Public-Private Partnerships in Scandinavia

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Abstract

If public-private partnerships are here to stay, how are they brought to use by governments and can we learn anything from the scant experience with such partnerships so far? This article addresses this question and others by examining the experience with public-private partnerships in Scandinavia. Scandinavia has a long tradition of preferring cooperative arrangements and forging consensus between different organizational types. In recent years, reforms have mostly concentrated on reforms within the public sector itself. However, there has been a pressure by the governments to establish more close contact with private sector providers (PPP). One obvious way for Scandinavian governments would then be to pursue establishing PPPs as the main form of cooperation with the private sector.

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