



Mr. Rasmus Horn Langhoff
President of the Committee for Education and Research
Parliament of Denmark, Folketinget

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Dear Mr. Langhoff,

Innovation is at the heart of the Nordic model and in the branding of the Nordic region in the world. Considering the extraordinary advances that innovation brought in the technical domains of the Artificial Intelligence (AI), we need to have an open debate on benefits and drawbacks of AI, including ethical dilemma that AI poses to our Nordic values such as trust, transparency and innovation.

Across the engineering profession, there is an increasing recognition that in a data driven and globally connected world, ethical considerations need to be an explicit and integral part of engineering. However, the responsibility cannot lay only on engineers' shoulders. Engineering solutions, whether disruptive or not, are developed within the context of business models, and are dependent on regulatory and governance frameworks.

Therefore, this year the Association of Nordic Engineers, ANE¹ jointly with the IT university of Copenhagen has conducted a hackathon: *Nordic engineers' stand on artificial intelligence and ethics*. We would like to draw your attention to [policy recommendations](#) that came out of the deliberations, particularly the one pointing to the need for **anchoring discussions on the political level and advancing public understanding on AI**.

This could be accomplished through the creation of a platform - a meeting space that would engage decision makers, business, academia, civil society and professionals including engineers to come up with stable and transparent solutions for AI.

We in ANE strongly believe that the political level in the Nordic Region should play a central role in framing discussions on AI and ethics. Consequently, we have addressed the letters to the Nordic Council of Ministers and Ministers responsible for digitalisation in the Nordic countries. A separate letter was also sent to the Committee for Growth and Development in the Nordic Council.

¹ www.nordicengineers.org

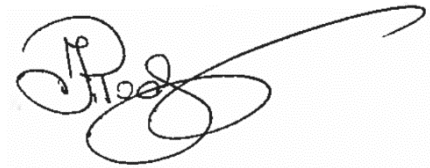
We hope you will find our recommendations stimulating, and from our side we would be ready to share our expertise in advancing discussions on AI and ethics in the Nordic Region. We would also be ready to present the recommendations at one of your forthcoming committee meetings.

The outcomes of the hackathon held on 25 September 2018 can be found in the [report](#). In addition, this short [movie](#) pictures well the objective of the event.

Yours sincerely,



Trond Markussen
President



Inese Podgaiska
Secretary General

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Relevant Committees in the National Parliaments in other Nordic countries
Danish Society of Engineers, IDA
Ida Auken, Member of Parliament, Co-chairwomen of the SIRI-Commission

Separate letter also to:

EU Commission/High-level expert group on Artificial Intelligence

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