

Danish-French Chamber of Commerce

# GALA

*Night*

2026

June  
**17**

Langelinie  
Pavillonen

in the presence of  
Brian Mikkelsen as guest of honour



**DANSK-FRANSK HANDELSKAMMER**  
**CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE FRANCO-DANOISE**

Dear Members, dear Friends,

It is a very special pleasure for me to welcome you to our gala evening this year.

Special because one of the most important figures in Danish business, the CEO of Dansk Erhverv, Brian Mikkelsen, has graciously accepted to be our keynote speaker.



Special also because we will be saying goodbye to our ambassador, Christophe Parisot, who is leaving Denmark this summer.

Finally, it is particularly special for me, as during the evening I will have the pleasure of presenting to you the team that will lead the Chamber into new adventures. For me, it has been 15 extraordinary years since, together with Rolf Meurs Gerken, our founder, we embarked on this journey by creating a Young Chamber and a “Cercle des Entreprises”, organizing a conference at CBS, and an exhibition at the Stock Exchange with the participation of all French associations in Denmark. It was through these events that we met Samuel, and a remarkable cooperation began, which has brought us to where we are today.

But none of this would have been possible without you. Your active participation, your engagement, and your contributions throughout the years are what have made the Chamber what it is today.

This is why I very much look forward to seeing you on the 17th of June.

Anders Torbøl

## Langelinie Pavillonen A Historic Jewel on Copenhagen's Waterfront

Nestled along Copenhagen's picturesque harborfront, Langelinie Pavillonen is one of Denmark's most iconic venues. Built in 1958 by renowned architects Eva and Nils Koppel, its sleek modernist design remains timeless.



The pavillon overlooks the sparkling Øresund Strait, offering panoramic views of the water and the famous Little Mermaid statue. A blend of Danish architectural heritage and elegant design, it is a symbol of classic Scandinavian style. Its bright, airy interior and floor-to-ceiling windows create an inspiring and festive atmosphere. Langelinie Pavillonen has hosted royal receptions, gala dinners, and prestigious international events.

With its exceptional cuisine and service, it provides a refined culinary experience rooted in Danish tradition.

For our gala, we are proud to welcome you in such an iconic and storied location. Here, Danish history and French celebration come together in perfect harmony. We hope you will enjoy an unforgettable evening at Langelinie.

**Brian Mikkelsen**, CEO of Dansk Erhverv (the Danish Chamber of Commerce) is one of Denmark's most prominent business leaders. Appointed in 2018, he brings extensive experience from both politics and the private sector.



As former Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, as well as Minister for Culture, he has played a key role in strengthening Denmark's position internationally.

He actively works to promote Danish business interests, innovation, and sustainable growth, while fostering strong ties between public institutions and the private sector. Under his leadership, Dansk Erhverv continues to support companies in navigating global challenges and opportunities. His strategic insight and commitment to progress make him a respected voice in both national and international arenas.

With his deep understanding of economic policy and business development, he contributes to a dynamic and competitive environment for Danish enterprises.

For our gala, we are honored to welcome such an influential figure. His presence reflects the strong connection between Denmark and France, and the shared ambition to build lasting partnerships.

# Program and Menu

- 18.00 **Welcome drink**
- 19.00 **Welcome speech**
- 19.15 **Haddock with peas, green asparagus, roe, herbs and beurre blanc.**  
*Served with François Martenot Chardonnay Prestige.*
- 20.00 **Export Prizes ceremony**
- 20.40 **Guinea fowl with chanterelle stuffing, red onion compote, new carrots, and white asparagus, on the side: roasted new potatoes, grilled leeks, and thyme jus.**  
*Served with Francois Martenot Pinot Noir Prestige.*
- 21.15 **Awards ceremony**
- 21.40 **Cheese buffet**
- 22.15 **Blackberry mousse with nut sponge and bergamot crème anglaise**  
*Served with Arthur Metz Riesling Grand Cru Altenberg.*
- 22.45 **Music**  
*Dance floor in a separate area next to the dinner room.*



### A Tribute to Anders Torbøl

This Gala Dinner 2026 will be a special occasion to celebrate and honor the remarkable contribution of our Chairman, Anders Torbøl, who has led the Chamber of Commerce since 2011.



When Anders took on the presidency, the Chamber was primarily a business club hosting only a limited number of events each year. Under his leadership, the organization underwent a profound transformation. Through his vision and dedication, the Chamber became a professional, dynamic, and influential platform, experiencing unprecedented growth and development. This evening will therefore not only be a celebration of our community, but also an opportunity to express our gratitude and pay tribute to Anders Torbøl as he steps down from his role as Chairman.



This gala dinner will also be an opportunity for you to meet the new President of the Chamber, who will be elected shortly before the gala, and to say goodbye to Christophe Parisot, the French Ambassador to Denmark, who will be leaving us this summer.

G R O U P E



Les Grands Chais de France, a French group founded 40 years ago by Joseph Helfrich, is driven by the passion for wines and terroirs, and the desire to promote the fantastic diversity of French wines across the world. Through the years, GCF's roots have extended out, and the group now stands as the leading wine producer and merchant in Europe.



**François Martenot Chardonnay Prestige:** French Chardonnay with a traditional Burgundian vinification. Matured 4 months in French oak barrels. With a lovely yellow color and a seductive nose reminiscent of peach, acacia, vanilla lemony notes.

**François Martenot Pinot Noir Prestige:** A French Pinot Noir with a traditional Burgundian vinification, matured 4 months in French oak barrels. With a very fruity nose with aromas of cherry and red fruits, this wine finds its complexity with fine woody notes. The palate is equally flattering with aromas of coffee, cinnamon and licorice.



**Arthur Metz Riesling Grand Cru Altenberg:** The wine is produced 100% Riesling from the classified Grand Cru site of Altenberg. The vines are very old to increase concentration between 30 and 50 years old. Dry and mineral, the nose is both floral and fruity, with notes of white peach and apricot. The palate is frank and straightforward, and the concentration of flavors gives this Riesling a very long finish.

**Haute Fromagerie by Savencia Fromage & Dairy Nordics** promotes the excellence of the French terroir through a range of origin, PDO, and medal-winning cheeses. Their cheesemakers have created a selection of specificities, combining cheeses recognized all over the world with traditional manufacturing, such as the PDO Époisses from Berthaut dairy, Esquirrou, a PDO Ossau-Iraty nominated best cheese of the world in 2018, and Péral, the first PGI cheese made from ewe's milk.



Our hostess of the evening will be **Anita Wagner Feddersen**, member of the board of the Chamber and Chairwoman of the Chamber's Women's Committee.



## Export prizes and Committee awards

Since 1989, the Danish-French Chamber of Commerce has awarded **two export prizes** on the occasion of our annual gala:

- to a French company for its successful achievements on the Danish market, and,
- to a Danish company for its successful achievements on the French market.

Great prestigious brands have been awarded in recent years. French companies such as: Dassault Systèmes, Air Liquide, Renault, Sephora, and Danish companies such as: DSV, Novo Nordisk and Pandora. During the gala evening 2026, the Chamber will again award these two prizes.

In addition, **the Chamber presents 3 Committee Awards** that will be presented during the evening. The ESG, Women's and Young Chamber Committees will select the recipients of each their Committee Award based on the nominations of the network, which will celebrate our member companies and their achievements and contributions to society.

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