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56 years old, lives in Copenhagen, languages: Danish, German, English (but no Swedish!). Experience as a pilgrim from Germany and Denmark. Once a year hostess in the pilgrims' hostel in Bursfelde Monastery / Germany. As a young man in Germany I was trained as a deacon and social worker. Professionally today: Event manager for traffic conferences in Europe. My office is in Copenhagen. I am currently working on a "Pilgrim Box" which will contain situations from pilgrimage life and spiritual words to take with you in the form of business cards for pilgrims. This box could contain special cards for the Brigittaway (in Swedish as well). Magnus always calls me a German because I come from Germany. In this context it doesn't make much sense, I'm a Dane. But my background explains why I don't understand Swedish.

Hur mycket vet vi om varandra? Vilka är de samarbeten som finns? och som vi skulle vilja se? Finns det ett intresse av att samverka mer mellan Danmark och Sverige? Vilka är vinsterna? Vandringar, fördjupning, ledarutbildningar, gemensamma leder, informationsutbyte, delade utmaningar.

I don't know anything about pilgrimage in Sweden. If the journey is to end in Hamburg, then planning without the involvement of Pastor Bernd Lose does not make sense. He should definitely be included in the planning.

There are several pilgrimage associations in Denmark. Only the "Danske Santiagopilgrimme" are so active that they have marked their paths and are also accessible online:

<https://santiagopilgrimme.dk/find-ruter/ruter-i-danmark/>

However, this association is very focused on Santiago de Compostela and working with other pilgrimage associations is not easy. Conversely, the pilgrimage routes to Germany are "already finished". If the Brigittaway is to be identical to the Santiagopilgrimme trails, you can start immediately.



Marked pilgrimage routes of the Santiagopilgrimme in Denmark

Skulle det vara möjligt att etablera ett pilgrimsnätverk med återkommande samordning av information och verksamhet?

A pilgrimage network is always an advantage. Personally, I think little of building an international network in a national language. The interests that are expressed through language and origin and that express corresponding identity are dominant. In such a network, the members are not equal.

In Denmark, pilgrims' associations are not likely to be interested in association-based cooperation, but interested individuals will be interested in the network.

Finns det ett intresse av att skapa en referensgrupp som kan samtala vidare om detta?

Basically yes. However, if the reference group has Swedish as the working language, then Denmark and Germany are just annexes.