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The project is based on the relocation of Sikkerhedsstyrelsen to Esbjerg in 2004/005 and SKAT payment center's relocation to Ringkøbing in 2007.

The focus is on theoretical effects: that the new governmental jobs complement and increase the employment or that the new jobs cause scarcity of qualified working capacity, displace the employment in the private sector and increase salary.

The study combines questionnaire and interview survey with an econometric method with synthetic control groups for each of the two cases.

The results and experiences of the project are disseminated through a report, discussion papers, an instructive video as well as a workshop for researchers, political decision maker and representatives from rural districts.

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