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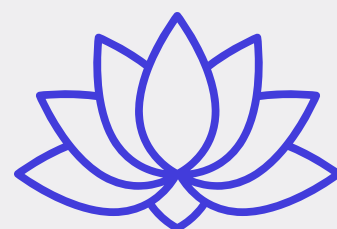
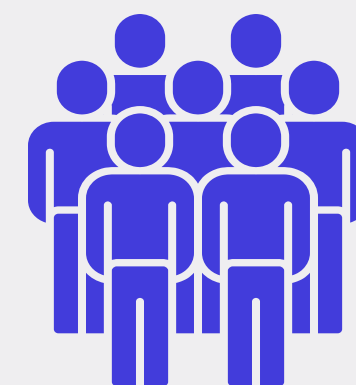


**Ireland
VS.
Denmark**

Clíodhna Hogan

About

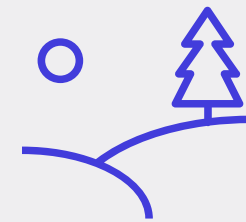
Denmark's voters have begun casting their votes for the country's local elections. But how does it work? And how different is it to Irish local elections?



Important Note:

In both countries, ***proportional representation systems*** are used during elections.

This means that during elections, candidates and groups are elected in proportion to the number of votes they receive!



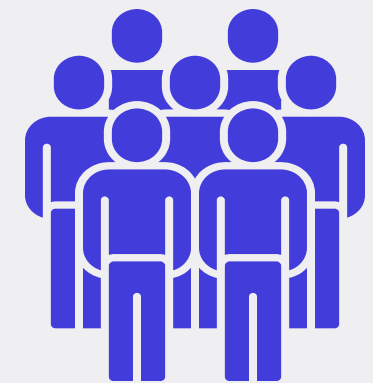
DENMARK

Indgang
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In Denmark,

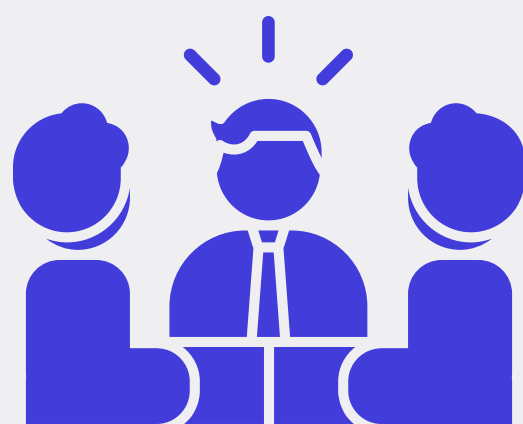
A Party-list system is used. On a ballot paper, Danish voters will be given a list of candidates. They are then allowed to vote for one candidate. This vote then goes towards the candidates party!





IRELAND

In Ireland,

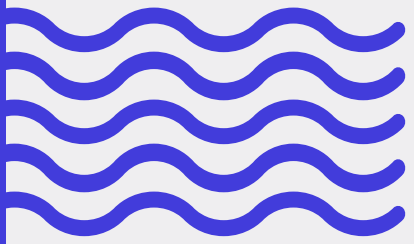


A single-transferable vote system or STV for short! On a ballot paper, Irish voters will be given a list of candidates. They are then allowed to vote for the candidates in order of preference.



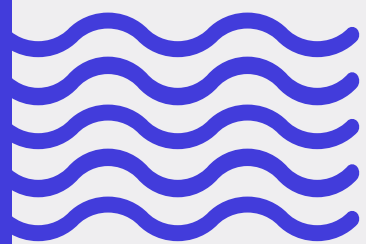
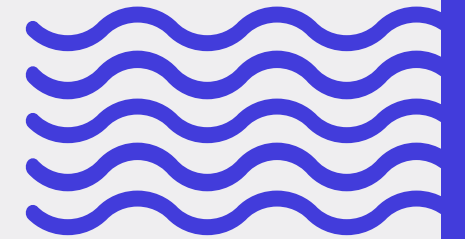


But **why** do
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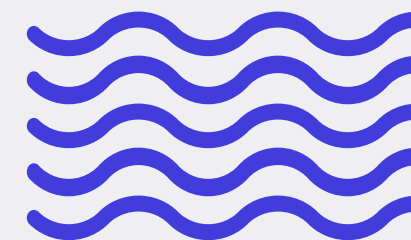
No vote goes to waste!

In Denmark, the party will still receive a vote and in Ireland, the voters' next preferred candidate will get a vote.





Does it
work for voters?




**Fredrik
Hansen**

“I have no issue with it. It’s all I know and it’s worked for our country so far. At least my party still gets my vote.”

**Katie
Power**

“I really like it. No vote goes to waste and look, if my favorite candidate doesn’t get in, at least I know there is still a chance for my second!”

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