

Country Analysis Report - Denmark

Country	Premium Development	Claims Development	Underwriting Profitability	Business Outlook
<p>Denmark 2011</p>	<p>This year the Danish Insurance Association has only received premium and claims statistics from a small number of Danish insurance companies. Statistics from individual insurance companies must be kept confidential and the Danish competition law prohibits publication of statistics based on figures from only a few companies.</p> <p>Even without official premium statistics it is the impression of the Danish Insurance Association that there has been a decrease in premiums for all types of Engineering insurance - except the EAR/CAR insurances which has increased.</p> <p>Due to the financial situation in Denmark the activity has been low with limited interest in machinery investment.</p>	<p>In 2011 the claims development has been influenced by a number of claims resulting from many offshore projects typically caused by wind. Furthermore, extremely heavy cloudbursts during the summer of 2011 have caused serious damage and a huge number of claims in all lines of non-life insurance. Especially consequential damages and rehousing claims have been extraordinary.</p>	<p>Again, even without official statistics it is the general impression that the increase in large claims has had a negative influence on the loss ratio.</p>	<p>The competition in Denmark is strong and this is expected to continue since many insurance companies wish to expand in the engineering market.</p> <p>The economy is still marked by the international recession. However, during the remainder of the year and well into 2013 it is estimated that the economy will progress due to powerful stimuli from very low interest rates.</p> <p>GNP is estimated to increase by app. 1 percent this year and 1½ percent next year. Business investments are estimated to grow following heavy decline in 2009 and 2010. A range of publicly initiated investments support business (Fehmarn Belt-connection, the expansion of the metro city line in Copenhagen and investments derived from the energy agreement).</p>