

A large, dense crowd of young people, likely students, is gathered in a city square, possibly Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens. They are holding various signs and flags, including Danish flags and protest banners. The background shows historic European architecture under an overcast sky. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

# Student Participation in Denmark and Europe

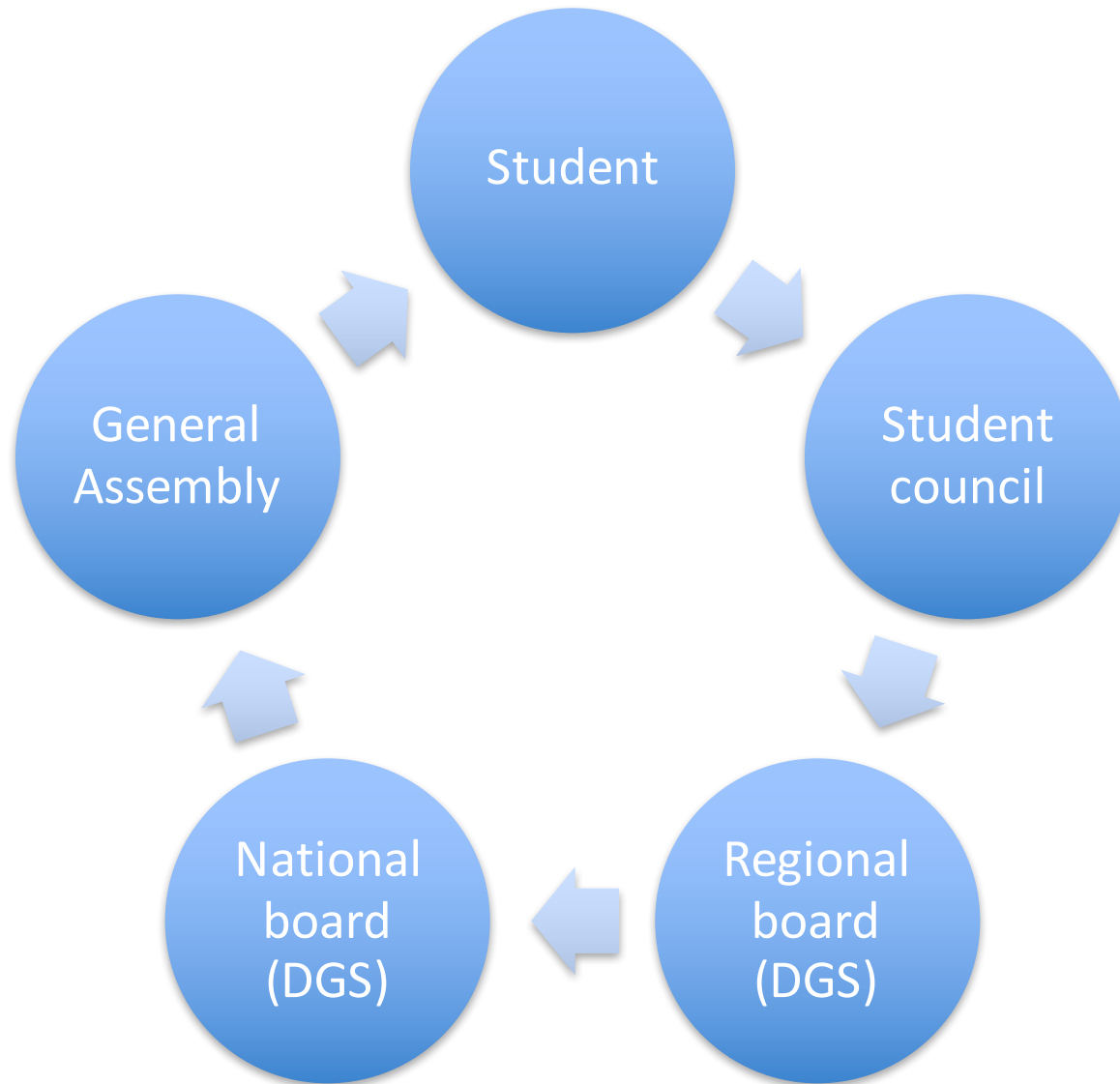
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# Danish Upper Secondary School Student Union (DGS)

- Established in 1965
- DGS' work consists of two branches:
  - 1: Lobbying and negotiations
  - 2: Campaigning and demonstrating
- Has over 100.000 members









# Governments vs. students (DK and Scandinavia)

- Student do have a say → we are the experts
- Education is a right!
- Governments, politicians, stakeholders and people listen to students
- Students shaping politics → we come with suggestions and solutions



# Lucky

- Student income
- No tuition fees
- Accessible









# OBESSU: Europe, 27 unions





# Key points:

- Political organizations empower
- Politicians/governments have to listen to interest groups
- An alternative to 'formal politics'
- Young people are more likely to vote → voter turnout is high
- Democratization → Vote at 16?