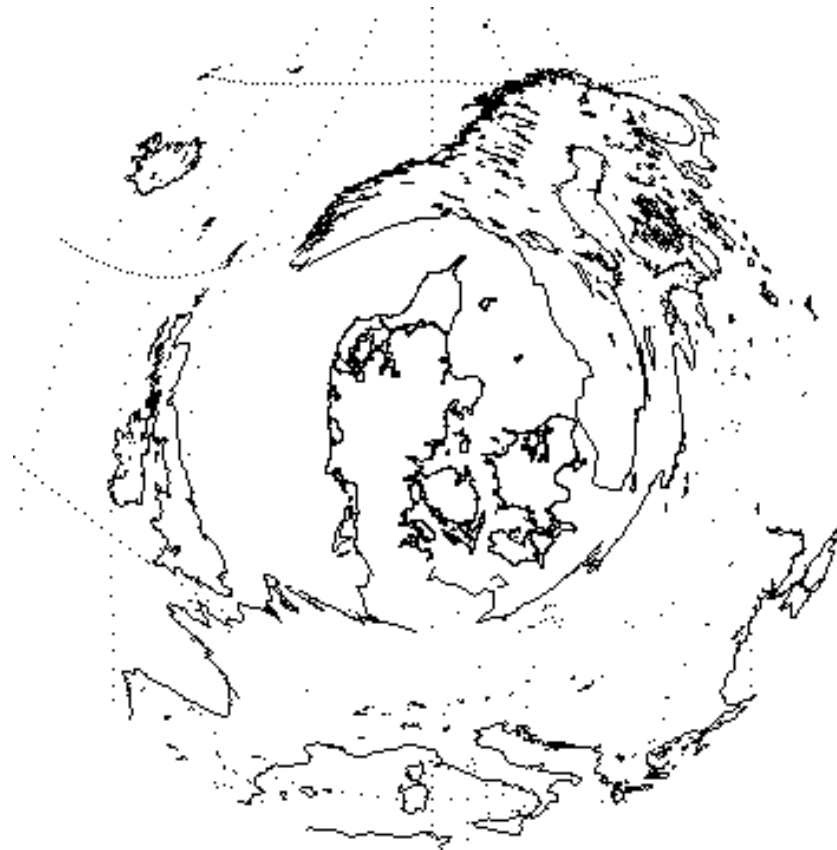


Denmark



Careers I

**My dad is a baker, his taste is the
best in muffins and cakes**

**And I am his aid, a real bunny maid
I've got what it takes**

**My career is in baking, it's not my
intent**

I'd rather be seen in a big circus tent

Careers II

**My mom has a circus, an oldfashioned
one with horses and clowns**

**I swing the trapeze, I sell candy and
sweets, yell announcements in towns**

**But the ring is no good place for me
when instead**

**I'd much rather that my career was in
bread**

Danish Forum

National Dialogue Forum for Educational
and Vocational Guidance

Nationalt Dialogforum for
Uddannelses- og Erhvervsvejledning

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1961 – 1981 – 2004 (+ 2008)

- **1961 National Council for Vocational Guidance** (consultation & policy development)
- **1981 National Council for Educational and Vocational Guidance** (consultation & policy development & systems development; publishing company)
- **2004 National Dialogue Forum for Educational and Vocational Guidance** (dialogue)
- **+ 2008 National Council for Adult Guidance** (consultation)

DK Forum Members (2004)

- Approx 25 appointed members
- Representing social partners, ministries (education, labour, integration), students' associations, guidance professionals' associations, municipalities, etc (4 years)
- 11 personal members (2 years)
- Secretariat: Min of Education
- Chairperson: Min of Education

Meetings

- 3-4 yearly plenary meetings
- Sub committees on e.g. quality assurance, target groups, competencies of guidance professionals, lifelong guidance, etc
- + informal meetings 😊

SWOT

- Strength: **Installed by law**
- Weakness: **A talking shop**
- Opportunity: **Policy driver**
- Threat: **Powerless**

DK reflection?

- *Given Denmark's experience of national forums and the 2004 establishment of the new Dialogue Forum, its participation in this project as presented in its final project report does not appear to have provoked much reflection at the National Dialogue Forum concerning itself as a working model of a forum (MEDSUI, 2006).*