

Aarhus, 28th of November 2021

Letter of Support **- Regarding application for *UrbanLIFEcircles***

The Danish Society for Nature Conservation (DN) hereby declare its support to the application by Aarhus Kommune for funding of the *UrbanLifeCircles*-project.

It is our belief that EU LIFE-funding will substantially contribute to the implementation of measures required to meet the demands of the EU Habitat directive in Natura 2000-area H233 and H234. Funding will enable the authorities to launch and explore new initiatives and methods in the management of the designated areas, and it will sustain a focused and intensified effort to achieve a favourable conservation status according to the directives.

Furthermore, the perspectives of a stronger connectivity between the areas will most likely benefit a number of species, including the human population of Aarhus. Urban biodiversity and the interaction with rural populations of various species is increasingly important in supporting wild nature in the heavily cultivated landscape of modern Denmark.

Being located in the close vicinity of the city of Aarhus, the H233 and H234 are of tremendous importance not only as biological hotspots but also in recreational value to the public. In the light of a possibly increased focus on nature based solutions such as restored hydrology and ceased forestry, DN see considerable potential for involving volunteers in basic nature management-activities and in firsthand communication to the public about biodiversity and the restoration of wild nature. All in close collaboration with Aarhus Kommune, naturally.

About The Danish Society for Nature Conservation (DN)

[DN](#) is the largest environmental NGO in Denmark, being locally present in 95 divisions across the entire country. We cooperate with everyone who aims at improving the condition of nature, sustaining a clean environment and restoring a stable climate.

DN is committed to conserve and protect the natural environment in Denmark for the sake of society – and for nature itself. We seek political influence both nationally and locally and we mobilize people and encourage children and adults alike to experience, to explore and to care for nature, wherever they find it.

Sincerely



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