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Dear Ms. Auken!

We refer to the telephone conversation with your secretary Mr. Lasse, and to the visit of the members of Slovenian Parliament from 8. - 10 February 2010 to the "Folketinget", with Dr. Pavel Gantar, President of the Parliament as Head of the delegation.

At that occasion delegation also meet Mr. Steen Gade, at that time Chairman of the Environment and Planning Committee who accepted the suggestion of Dr. Gantar for the visit of Slovenian Committee on Local Self-Government and Regional Development.

Following the above mentioned Committee suggest the Slovenian visit in Denmark to be in the end of May, beginning of June, September or even later in 2010.

The main interest of the Slovenian Committee would be to learn more about:

- the Danish experience in achieving the objectives about the reform of the local and regional self-government system, legislation framework, duties and powers of municipalities, system of financing, actions, with which partners in the reform process managed to combine the interest of the county for the integration, situation after the reform (first positive and negative effects) and information about the utilization of EU funds from the Cohesion and Structural Funds.

During the visit the delegation would like, given the possibility, to discuss with representatives of the Parliament, Ministry of Interior, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Regional and Local Government, Association of Danish Municipalities and Regions, one of the Danish regions (perhaps Næstved) and one or two of the municipality of capital city of Copenhagen.

The composition of the delegation would be head of the Committee on Local Self-Government and Regional Development, two members and Secretary of Committee and translator.

We look forward to hear from you the suggestion for the possible visit.

Best regards,  
Bogdan Benko, Ambassador  
Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia