

Foreword

A priority for the Danish government is to strengthen entrepreneurship in the sector strongholds and emerging industries identified by the Danish Board of Business Development and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science. While research and technology development is generally world class in these areas, stronger mechanisms are needed to increase their commercialisation, including through start-ups and scale-ups.

This project aims to identify policy actions that can be promoted by the national government, national cluster organisations and others to support start-ups and scale-ups in the sector strongholds and emerging industries. This is built around an in-depth analysis of the following three sector strongholds:

1. Advanced production
2. Energy technology
3. Food and bio resources

These sectors have been selected so as to cover a range of different knowledge bases and modes of innovation, enabling lessons to be drawn for other sectors with similar characteristics. For the three case study sectors, opportunities and barriers to start-ups and scale-ups are identified and relevant examples of international best practice policies are examined. The analysis leads to a series of tailored recommendations for each sector. In addition, the report offers a number of generic policy recommendations, which are applicable to start-up and scale-up development in other sector strongholds and emerging industries.

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