

Danish Quantum Community

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Andreas Espersen, Director, DI Digital, The Confederation of Danish Industry (DI)



Having served on the board since 2023, I am seeking re-election to the board due to my commitment and passion for advancing the Danish Quantum Community.

In my next term, my focus will be on developing a robust ecosystem that supports innovation and growth within the quantum technology sector. The establishment of a seamless and dynamic ecosystem is imperative to harness the full potential of quantum technologies.

My goal will be to create the optimal framework that includes researchers, academic institutions, industry partners, and policymakers to push the boundaries of quantum knowledge and technology in Denmark. As the largest business organization in Denmark, DI plays a vital role resource in this endeavor.

My extensive experience from my tenure at both the Agency for Digital Government and DI has allowed me to build a substantial network within the Danish government and digital industry.

Utilizing this network, I will focus on fostering connections between various stakeholders to build a collaborative and thriving quantum ecosystem. I am confident that my contributions can promote the interests of the Danish Quantum Community.

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Anne Gladbo, Senior Business Developer, BioInnovation Institute



I bring a broad perspective to the Danish Quantum Community, grounded in a background in theoretical quantum physics, several years in finance, and hands-on experience with early-stage innovation. Over the years, I've worked as a quantitative analyst, data science lead, startup founder, coach, and now as a business developer supporting quantum startups at the BioInnovation Institute. This blend of science, business, and execution gives me a strong understanding of the journey from research to real-world applications.

My motivation for joining the DQC board is rooted in a long-standing fascination with quantum physics. I fell in love with it the first time I heard about it - and I've spent years diving into both the technical and philosophical aspects of the field. Today, my passion lies in helping bring quantum technology out of the lab and into the market. That requires a strong, coherent, and collaborative ecosystem – one that embraces startups, researchers, investors, and industry.

If elected, I will not be representing myself or any single organization – I will be representing the transition from research to market. I will work to foster an ecosystem that is world-class and where researchers, founders, investors, and companies feel supported, inspired, and connected. I want to contribute to a quantum community that is strong, open, collaborative, safe – and fun to be part of. Because I believe that this is the kind of environment where breakthroughs happen.

[Anne Gladbo - LinkedIn](#)

Bent Dalager, KPMG NewTech, Global Head of KPMG Quantum Hub



I have fought for the Quantum Community in Denmark since 2019 as part of the smaller group of people that got this going and I would like to continue to do so. Among contributions is the Danish Quantum eco-system report; numerous talks (and a Tech Talk) on why Quantum Technology is important for business and society; being a part of the working group; securing funding to work with DTU and NBI on quantum tech together with business; and getting the global quantum hub for KPMG to Denmark. Lately several public talks and podcasts regarding Quantum, e.g. Millionærklubben and a special edition on the topic of Quantum Computing.

I was very happy to be a founding member of DQC and my vision is that we will be able to grow a large eco-system of quantum technology research, startups and organisations in Denmark using quantum tech that within a few years will surpass the Netherlands and be known as the hotspot of Europe, not the biggest, but the best – thanks to the universities, the industry and the politicians joining up to create a better and more sustainable future. I will work tirelessly to influence politicians and businesspeople to get them engaged in quantum technology.

With me, you get a voice/text that is able to influence decision makers and politicians. I'm teaching Board Members at CBS on new technology, also at CBS MBA and INSTEAD Executive MBA. I'm number 47 on the latest list of Tech influencers in Denmark (out of 250 that were identified as Tech influencers).

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Cathal Mahon, Chief Business Officer – Deep Tech, BioInnovation Institute (BII)



I am running for a second term on the DQC board because I wish to continue to contribute actively to the development of the Danish Quantum Ecosystem by representing the perspective of not just the DIANA Quantum Accelerator Program – now known as BII Quantum Lab in collaboration with NATO DIANA - but also a broad range of BII's own incubation and accelerator programs for quantum — and quantum-enabling — technology start-ups and spin-outs : I believe that having this start-up related perspective represented in the board will be valuable for DQC's work to foster and grow a thriving quantum eco-system in Denmark.

Since 2016, I have been exclusively involved in the development of the commercial potential of quantum technologies in Denmark, either as interim CEO at Qubiz: Quantum Innovation Center in Denmark, or as Senior Executive Advisor responsible for the commercialization of quantum technology-based intellectual property created at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. In my current role at the BioInnovation Institute (BII), I am responsible for all program activities in relation to Deep Tech: this currently covers Quantum and P2X but will soon include AI as well. In addition, I am also currently a member of the board of Quantum Denmark.

More about myself: I have a scientific background in both engineering and physics holding a M.Sc. in physics from Trinity College, Dublin, and a Ph.D. in electronic engineering from the Technical University of Denmark. In addition, I also hold a graduate diploma in Business Administration from Copenhagen Business School (where I have been an external lecturer).

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Christoffer Mohr Jensen, Quantum Leader, IBM Denmark



I would like to contribute to building the Danish quantum ecosystem and help Denmark flourish in the age of quantum technologies. I am currently leading IBM Denmark's quantum efforts – a responsibility I inherited from Jan B. Lillelund, former DQC board member.

My educational background is in quantum physics from the Niels Bohr Institute, and I've since moved into a role that requires deep technical expertise within a large enterprise that is at the forefront of quantum computing.

This combination of academic foundation and industry-facing experience enables me to bring a multi-faceted perspective to the board—connecting research, enterprise needs, and global developments. I firmly believe in Denmark's potential to become a leader in quantum technologies, and I am motivated to support and drive efforts that can help realize this potential.

- **Education and workforce development** – Support efforts to build quantum skills in Denmark, from student engagement to upskilling professionals.
- **Quantum software and applications R&D** – Advance the use of quantum computing in practical applications through research and collaboration with academia and industry.
- **Global perspective and collaboration** – Draw on international experience to ensure Denmark stays connected to and benefits from broader quantum developments.

- **Cybersecurity and quantum readiness** – Advocate for initiatives that help ensure Denmark's digital resilience in a post-quantum future, and positioning DQC to play a leading role in this area.

I resonate strongly with DQC's mission to unify and strengthen the Danish quantum ecosystem. I see this role as an opportunity to contribute actively to national initiatives and to ensure that Denmark's quantum capabilities are aligned with both local and global opportunities.

[Christoffer Mohr Jensen - LinkedIn](#)

Erik Stangerup, CEO, QunaSys Europe



The period from 1990 to 2016 was the corporate highlight of my career, where I worked for IBM, Sun Microsystems and Hitachi in various international leadership positions. In 2016 I made a transition into SMEs and ultimately co-founded Lotus Microsystems, a fabless microchip manufacturing company. 2016 also marked the beginning of other relevant engagements as I joined the mentor corps at DTU and several boards in aspiring high-tech and deep-tech companies. Since 2021 I have served on the Smart Electronics & Systems Committee of the Confederation of Industries in Denmark (Dansk Industri) and since 2023 as a mentor in the NATO DIANA programme.

At QunaSys, I am deeply engaged in the Danish and European quantum ecosystems, working with research, commercialisation of quantum technology and industry collaboration. I believe my experience working with both corporate and high-growth tech companies represents a relevant commercial complement to the strong academic and sector-specific representation in the board. My vision for DQC as an organisation is that it climbs above the technological hype to grow the level of engagements around real-life applications, acting as a facilitator between companies and quantum vendors.

[Erik Stangerup - LinkedIn](#)

Kurt Stokbro, CEO, Sparrow Quantum



I am a passionate quantum physicist and currently serve full-time as CEO of Sparrow Quantum, where I focus on developing and scaling photonic quantum technologies. I am running for Chair of the Danish Quantum Community (DQC) to help unify and strengthen our national ecosystem across academia, startups, and industry.

My academic journey spans Aarhus University, the Niels Bohr Institute, and a PhD from DTU. I've held faculty positions at both DTU and the University of Copenhagen, providing me with broad insight into Denmark's academic landscape. Over the last 20 years, I have transitioned into entrepreneurship—founding and scaling companies, raising capital, managing both exits and setbacks, and contributing to quantum strategy at Novo Seeds.

Today, I remain deeply involved in the Danish quantum startup scene, holding equity in SiPhotonIC, Molecular Quantum Solutions, and Sparrow Quantum. These experiences give me a strong understanding of the sector's needs—from research to commercialization. As Chair of DQC, I will work to align interests across the ecosystem, foster collaboration, and promote Denmark as a global leader in quantum technology

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Maria Cerdà Sevilla, Head of Quantum DTU



As the newly appointed Head of Quantum DTU, I am honored to present my candidacy for the DQC Board. I bring a pan-European perspective and hands-on experience at the intersection of academia, industry, and policymaking in quantum technologies.

My background includes serving as a Quantum Technology Expert at the European Quantum Industry Consortium (QuIC), where I contributed to shaping standards, interoperability frameworks, and industrial roadmaps for quantum technologies. I have evaluated European Commission programs advancing semiconductor and quantum innovation and supported deep-tech innovation and education as a project manager at TUM Venture Labs. My research roots lie in theoretical physics, with academic experience from Humboldt University, TUM, and a PhD in physics from the University of Liverpool.

Now leading Quantum DTU – DTU’s gateway to quantum research and innovation – I work daily with researchers, start-ups, and industrial partners. DTU is the third-largest patent application in Denmark and among Europe’s top technical universities, with a strong focus on applied quantum science. I see significant opportunities to bring this capacity to serve the wider Danish quantum ecosystem.

If elected, I will prioritize:

- **Driving alignment with European and global quantum standards** to ensure Danish technologies are interoperable and competitive.

- **Scaling quantum education** by strengthening academic-industry collaborations, supporting talent pipelines, and aligning curricula with emerging skills needs.
- **Fostering commercialization** by connecting academic research with industrial deployment and policy support.
- **Enhancing strategic partnerships** across national and international stakeholders to secure Denmark's leadership in quantum innovation.

I am deeply impressed by the energy and ambition of the Danish quantum ecosystem and would be proud to contribute my experience and current role to help shape DQC's strategic direction. My goal is to support a vibrant, inclusive, and globally leading quantum community in Denmark.

[Maria Cerdà Sevilla – LinkedIn](#)

Sune Bro Dunn, Research & Development Manager, Topsil Global Wafers A/S



As the representative of a Danish company with active involvement in the evolution of the Quantum technology field, I wish to register my candidacy for a DQC board member position. Topsil's primary stake in the Quantum community stems from the close connection between the fields of semiconductors and Quantum computing & sensing, representing the frontier of technological innovation with a rising level of investment in realworld applications and commercial products.

The full potential of Topsil's ultrapure Float Zone (FZ) silicon material for Quantum applications is continuously being investigated and expanded day by day. Topsil is a part of several quantum related R&D projects, and I envision a future in which we can offer customized semiconductors for Quantum. Thus tailoring from our platform to suit the needs of specific niches within the field.

Topsil is Denmark's largest semiconductor company with several international customers in Quantum computing and sensing. Topsil offers a strong global network with access to important players across the semiconductor value chain. This includes top universities and research institutions worldwide.

Acknowledging the importance of Topsil's technology platform, the company has obtained

substantial government co-funding for the development of next generation ultrapure FloatZone wafers. Should I be appointed as a DQC board member, my focus will be to assist DQC and the Danish position in Quantum technology in becoming even stronger. By leveraging Topsil's industry standing and global reach, we will be fostering collaboration nationally and internationally.

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