

ATV's Science and Engineering project

The objective of ATV's Science and Engineering project is to strengthen Denmark's position as a successful science and engineering region.

The project is based on the ambition to create increased insight into and communicate effectively about the importance of science and engineering (S&E) to future wealth and welfare in Denmark.

The Science and Engineering project will contribute to collective building of knowledge and understanding of what it takes to develop and be one of the leading science and engineering regions in the world. The project will function as a knowledge base and provide decision makers at companies, universities and society in general with qualified, sound and reliable analyses and recommendations, which will be communicated in annual *State of the Nation reports*. Based on the analyses, specific initiatives, which will be immediately applicable and value-adding to companies and knowledge environments, will be initiated.

At the same time, raising the profile and documenting the importance of science and engineering – and its associated specialist fields – constitute a separate aim. It will be a contributory factor in a general appreciation of societal investments, which will support the ambition of Denmark as a leading S&E region. It will contribute to increased recruitment to the types of education which are the fundament of the S&E area. And finally, the project is to contribute to the development of a cultural ideal where competences and knowledge of technology and natural science are fundamental elements.

A central aspect of the project is the ambition to develop a new mind-set with focus on science and engineering, and therefore considerable importance will be attached to communication of the project results, which will take place continuously, targeted and through a range of different communication channels. It is our aim that the project and the State of the Nation report will be recognised and experienced as a significant and reliable point of reference in the public debate.

The project will be for the duration of five years with project start on 1 September 2016. The project will be financed by a broad group of private funds and universities. COWIfonden has supported the project with the amount of DKK 500,000 for the first two years of the project.