



# EQA in Denmark

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# Agenda

- Reforms in the Danish HE-sector (Season 2, ep. 1-3)
- DAI Strategy: Why, how, what
- Reform of the Danish EQA (The unexpected sequel)

# Competing goals resulting in ...

- We want masters' to be more aimed at "practice" (i.e. the labor market)
- We want a smaller proportion choosing a masters
- We want more and better students to become teachers, nurses etc.
- We also want provision of HE in "rural areas"

# Competing policies and consequences

- Reform of masters: 23% will be shorter, 12 %will be part time
- Unclear what wil happen to professional bachelors, but the short masters may appeal to the "better" students
- HEIs will need to manage more diverse programmes with fewer ressources
- Fewer in engineering and IT-programmes, because HEI's can not afford "rural" provisions

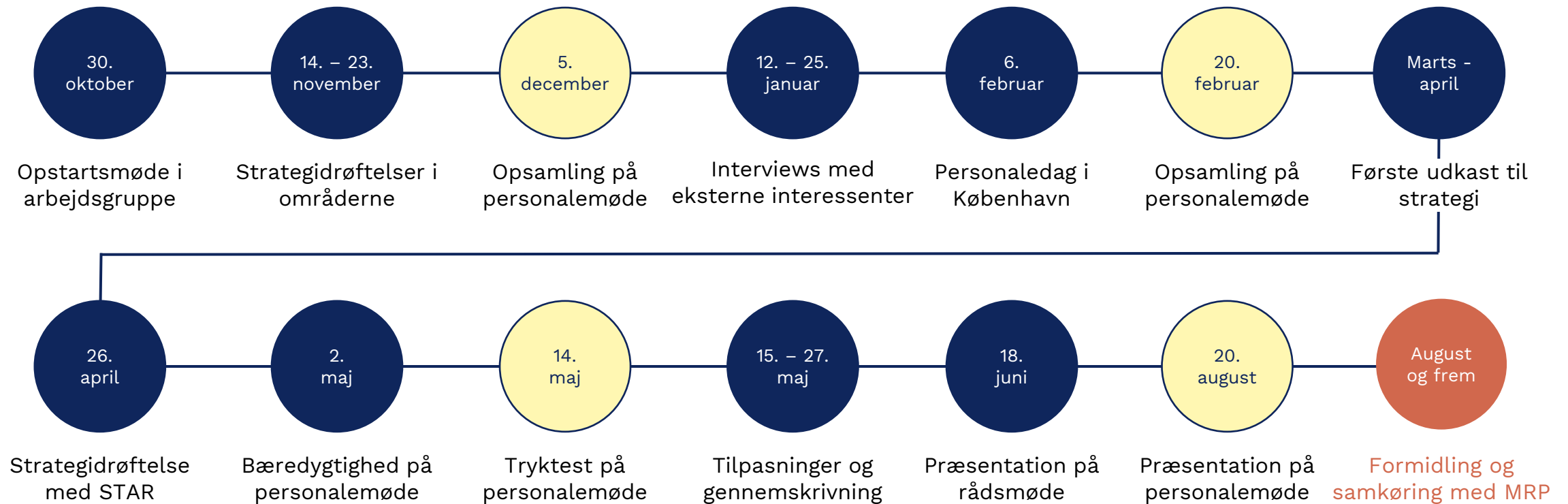
# DAI strategy – why?

Need for long term aim (internal/external incentives)

Integration of

- new activities to optimize and grow
- old activities to optimize and gain a clear profile

# DAI strategy – how?



# DAI strategy – what?

- I. Accreditation & external QA
- II. Knowledge production and dialogue
- III. Evaluation of private programmes et.al.
- IV. A socially and skillwise attractive workplace
- V. AI as a driver in HEIs and DAI
- VI. Sustainability on diverse dimensions

# Reform of the Danish EQA

- New moniker (“DAI”)
- New strategy
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- Let’s shut it down and make it part of the ministry’s agency



# 1 june 2025 (pending the law process):

- From a 6 year to an 8 year cycle
- Lighter touch
- From 35 (37) to 15 people – especially administrative and support functions will laid off
- Moving back to Copenhagen (goodbye ~€200 mill.-renovated building and regionalization of public jobs)
- Hello unclear [OPGAVER etc]

# Any upsides?

- Perhaps a more coherent system for governance, supervision and enhancement oriented dialogue
- Easier career opportunities for (remaining) employees
- A shorter commute for the majority of employees