Construction starts on the Apple datacentre in Denmark-- part of a $2 billion investment in Europe by the iPhone maker when combined with the company's upcoming Irish datacentre.



As the Copenhagen Post reports the Denmark facility is based in Foulum, a small town outside of the city of Viborg in central Jutland. It covers 166000 square metres and is described as the "largest foreign capital investment in Danish history." Apple projects an operational launch date for sometime in 2017, even if construction should continue until 2026.

Foulum houses the agricultural research facilities of Aarhus University-- a relevant fact, since Apple is teaming up with the university on a research and development project on the conversion of biogas into electricity through the use of fuel cells and agricultural waste.

“The new partnership is a good example that [ministry investment organisation] Invest in Denmark’s targeted efforts to attract datacentre investments to Denmark is producing excellent results," Danish foreign minister Kristian Jensen says. "It also illustrates that datacentre investors often wish to contribute to research into and the expansion of the renewable energy capacity in Denmark to the benefit of everyone."

In the meantime proceedings haven't been so smooth for Apple's Irish facility-- the Galway Country project faced multiple objections involving damage to the surrounding wilderness, and as a result only got approval earlier this August. This meant Apple had to push back initial hopes of having the datacentre up and running by early 2017.

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