## Agency staff development

- An example from Denmark of a targeted internal staff development programme

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## Background for developing an internal programme

- Before: staff development through
  - Specific tasks
  - Sharing knowledge with colleagues
  - Individual employees taking external courses
- Beneficial transfer from external courses can be difficult
  - Relevant, but not targeted enough for the specific work or ways of working
  - Individual learning lonely implementation
- Question: can we improve the use of time and resources spent on development?

### Intentions with the programme

- Aim: More targeted and effective staff development by bringing it in-house
- Goals: Relevant, high-level development programme for all, strengthen collaboration and a shared language in the organization

• Include all AKKR consultants – whether short or long experience

- Common thread: collaboration, feedback, accreditation-specific cases
- External trainers, plus experienced AKKR-consultants as trainers

# The programme: competence areas and modules (1)

Organised in 5 competence areas with 1-4 modules each:

#### 1. Project management

- 1. Team collaboration
- 2. Collaboration with panels and other externals
- 3. Personal leadership
- 4. Planning and control

#### 2. Data and key figures

- 1. Data knowledge and understanding
- 2. Key figures, introduction to ministry's data warehouse

# The programme: competence areas and modules (2)

#### 3. Methodology

- 1. Design of interview guide and interview techniques
- 2. Feed back methodology

#### 4. Case management

 Case handling in the public sector: administrative law and other relevant legislation

#### 5. Communication and presentation

- 1. Power point presentation
- 2. Report writing and other written communication

### Execution

- To be repeated in a two-year cycle
- Program runs: 2021-2022, 2023-2025
- Group work in existing project teams
- Implementing theory on actual tasks
- Collective reflection on key learnings
- Evaluation (at least) after each module

# Overall experiences and learning points

- A strength to be the entire consultant group together
- Shared frame of reference and a common language
- Experiments with new ways of working
- Strengthened team collaboration
- Strengthened panel collaboration
- Ressource demanding
- Quite beneficial but we shall not to the same a 3rd time...

## Any questions for now?



### Questions for reflection:

- How do you work with staff development and transfer of new learnings at your agency?
- Which competence areas are relevant for you?

