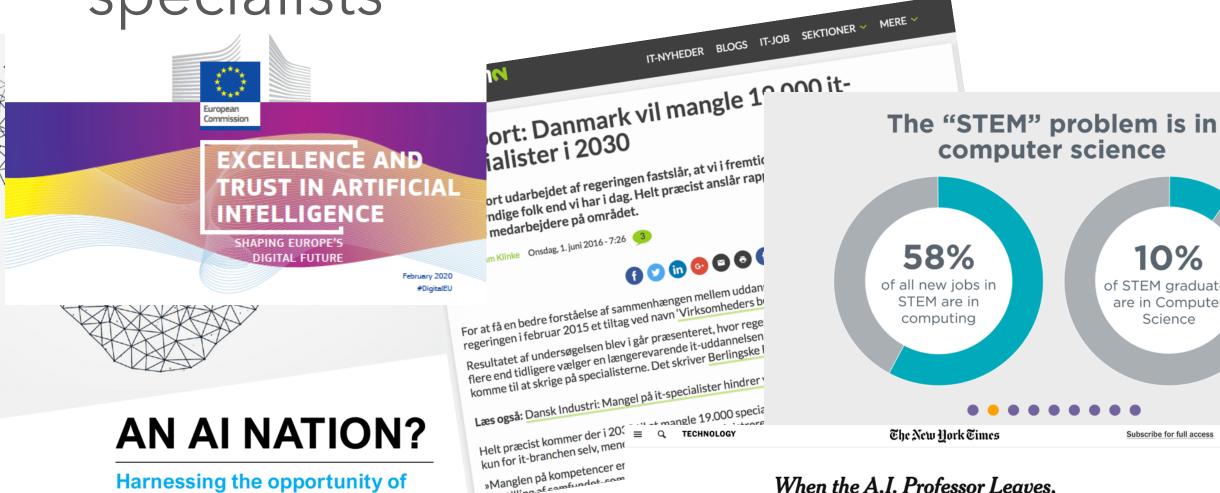
# DIREC - indsats for øget diversitet

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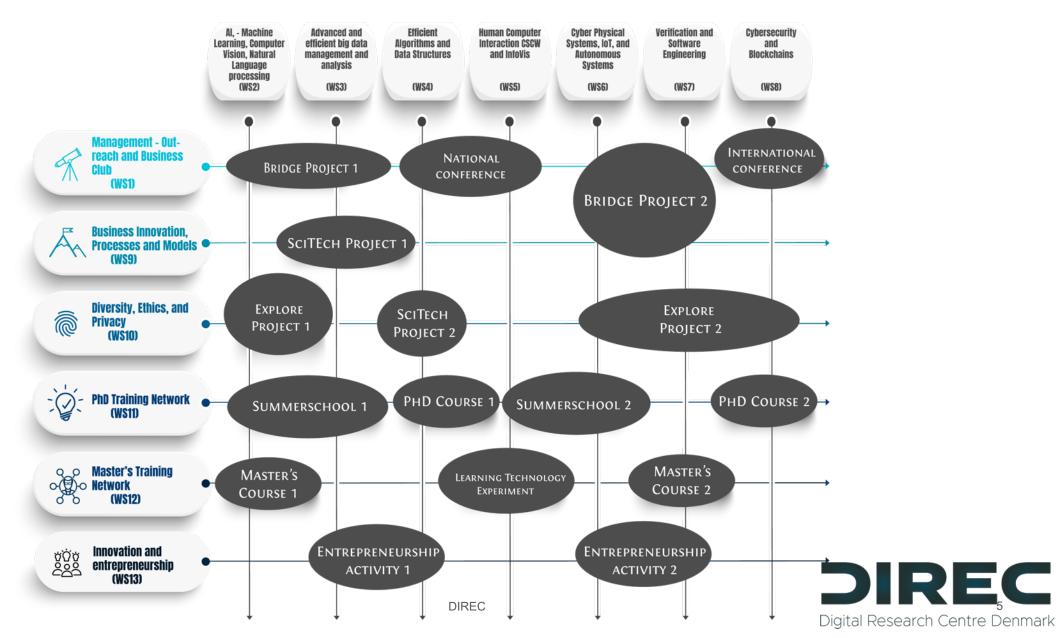
# Purpose of DIREC

- Solve the capacity issue within computer science (CS) research and education for digital technologies across the Danish universities.
- Target research and education activities towards societal challenges and value creation for both business and the public sector.
- Support the government's vision of Denmark as a digital frontrunner.

- Base DIREC on current core CS research themes and international strongholds and to stimulate emerging research themes for digital technologies.
- Expand the research and education capacity in Denmark by means of education and recruitment of excellent researchers at the highest international level.
- Transform research into digital solutions and long-term digital transformations in cooperation with businesses and the public sector.



## Themes, Workstreams, and Projects



# DIREC Educational Goals

- The DIREC centre will address the following objectives:
- 1) increase the number of master graduates
  - ➤ National activities on recruitment, onboarding, retention, teaching infrastructure, ...
- 2) improving gender diversity
  - ➤ National activities on addressing diversity as part of recruitment, onboarding and retention

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- 3) strengthen researcher-student-industry collaboration
  - ➤ National initiatives on coordination of seminars/workshops and new collaboration forms among researcher-student-industry

PROJECT TYPE: EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Software Infrastructures for Teaching at Scale



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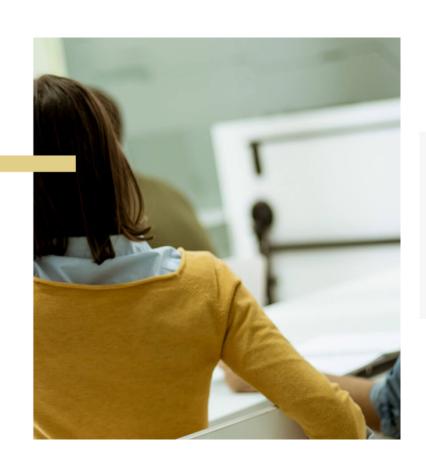
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PROJECT TYPE: EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Supporting Diversity via Inclusive Teaching/Learning Activities



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# Supporting Diversity via Inclusive Teaching / Learning Activities

**Project problems and aims:** Establish inclusive teaching/learning activities that support diversity

## Work plan (Duration: 2 years):

- Year 1: 2-4 partners develop new initiatives and test the initiatives at their universities. The other partners provide feedback on the initiatives and results.
- Year 2: The initiatives are refined based on learnings from year 1. The initiatives are tested at the other partner universities.
- Year 3+: The initiatives are implemented in normal teaching operation.



# Next steps

- DIREC will establish a range of national educational development activities focusing on onboarding and retention at the partners over the next five years. Teachers and head of educations at the partners within the digital area are welcome to approach us with proposals for new activities.
- DIREC will establish new activities to improve recruitment in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
- DIREC will collaborate with other stakeholders to disseminate outcomes from activities, e.g., IT-vest.
- Read more at direc.dk



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