

## NCRR splits from the Department of Economics and Business Economics

The executive team at Aarhus BSS has decided to split the Centre for Register-Based Research (NCRR) from the Department of Economics and Business Economics (ECON).

Since the merger of NCRR with ECON in 2011, NCRR has been an integrated part of Aarhus BSS' financial model. In 2019, analyses were carried out in order to highlight the effect that NCRR has on the department's finances. The conclusion was that the financial framework conditions for a centre like NCRR were not fitting in accordance with how the school's financial model is structured. This has resulted in the development of a new financial model for NCRR, which has been discussed locally and in relevant liaison committees. The model involves a financial split of the NCRR from the department. For accounting reasons, the change will be effectuated retroactively from 1 January 2022.

In continuation of this, the executive team has considered possible organisational changes with a view to finding a more sustainable solution for NCRR's role in the academic interactions with research fields from health and social sciences. In close dialogue with the centre manager, the head of department and the department's and school's liaison committees, a decision was made to change the internal organisation at Aarhus BSS. This entails that NCRR is placed directly under the executive team at Aarhus BSS, but the centre will not have the same status as a department.

Furthermore, it is a prerequisite that the centre continues to make its services regarding data infrastructure available to the school's researchers to a higher extent.

Formally, the centre manager will refer to the dean, who has delegated the overall academic management responsibility to the vice dean for research and talent development. The centre manager will continue to have both budget and personnel responsibility for NCRR and its employees (faculty, staff and PhD students). The final decision on the reorganisation has been made following the discussion of the matter in the school's liaison committee on 2 May 2022.

The practical and administrative reorganisation is currently underway. This includes website changes, updating of budgets and adaptation of various systems. The reorganisation is expected to be finalised by 1 August 2022. The centre is still physically located at Fuglesangs allé.