the visit in New York, The Crown Prince, on 20 September, attended the opening of UN Secretary-General António Guterres' UN Climate Ambition Summit, which aimed to accelerate specific actions on climate change ahead of COP28.

Photo: Consulate General of Denmark in New York.

The visit to Niger thus provided the occasion to discuss Denmark's key issues in the UN framework as part of the efforts for Denmark's candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council when there are elections for the council for the 2025-2026 period. The Crown Prince also helped to generate attention for the Danish candidacy at the UN's headquarters when His Royal Highness participated in the opening of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in September.



Denmark's international engagement also takes place in Latvia, where Denmark has approximately 800 soldiers stationed as part of NATO's defence plan. In April, The Crown Prince visited the soldiers at Camp Valdemar, where His Royal Highness got a tour and insight into the work and everyday lives of the soldiers.



On 19 April, The Crown Prince visited Camp Valdemar in Latvia, where The Crown Prince got a tour of the military base's training grounds before His Royal Highness delivered remarks to the camp's Danish soldiers.

Photo: The Defence.



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It was a festive day for The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment in London when the regiment's fourth battalion was presented a new flag by The Crown Prince on 22 April. His Royal Highness presented the flag on behalf of The Queen, who is the regiment's Colonel-In-Chief.

Photo: Kongehuset.



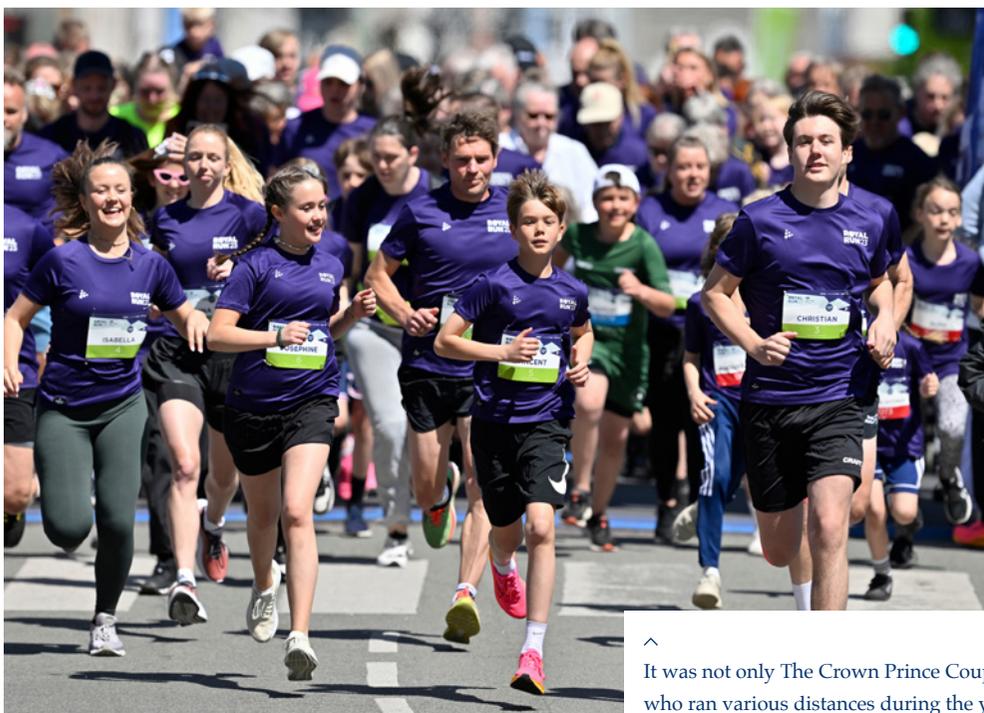
During the year, The Crown Prince supported a number of activities in the world of sport, including Denmark's hosting of the World Championships in badminton. His Royal Highness was the patron of the tournament, which was held in Copenhagen in August.

In May, the whole Crown Prince Family tied up their running shoes and plunged in together with 93,000 Danes in Denmark's largest running community, Royal Run. It was the second year in a row that Royal Run – which took place on Whit Monday in Aabenraa, Herning, Nyborg, Nykøbing Falster and Copenhagen as well as Frederiksborg – broke the participation record.

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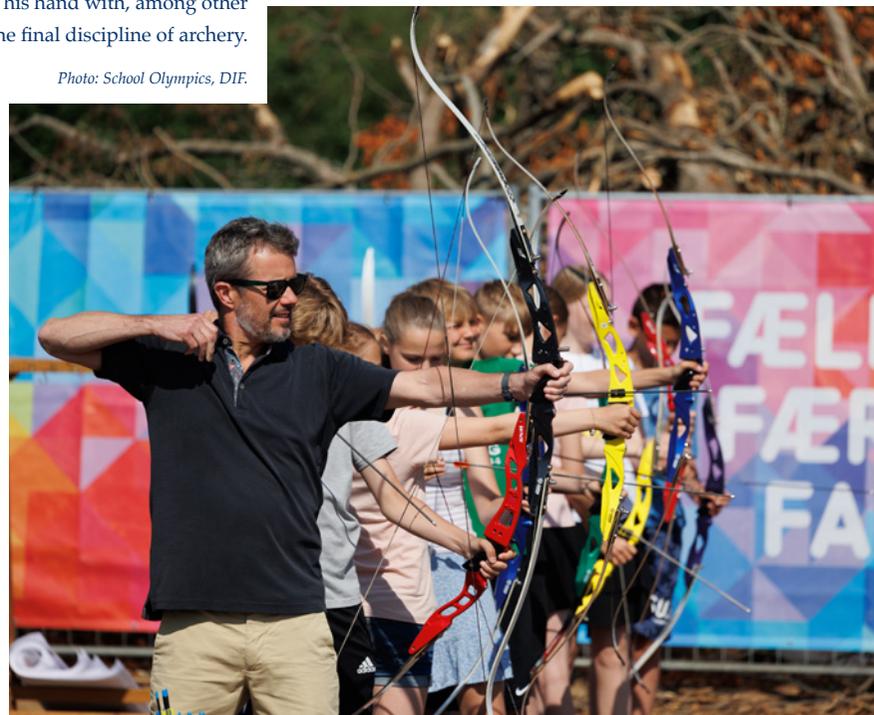
The importance of motion throughout life is a key issue for The Crown Prince, who was present at the School Olympics final in Billund on 14 June. There, The Crown Prince had the opportunity to try his hand with, among other things, the final discipline of archery.

Photo: School Olympics, DIF.



It was not only The Crown Prince Couple, but also the couple's four children who ran various distances during the year's Royal Run on 29 May.

Photo: Lars Møller, Royal Run.





HRH The Crown Princess

The importance of nature and its diversity is an important part of the work of The Crown Princess, and, in 2023, Her Royal Highness's engagement in the fight to create better conditions for biodiversity took place on many territories – from a bog near Aarhus to a mangrove forest on Fiji.



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In May, Her Royal Highness lent a hand in connection with WWF Denmark's efforts to give the green tree frog, which is totally protected in Denmark, new places to live and breed.

Photo: Bo Amstrup, Ritzau Scampix.

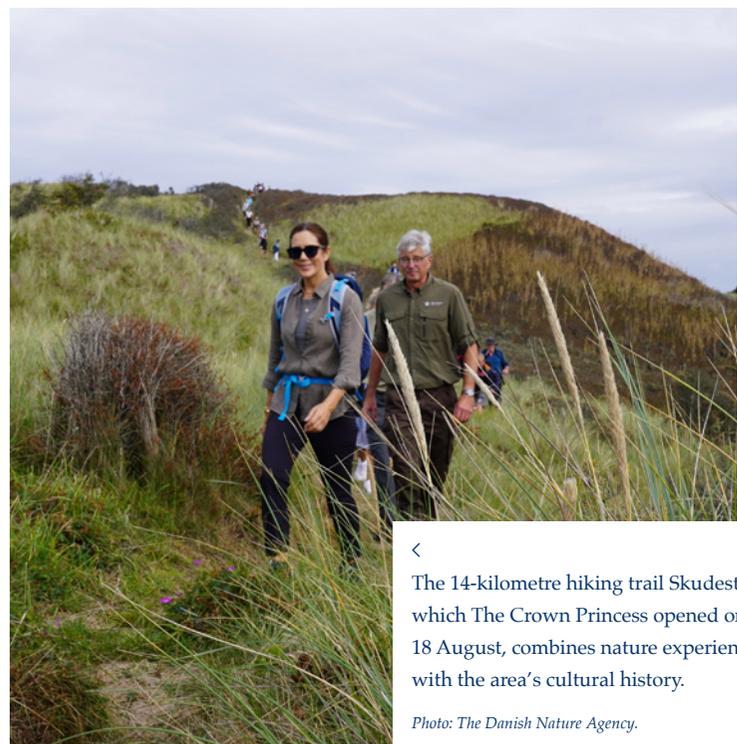


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"It was a great pleasure that I together with doctor Peter Geisling and three courageous people – Mette, Mathias and Anselma – spent a lovely late summer day by the North Sea, where we talked about how nature has had positive impact on their mental health in the light of their personal life journeys"

That is how The Crown Princess put it on The Royal House of Denmark's digital platforms when DR premiered the programme "Nature and our minds – with The Crown Princess by the North Sea" on 30 November.

Photo: Kristian Graven, DR.



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The 14-kilometre hiking trail Skudestien, which The Crown Princess opened on 18 August, combines nature experiences with the area's cultural history.

Photo: The Danish Nature Agency.

As president of WWF Denmark, The Crown Princess was present on 17 May in the Gested-Kasted Bog near Aarhus, where WWF is establishing a new home for the green tree frog, which lacks natural areas in which to live and breed. Yet another Jutland nature experience awaited in August, when The Crown Princess, together with several hundred nature-loving North Jutland residents, hiked through Tornby Dune Plantation in connection with the opening of the new hiking trail named Skudestien.

The connection between nature and mental health was the theme for a number of The Crown Princess's activities in the past year, including the opening of a new grief centre on 22 August in Vejle, where The Crown Princess gave the opening speech as the patron of the Danish National Center for Grief. Among other things, the centre will include nature in its work to help people affected by grief.



During the year, The Crown Princess helped in recognising and raising awareness of the most outstanding research in Denmark. Among other ways, Her Royal Highness did this by presenting the Ministry of Higher Education and Science's Elite Research Awards in February and by taking part in the conference "Towards world-class child and youth psychiatry", in which The Crown Princess participated as the patron of Mental Health Foundation Denmark.

A month before the conference, The Crown Princess also brought children and young people in psychiatric treatment into focus by a visit to the Children and Youth Psychiatric Centre at Bispebjerg Hospital. The visit took place together with Danish Hospital Clowns, which has built a nationwide programme in cooperation with 20 child and youth psychiatry departments.



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The Hospital Clowns Basta, Baglæns and Bella Binstreg stood ready to greet The Crown Princess upon the arrival at the Children and Youth Psychiatric Centre at Bispebjerg Hospital on 5 October.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix.



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In the past year, The Crown Princess focused on the importance of communities – across all ages. On 8 May, Her Royal Highness visited Christianehøj Day Centre in Gladsaxe on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Approximately half of Christianehøj's members have an acquired brain injury, and Her Royal Highness was, among other things, given a tour of the centre's creative and fitness workshops.

Photo: Lars H. Laursen, Aller foto og video.



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On 20 February, The Crown Princess participated in the presentation of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science's Elite Research Awards. Here, travel grants were also awarded to 20 talented Ph.D. students for study stays in some of the world's best research environments.

Photo: Søren Kjeldgaard, Elite Research.



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A former slaughterhouse in the Italian city Milan was turned into a display venue for the 17 companies that took part in the exhibition "This is Denmark".

The Crown Princess opened the Danish exhibition on 17 April as an introduction to a business promotional campaign, which presented leading Danish creative companies and focused on sustainable design.

Photo: Albert Nieboer.



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The Crown Princess arrived on 23 April on the island nation of Vanuatu, which was struck by two cyclones and two earthquakes shortly before the visit.

In cooperation with, among others, the UN's Development Fund, the inhabitants have implemented initiatives for prevention of climate change and development of sustainable energy.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix.

In the past year, The Crown Princess led official visits to Milan, the island nations Fiji and Vanuatu, Australia and New York, where The Crown Princess helped to generate attention about Denmark's role in promoting sustainability, biodiversity, and the health and rights of women as well as about Denmark's candidacy for the UN Security Council.

Together with Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy Dan Jørgensen, Her Royal Highness visited the island nations Vanuatu and Fiji in April to support the climate efforts among some of the world's

countries most vulnerable to climate change and to focus on the challenges the Pacific Islands have in connection with sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Thus, the visit provided the opportunity to meet a number of representatives from the Pacific region's other countries and, in that connection, promote Denmark's candidacy for the UN Security Council. The Security Council candidacy was also on the agenda when The Crown Princess travelled to New York in October to celebrate UN Day, which was created to commemorate the establishment of The United Nations in 1945.



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On Fiji, The Crown Princess took part in planting mangroves, which can, among other things, protect the coastline and the population against cyclones, rising water levels and storms, and which help to promote biodiversity.

Photo: Ida Marie Odgaard, Ritzau Scanpix.



With a bicycle tour through the streets of Sydney, Her Royal Highness began her visit in the Australian port city on 28 April. The Danish cycling culture has been a source of inspiration for the establishment of Sydney's bike paths.

In Sydney, The Crown Princess visited, among other places, the award-winning and sustainable skyscraper Sydney Quay Quarter Tower, which was designed by the Danish architecture firm 3XN, and took part in a roundtable discussion about the contributions made by Danish companies to Australia's green transformation.

Photo: Jesper Suresen, Aller foto og video.



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In connection with the visit in New York the days of 23-24 October, The Crown Princess took part in a number of meetings and roundtable discussions about peace-building, future multilateralism and the rights of girls and women.

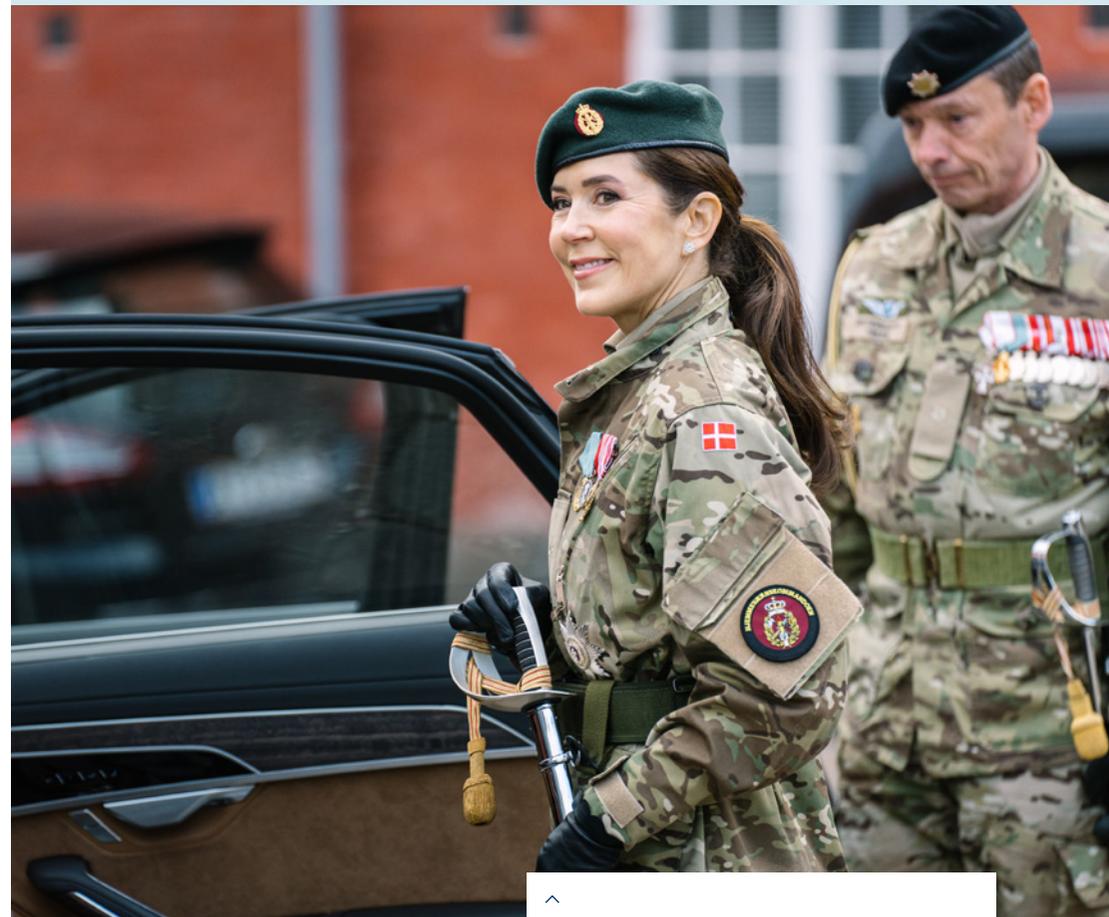
Photo: Denmark in New York.



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During the visit in New York, The Crown Princess also gave the opening speech at a reception at the UN Mission to mark Denmark's championing role in "The Coalition on Addressing Sea-level Rise & Existential Threats", which works to raise awareness of the consequences of climate change, including the impact of rising sea levels on low-lying societies.

Photo: Denmark in New York.



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The Crown Princess, who started as a private in the Home Guard in 2008, was promoted to the rank of major á la suite in the Home Guard at the 4 May parade at The Citadel.

Photo: Emil Nicolai Helms, Ritzau Scanpix.



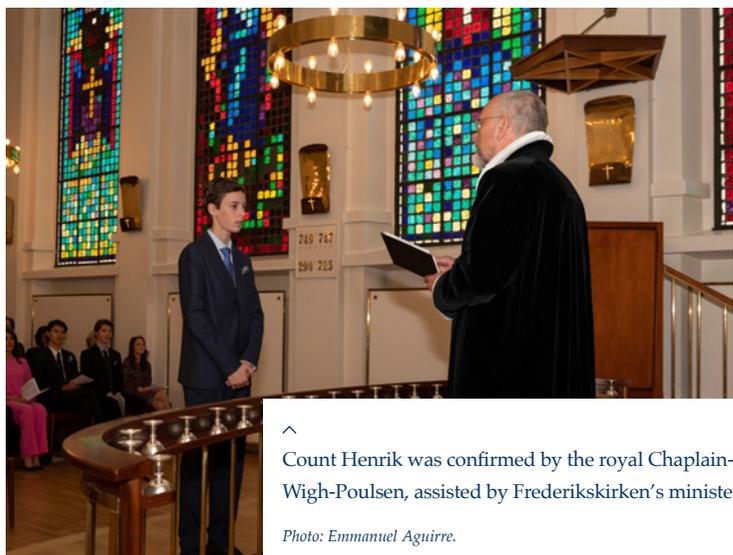
HRH Prince Joachim

For Prince Joachim, the year offered two big and happy events in the family. In the spring, The Prince's youngest son, HE Count Henrik, was confirmed, and The Prince was appointed as the defence industry attaché at the Embassy of Denmark in Washington, DC as of 1 September, which meant that the family moved from Paris to the American capital.



After the ceremony in the church, the confirmand posed together with his parents and siblings for photographs in Frederikskirken's garden, which is a small, green oasis in the middle of Paris.

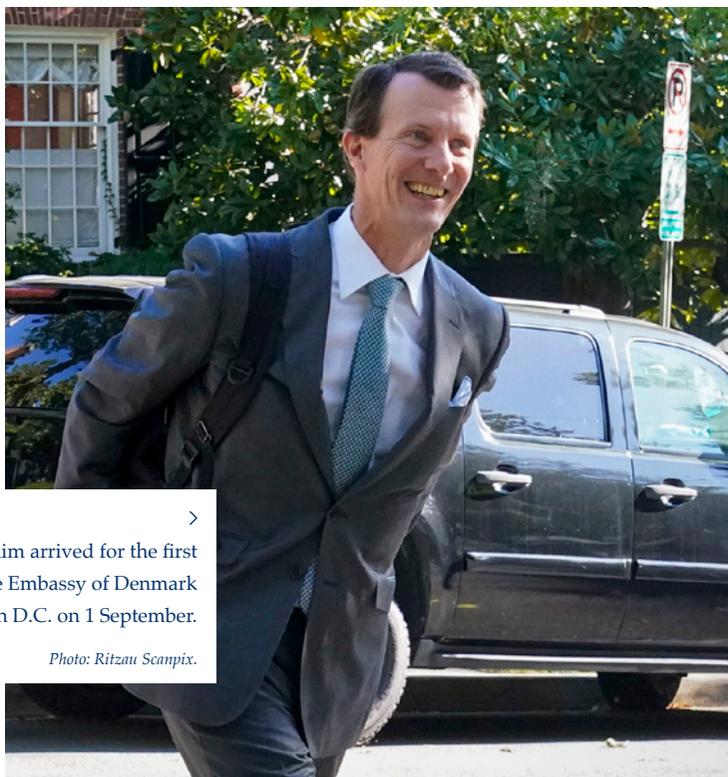
Photo: Emmanuel Aguirre.



Count Henrik was confirmed by the royal Chaplain-in-Ordinary, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen, assisted by Frederikskirken's minister, Malene Bendtsen.

Photo: Emmanuel Aguirre.

In radiant morning sunshine on 18 May, Count Henrik arrived with his parents and siblings at Frederikskirken – The Danish Church in Paris, where The Count was confirmed, surrounded by The Crown Prince Family, Princess Marie's closest family and the family's close friends. Frederikskirken, which is located in the heart of Paris, serves as a gathering place for Danes in Paris and the surrounding area, and the church was formally opened in 1955 with the participation of Queen Ingrid and Frederik IX, whose name the church bears.



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 Prince Joachim arrived for the first working day at the Embassy of Denmark in Washington D.C. on 1 September.

Photo: Ritzau Scampix.

In 2019, Prince Joachim and the family moved to France, where The Prince completed France's highest ranking military training course and was afterwards attached to the Embassy of Denmark in Paris as a defence attaché. After four years in Paris, the family moved to the USA in August 2023. In the position as defence industry attaché in Washington D.C., The Prince, as Denmark's representative, will help to strengthen the defence industry cooperation with the USA and Canada in the coming years.

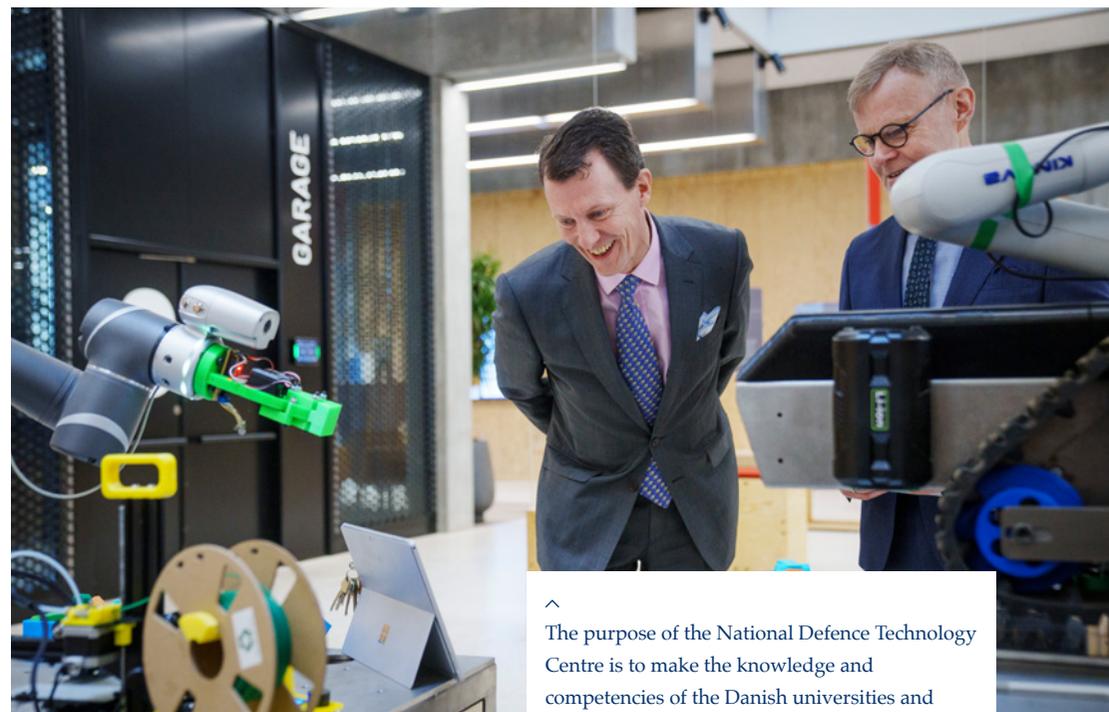
Cooperation between The Defence and industry was also the focal point for the opening of the new National Defence Technology Centre at Aalborg University, which is a joint initiative among the country's eight universities. Prince Joachim presided over the opening of the centre on 8 February in Aalborg, where The Prince afterwards took part in the annual "Danish Defence Annual Conference" for the defence industry.



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"The world situation is new and the world order is turned on its head. Less than a year ago, we all wished that everything was still pink. We knew very well that everything we have built up and achieved through centuries must be defended. Our borders, our democracy, our freedom, our lives."

So said Prince Joachim, among other things, in his speech at the launching of the National Defence Technology Centre in Aalborg.

Photo: Bo Amstrup, Ritzau Scampix.



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 The purpose of the National Defence Technology Centre is to make the knowledge and competencies of the Danish universities and the Approved Technological Service institutes available to develop the Danish Defence.

Photo: Bo Amstrup, Ritzau Scampix.



During the year, Prince Joachim also helped to promote Danish defence industry companies in connection with a number of business promotional campaigns. On 13 April, The Prince led a promotional campaign in the German capital Berlin. More than 50 Danish and German companies participated in the promotional campaign, which focused on strengthening Danish-German collaboration in the defence industry.

In November, it was Danish and French companies in the naval defence industry that had the opportunity to create business connections at the Maritime Business Event in Paris, where The Prince also participated.



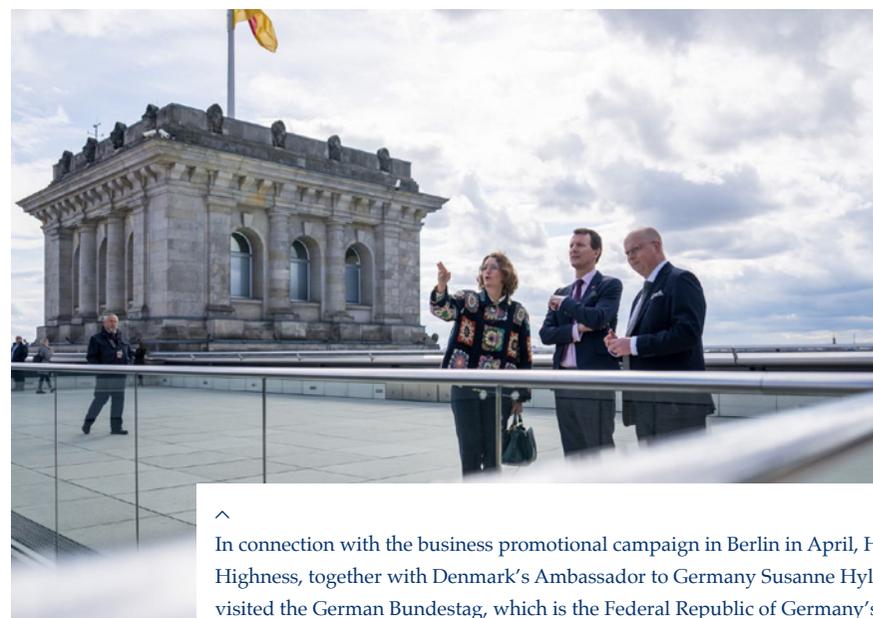
As patron of the Central Organisation for Reserve Personnel in Denmark, Prince Joachim took part in the first "Uniform at Work Day" on 27 September, when The Prince was photographed together with colleagues at the Embassy of Denmark in Washington D.C. dressed in uniform.

Photo: The Embassy of Denmark in Washington D.C.



As defence attaché at the embassy in Paris, Prince Joachim initiated and conceptualised ever closer engagement and networking between the defence industries of Denmark and France, among other ways with annual large business meetings such as the Maritime Business Event in Paris on 16 November.

Photo: The Embassy of Denmark in Paris.



In connection with the business promotional campaign in Berlin in April, His Royal Highness, together with Denmark's Ambassador to Germany Susanne Hyldelund, visited the German Bundestag, which is the Federal Republic of Germany's parliament.

Photo: Martin Ziemer, The Embassy of Denmark in Germany.



HRH Princess Marie

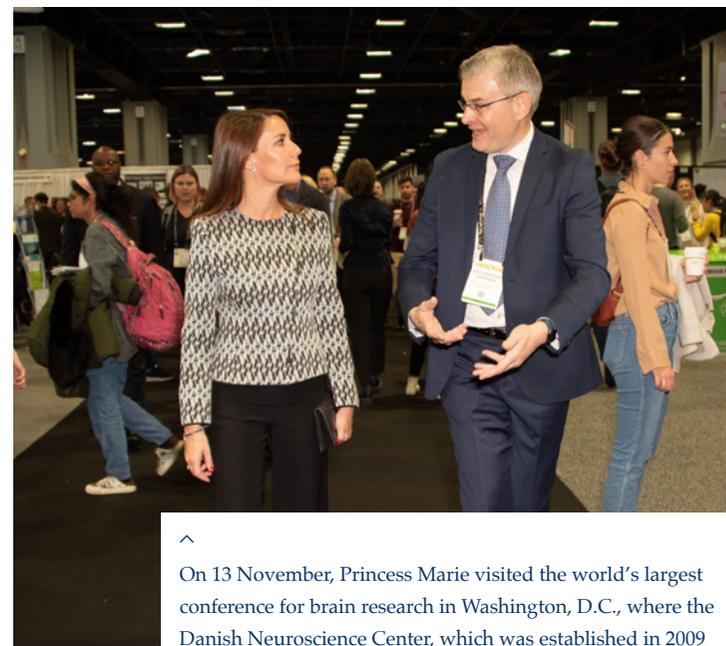
During the past year, Princess Marie was engaged in promoting Danish art and culture in France at the same time that The Princess participated in arrangements in Denmark and other Nordic lands focused on a number of the Princess's key issues in the areas of, among other things, food waste reduction, autism and combating HIV and AIDS.

In France, during the earliest months of the year, Princess Marie continued to promote Danish cultural life and pursue Danish-French partnerships in her role as Special Cultural Representative at the Embassy of Denmark in Paris.



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In January, the Danish chef Brian Hansen and his assistant Elisabeth Madsen won gold at Bocuse d'Or in Lyon, where The Princess was present.

Photo: Jesper Bøjlund.



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On 13 November, Princess Marie visited the world's largest conference for brain research in Washington, D.C., where the Danish Neuroscience Center, which was established in 2009 by the Central Denmark Region and Aarhus University, was among the participants.

Photo: The Embassy of Denmark in Washington D.C.



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12 Danish design brands had the opportunity to present their timeless and sustainable designs at the trade fair "Maison&Objet" in Paris, where Princess Marie cut the red ribbon for the Danish exhibition on 19 January.

Photo: Thomas Deron.

World-class gastronomy was on the menu when The Princess travelled to the culinary competition Bocuse d'Or 2023 in Lyon on 23 January to cheer on the Danish participants, who won the gold. Princess Marie also helped to focus on Danish furniture art and interiors in a French context when Her Royal Highness opened the exhibition "Circularity in Action" during the trade fair "Maison&Objet" in Paris in January.

Also, in Copenhagen, The Princess helped to focus on Danish-French cultural relations by presenting "De frankofone landes ambassadørers litteraturpris" – an annual literary award given by ambassadors of French-language countries with diplomatic representation in Denmark –

to the Canadian author Juliana Léveillée-Trudel for the book "Nirliit" on 16 October at the Embassy of France.

After the move to Washington, D.C., The Princess took part in the world's largest conference for brain research in November, which took place in the American capital. There, the Danish Neuroscience Center at Aarhus University Hospital was represented, and Her Royal Highness visited the research centre's stand at the conference and met two young researchers from the centre.



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In April, Princess Marie opened the autism conference "SIKON", which had "Autism and the senses" as the theme. After the opening speech, The Princess had the opportunity to try out a number of sensory stimulation aids that have a calming effect on both children and adults.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.

Since 2011, Princess Marie has been the patron of Autism Denmark, which works to disseminate knowledge about autism and ensure the best opportunities and conditions for people with autism and their families. On 24 April, The Crown Princess gave the opening speech at the conference "SIKON" in Odense, which is the Nordic region's largest autism conference.

A few days later, Her Royal Highness again gave the opening speech at a Nordic summit. This time, the focal point was The Princess's long-time engagement in the fight against food waste at The Nordic Waste Summit in Stockholm, where Her Royal Highness participated together with Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Jacob Jensen.



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"I am pleased to be part of the Nordic movement that we start today. Fighting food waste is important. We must act now, and I hope that Nordic Food Waste Summit is the beginning of increased action and cooperation", said The Princess at the opening of the Nordic summit on food waste on 26 April.

Photo: Christine Olsson/TT/Ritzau Scanpix.



Photo: Keld Nauntoft.

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Italian food prepared from surplus goods was on the menu when Princess Marie took part in a dinner against food waste arranged by the Embassy of Italy in Denmark and the organisation Stop Wasting Food on 16 October. The dinner was held in connection with the UN's World Food Day.



On 2 May, Princess Marie was accompanied by her family when one of The Princess's other patronages, The Kattegatcentre, celebrated its 30th anniversary. The centre is located in Grenå next to Kattegat and houses more than 250 different species of animals.



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During the visit at the Kattegatcentre on 2 May, The Princess and the family tried, among other things, feeding sharks, meeting Gentoo penguins and dissecting an octopus.

Photo: Hanne Juul, Aller foto og video.



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On 1 December, Princess Marie, as patron of the AIDS Foundation, in keeping with tradition participated in a candle-lighting ceremony at Kulturvet in Copenhagen in memory of the many people who have lost their lives to HIV and AIDS in Denmark.

Photo: Lars H. Laursen, Aller foto og video.

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On 27 April, Princess Marie took part in the educational modules for emergency management training at the Danish Emergency Management Agency's Training Centre in Tinglev.
After that participation, Her Royal Highness was appointed as a section leader à la suite in the Danish Emergency Management Agency.

Photo: The Danish Emergency Management Agency, Magnus Stig Mikkelsen.





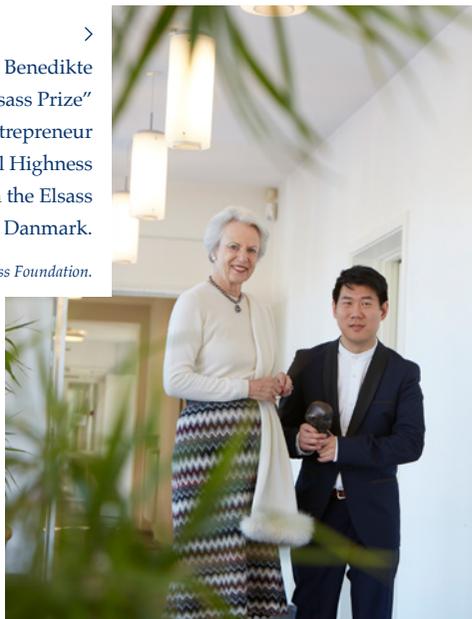
HRH Princess Benedikte

For Princess Benedikte, 2023 was filled with arrangements and attendances in connection with The Princess's priority issues. As in previous years, conditions for persons living with a disability or chronic illness, the scouting movement and the world of equestrian sports were the focal points for The Princess's engagement, among others.

In the early spring, the year's presentation of "The Helene Elsass Prize" was held in Charlottenlund. The prize presentation was marked with a festive

On 8 March, Princess Benedikte presented "The Helene Elsass Prize" to comedian actor and entrepreneur Jacob Nossell. Her Royal Highness is the patron from both the Elsass Foundation and CP Danmark.

Photo: The Elsass Foundation.



Together with Centre Director at Rigshospitalet Jannick Brennum, Capital Region Council Chairman Lars Gaardhøj and professor and leader of the Danish Dementia Research Centre Gunhild Waldemar, Princess Benedikte opened "Dementia Friendly Garden and Everyday Life with Dementia" on 21 August.

Photo: Danish Dementia Research Centre/Tomas Bertelsen.



event, at which Princess Benedikte was in charge of handing out the prize. "The Helene Elsass Prize" is given to a person who has made special efforts on behalf of people with cerebral palsy, and, this time, the prize went to comedian, actor and entrepreneur Jacob Nossell.

Also, at The Princess's patronage the Alzheimer Association, Her Royal Highness, on 26 September, presided over the presentation of the "Alzheimer Association's Researcher Award", which is handed out each year to Danish researchers

who have made special efforts in the field of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

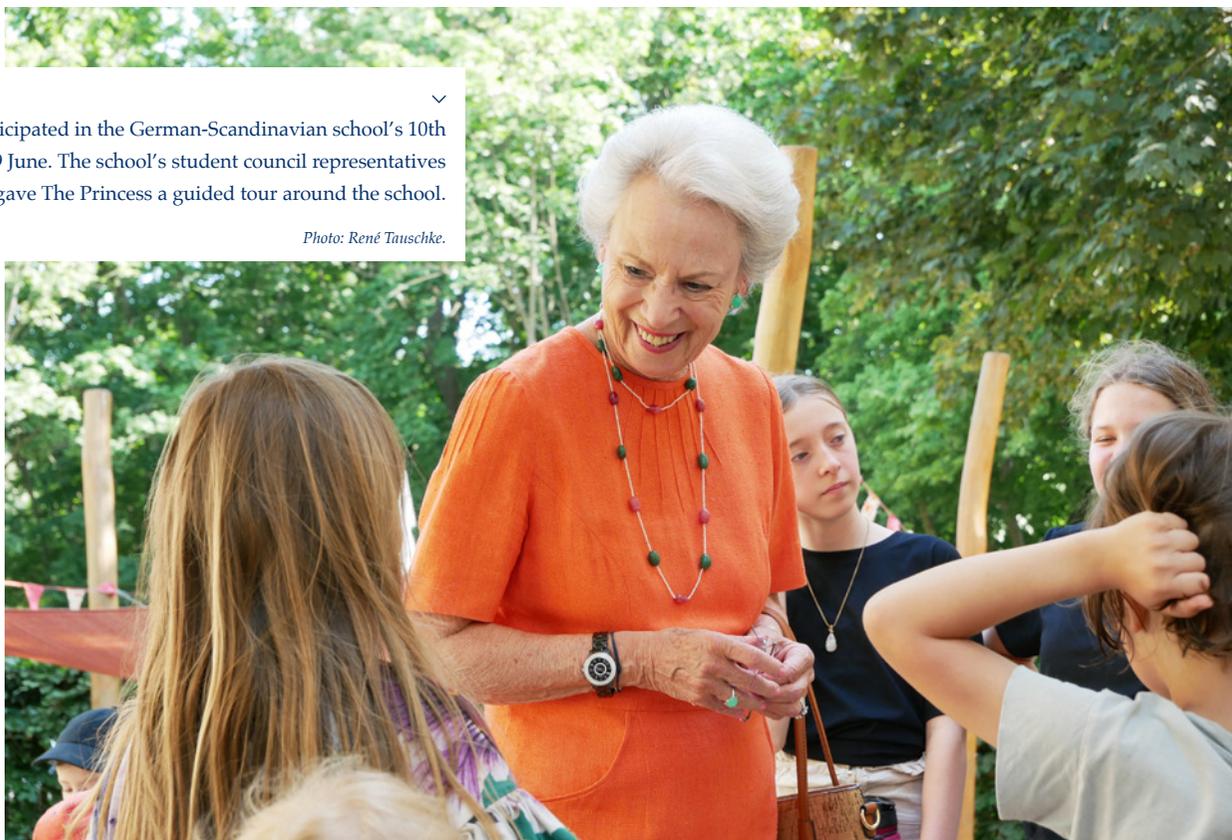
Surrounded by flowers, green plants and sensuous zones, Princess Benedikte opened "Dementia Friendly Garden and Everyday Life with Dementia" on a summer day in August at the Danish Dementia Research Centre at Rigshospitalet. The Princess also took part in a tour of the garden as well as the associated facilities, which will demonstrate solutions that can be used in everyday life with dementia.



The Princess's longtime involvement in equestrian sports was also marked in the past year. The days of 10-12 March, more than 60,000 horse enthusiasts from Denmark and abroad gathered at MCH Messecenter in Herning for the Danish Warmblood Stallion Show. As the patron, Her Royal Highness presented the "HRH Princess Benedikte Walking Prize", among others. Princess Benedikte was also at the same place in October, when, in keeping with tradition, The Princess attended World Cup Herning 2023.

Princess Benedikte participated in the German-Scandinavian school's 10th anniversary in Berlin on 9 June. The school's student council representatives were the day's hosts and gave The Princess a guided tour around the school.

Photo: René Tauschke.



At the Danish Warmblood Stallion Show, The Princess awarded the "HRH Princess Benedikte Walking Prize" to the mare Jolene Hill. In the photo, Jolene Hill is seen together with Tobias Thorning Jørgensen, who won gold at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo in 2021.

Photo: Ridehesten.com.



On 28 August, Her Royal Highness focused attention on parasports in Denmark when The Princess took part in a reception at the Embassy of France in Copenhagen to mark that there was a year until the start of the Paralympic Games in Paris.

Photo: Lars Møller.



Princess Benedikte has been engaged in the work with the scouting movement for decades – and 2023 was no exception. In October, The Princess took part in the Olave Baden-Powell Society's board meeting and annual conference in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The Princess is the patron of the Olave Baden-Powell Society, which supports the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which is a global voluntary organisation for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

The year was also the 80th anniversary of the events of 29 August 1943, when the Danish government resigned after a month of strikes, demonstrations and sabotage in Denmark. This special day was remembered at the Memorial Park north of Copenhagen, where Princess Benedikte was present and laid a wreath at the Main Monument.



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The memorial event on August 29th took place at the Memorial Park commemorating the Danish freedom fighters in World War II.
Photo: Martin Høien, Aller foto og video.



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Princess Benedikte participates each year in the Olave Baden-Powell Society's board meeting and conference, which this year took place in Kuala Lumpur.

Photo: WAGGGS.



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In the City Park in Broager on 22 April, Princess Benedikte unveiled a bust of I.P. Nielsen in her role as patron of the I.P. Nielsen Foundation in memory of Queen Ingrid.

Photo: Finn Wogensen.



The royal foundations

The Royal Family's extensive efforts and involvement in a wide range of social areas is also expressed in the year's distributions from the royal foundations, Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation, Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation, and The Nikolai and Felix Foundation.

In 2023, the foundations together awarded more than DKK 9.5 million to 134 projects in the cultural, science and social fields, and The Royal Family participates actively in the work of selecting and evaluating the applications.

The capital of Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation consists of the funds that resulted from the sale of the wedding coin in connection with wedding of The Queen and Prince Henrik in 1967 as well as the amounts that have subsequently been donated to the foundation. The Crown Prince Couple established Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation in 2006 for the proceeds from the sale of the wedding coin that was issued in connection with The Crown Prince Couple's wedding in 2004.

Crown Prince Frederik's and Crown Princess Mary's Foundation handed out support to a total of 15 projects in 2023, including to The Danish Red Cross Youth's holiday camps for vulnerable children and young people. In September, The Crown Prince took part in the celebration of the 100th birthday of The Danish Red Cross Youth, when His Royal Highness, among other things, met with 100 children and youths as well as 24 volunteers from three of the holiday camps.

Photo: Mikael Rieck, Aller foto og video.



Among the 102 projects which received support in 2023 from Queen Margrethe's and Prince Henrik's Foundation was the exhibition "Kalaallit Nunaat Rocks – Rocks of Greenland" at Designmuseum Danmark. On 21 June, The Queen presided over the opening of the exhibition about Greenlandic gold and rubies, which took the public along on a tour to Greenland's subsurface.

Photo: Keld Navntoft.



The Royal House of Denmark's finances



The annual accounts 2023

Extract from the Annual report

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 audited by the independent accounting firm Deloitte.

The annual accounts cover the Parliamentary allowance for The Queen and the annuity for The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess as well as information about the annuity for Prince Joachim.

Annual accounts for The Royal Civil List and the annuity for The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess

The Parliamentary allowance to The Queen is laid down in the The Civil List Act, and is adjusted every year in accordance with the movements in the pay index for state employees. In 2023, the Parliamentary allowance amounted to DKK 91.1 million.

The Parliamentary allowance covers expenses for salaries, goods and services as well as interior maintenance of the royal palaces, which the state makes available to The Queen.

The Parliamentary annuity for The Crown Prince Couple is laid down in the "Act on the Annual Allowance to Crown Prince Frederik", and the Parliamentary annuity for Prince Joachim and Princess Marie is laid down in the "Act on the Annual Allowance to Prince Joachim". The annuities are adjusted the same way as described for The Queen's Parliamentary allowance.

The Royal House of Denmark's travel costs for state visits abroad and other official foreign travel are covered by a framework under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2023, there was - similar to previous years - a limit of DKK 4.5 million.

Members of The Royal Family who receive annual allowances do not have to pay income tax, registration tax or green vehicle tax. This follows the Danish Withholding Tax Act and the laws covering vehicle registration and fuel consumption taxes. Members of The Royal Family are subject to the normal rules for payment of estate, inheritance and property taxes. Value-added tax is reimbursed. The reimbursement is limited annually to a percentage of the Parliamentary allowance corresponding to the current rate of value-added tax. The amounts in the report are thus calculated excluding VAT. In 2023, The Civil List received a VAT rebate of DKK 12,403,883 and The Court of The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess received a VAT rebate of DKK 2,508,411.

The annual accounts 2023 are presented according to the same accounting practices as the previous year and include the Parliamentary allowance for Queen Margrethe II and the annuity for The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess as well as information about the annuity for Prince Joachim. The Danish Parliament is expected to adopt new legislation concerning The Royal House of Denmark's finances during 2024. In the future, The Royal House of Denmark will present annual accounts that reflect the new legislation.



Annual accounts for The Royal Civil List

The annual accounts for The Royal Civil List cover the Parliamentary allowance to The Queen

The Civil List's accounts for 2023 show a consumption of savings in the form of a deficit of just over DKK 1 million.

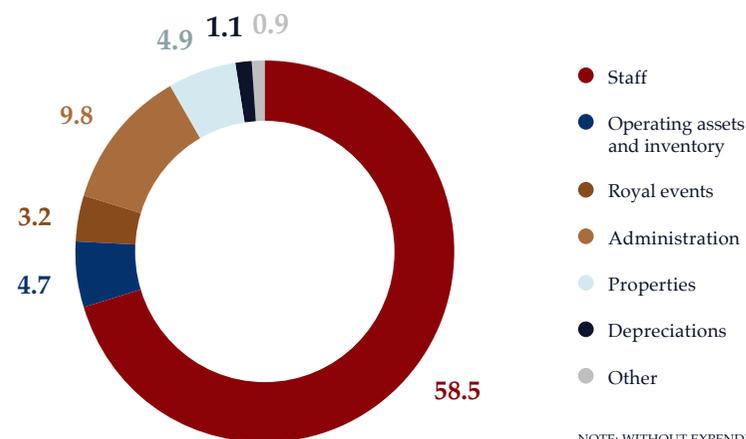
The result must be viewed against the background of a year with many activities and a continued high level of prices, but in which, at the same time, there has been a focus on adjusting the finances following a sizeable deficit in 2022.

Balance in the finances through prioritisation and effective solutions is an absolutely central objective for The Royal House of Denmark. Not least in the coming years, when the level of activity following the succession of the throne will be high, and when investments will be made in the modernisation of The Royal House of Denmark in a number of areas.

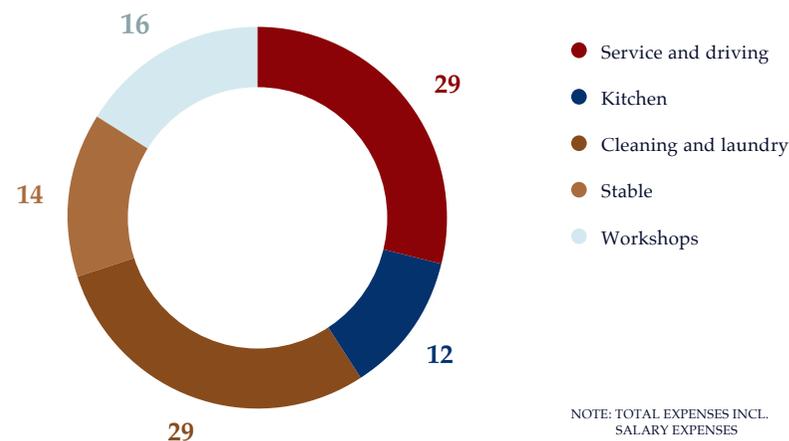
The personnel costs which cover salaries, pensions, etc. amounted to DKK 58 million in 2023, corresponding to approx. 60 percent of The Civil List's total expenses.

The distribution of The Court's expenses appears in the graphic below. Additional specification of the finances appears in the notes for the accounts.

Distribution of the total expenses (million DKK)



Distribution of operating costs by service units (percent)





The annual accounts for The Royal Civil List

Income statement

1 January – 31 December 2023

Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000
Income		
Parliamentary allowance	91,083,587	88,884
Other income	2,892,175	2,890
Total	93,975,762	91,774
Expenditures		
Staff costs	58,468,732	56,851
Court operating expenses	8,862,563	12,487
Administration expenses	9,848,644	8,461
Property expenses	4,873,093	6,463
Depreciations	1,068,650	1,137
The Queen expenditure cap	13,229,891	12,910
Total	96,351,573	98,309
Result before financial income and financial expenses	(2,375,811)	(6,535)
Financial income	1,371,176	127
Financial expenses	0	(1,973)
Profit/(loss) for the year	(1,004,635)	(8,381)
Proposed distribution of profit and loss		
Retained earnings	(1,004,635)	(8,381)



The Royal Civil List

Balance sheet

31 December 2023

Assets	Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000	Equity and Liabilities	Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000
Fixed assets				Equity		8,695,710	9,700
Vehicles and machines		3,142,271	4,076			8,695,710	9,700
IT		504,184	639				
Total fixed assets		3,646,455	4,715	Liabilities			
Current assets				Trade payables		2,589,650	1,831
Receivable VAT		1,717,326	2,014	Received pre-paid parliamentary allowance		7,661,284	7,509
Other receivables		1,246,910	709	Other payables incl. holiday pay obligation		7,794,557	4,518
Prepayments		2,150,901	1,860	Total liabilities		18,045,491	13,858
Receivables		5,115,137	4,583	Total equity and liabilities		26,741,201	23,558
Securities		11,410,915	9,732				
Cash		6,568,694	4,528				
Securities and cash		17,979,609	14,260				
Total current assets		23,094,746	18,843				
Total assets		26,741,201	23,558				



Annual accounts for The Crown Prince's and The Crown Princess's Annuity

The annual account covers the annuity to The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess

Final report

1 January – 31 December 2023

Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000
Income		
Annuity	22,419,900	21,877
Total	22,419,900	21,877
Expenses		
Staff costs	13,722,378	12,849
Court operating costs	2,607,528	2,273
Court administration costs	246,159	134
Property expenses	2,231,238	2,766
Depreciations	288,547	679
Expenditure cap, The Crown Prince Couple	4,483,980	4,376
Total	23,579,830	23,077
Result before financial income and financial expenses	(1,159,930)	(1,200)
Financial income	14,186	2
Financial expenses	(1,662)	(5)
Profit/(loss) for the year	(1,147,406)	(1,203)
Proposed distribution of profit and loss		
Retained earnings	(1,147,406)	(1,203)



The Crown Prince's and The Crown Princess's annuity

Balance sheet

31 December 2023

Assets	Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000	Equity and liabilities	Notes	2023 DKK	2022 DKK'000
Fixed assets		2,752,002	3,000	Equity		516,236	1,664
Current assets				Liabilities			
Receivable VAT		406,648	636	Trade payables		633,219	414
Other receivables		186,036	424	Other payables incl. holiday pay obligation		1,921,954	1,680
Prepayments		206,246	193	Received pre-paid parliamentary allowance		1,885,798	1,848
Receivables		798,930	1,253	Total liabilities		4,440,971	3,942
Cash		1,406,275	1,353	Total equity and liabilities		4,957,207	5,606
Total current assets		2,205,205	2,606				
Total assets		4,957,207	5,606				



Annuity to Prince Joachim

In 2023, Prince Joachim received an annuity of DKK 3,962,750 and a VAT rebate of DKK 152,100.

