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- Overall aim more refugees in employment
  - Government aim: in the long term, 5 in 10 compared to 3 in 10 today must have taken on regular employment.
- New approach in the integration programmes
  - The company/workplace must be the pivotal point of the integration programmes.
  - Danish language education is part of the company oriented measures.



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There are two main themes in the agreement:

- I. Greater employment focus in integration programmes
- II. The integrative training programme (IGU)



## Greater employment focus in integration programmes

- Better use of qualification background and skills of refugees from their home countries
- Resettlement to districts with occupation options
- Refugees must be approached as ready for work
- Refugees must be placed in companies quickly 2 weeks
- Danish language programmes more company-oriented
- Offering companies better conditions for hiring refugees
- Job-targeted competence clarification
- Better use of The Labour Market Training (AMU) system offers



## The integrative training programme (IGU)

#### IGU - new tool in the integration process

- Stepping stone to the regular labour market or continuing training and education.
- A supplement to current programmes (in-company training contracts and subsidised jobs).
- IGU a training programme that will improve the employment chances of refugees.
- Contributes to making more refugees self-supporting.



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  - A three-year pilot project
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  - Company work training agreement which describes the aim of the training programme.
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- Full time training and education 37 hours (in-company training must constitute at least 25 hours per week).
- In-company training and education a maximum of 37 hours per week.
- A bonus payment of 2 x DKK 20,000 for companies is introduced.



## **IGU - Challenges**

- More training places need to be established
  - Employers must be more actively involved
  - Extensive marketing of the training programme must be ensured
- There needs to be a sufficiently high level of skills' upgrading in the IGU-programmes.
  - Among other things, there must be a healthy balance between labour market training and Danish language education.
  - Continuous monitoring from the social partners.
  - Annual follow-up on the agreement.

