Insurance Factsheet: Denmark

Member organisation(s):

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Arkitektforeningen

Danish Association of Architects

DANSKE ARK

Danish Association of Architectural Firms

Obligation to insure?

Yes (normally no contract awarded without)

Legal Obligation to insure?

Yes (By using Agreed Documents, which are used for almost all projects)

Legal Basis

Commonly used Term and Conditions:

Danish Law, but also ABR18, ABR 18F, ABR 89 GBF19 (Different versions of Agreed Documents for different sorts of Consulting services) which reduces liabilities compared with Danish law

What are the requirements needed in order to obtain an Insurance?

Normally just education as an architect (title not protected)

Members of DANSKE ARK has easier access due to
general agreement with insurance company HDI

Calculation of insurance premium:

Percentage of fee, varying according to type of work.

Always a minimum premium. Single project insurance has fixed premiums

Forms of Insurance contract:

- Subscription contract for all work in a predefined period, not covered by single project insurance
- Single project insurance

Contractual liability: - Liabilities be

- Liabilities before and/or during the works: yes,
 Responsible for any defects
 partly responsible in relation to the budget and in relation to time limits
- The end of the construction phase as a point of departure for a period of specific liabilities? Yes, verbal acceptance of the works
- Liabilities after work
 Harm to the structure (to its soundness or stability):
 Only if the architect is total consultant, having the engineer as subconsultant.

Unsuitability for the function: Yes

Hidden defects: Yes

Joint and several (in solidum) liability:

Only liable for own and subconsultants work including supervision

Does the insurer respond to a claims made or claims rising basis? Claims made

Insurances / Agents:

HDI

Marsh (Agent/broker, makes tender for single project insurance between HDI and other companies)

Other companies may also offer, but they mostly have limited market experience and less specialized staff

Duration of Liability:

- Professional client:
 - 5 years after handover
- Consumer client:
 - 10 years after handover
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