

# **WHAT HAPPENED IN DENMARK IN 2013?**

## **THE LOCKOUT OF TEACHERS**

The national lockout of teachers was an industrial action that lasted for 25 days in April 2013. The conflict was started by the public employers. The lockout affected approx. 67,000 teachers from a number of different types of schools in Denmark.

The lockout was caused by the breakdown of the negotiations between the teachers' central organisation ("LC") and the councils' national association ("KL"). It started on 1 April 2013 and caused a strongly limited teaching of the 557,000 pupils. The only teachers not affected by the lockout were the ones with special contracts and the very few, who were not members of the LC unions.

The lockout ended after 25 days, on Friday 26 April. On the day before, the government presented a proposal for an intervention, which was agreed by a majority of the national parliament of Denmark. The agreement was not accepted by a left-wing party called "Enhedslisten" and a centre party called "Liberal Alliance".



## **DENMARK WINS THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2013**

The 58<sup>th</sup> annual Eurovision Song Contest took place in May 2013 in Malmö, Sweden. The winner of the contest that year was Denmark with the song “Only Teardrops” performed by Emmelie de Forest. Thus, the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Eurovision Song Contest will take place in May 2014 in Denmark.



## **THE STORM BODIL**

The storm Bodil – also known as Xaver in Germany and Sven in Sweden – was a low pressure and a winter storm that affected the north-western part of Europe in the period 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Average winds of up to 25-30 m/s and hurricane force winds were forecasted. The Danish Meteorological Institute issued a flood warning due to a risk of flood in the coast areas along the Irish Sea and the North Sea including the west coast of Denmark. The storm Bodil claimed the life of a 72 year-old woman. The storm lasted relatively long and caused an extraordinary flood in parts of the interior Danish waters.

