



Mapping comparable small disciplines in Europe and Scandinavia

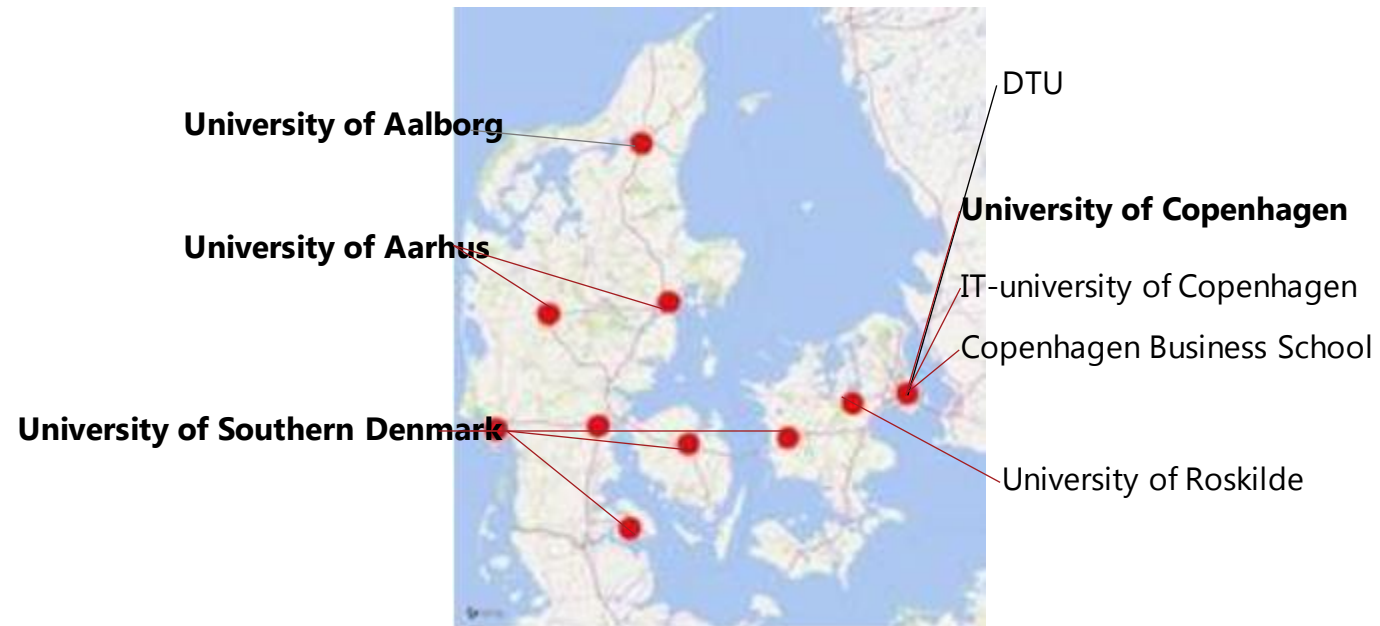
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'Small disciplines' in Denmark

- Defined by teaching programs:
 - Intake of >20 students at BA, 10 at KA
 - One university as single provider
 - 'Substantial number of identifiable ECTS'
- Confined to Humanities
 - Modern languages
 - Classics
 - Music Pedagogics



Small disciplines in Denmark – financial support



- Governmental council *Småfagsråd*
 - Research councils, stakeholder institutions (Danish Industries, Danish Chamber of Commerce), university representatives
 - Support for 10 small subjects of 'special societal significance' on fiscal act: 233.000 Euros/year
- University support
 - At UCPH: Strategic decision to maintain broad range of small disciplines
- Research Support
 - Danish private and public funds support small subjects to same extent as other types of research

Developing small disciplines at the University of Copenhagen

Background



Development of the educational landscape at the Faculty of Humanities



Development of small disciplines at the University of Copenhagen

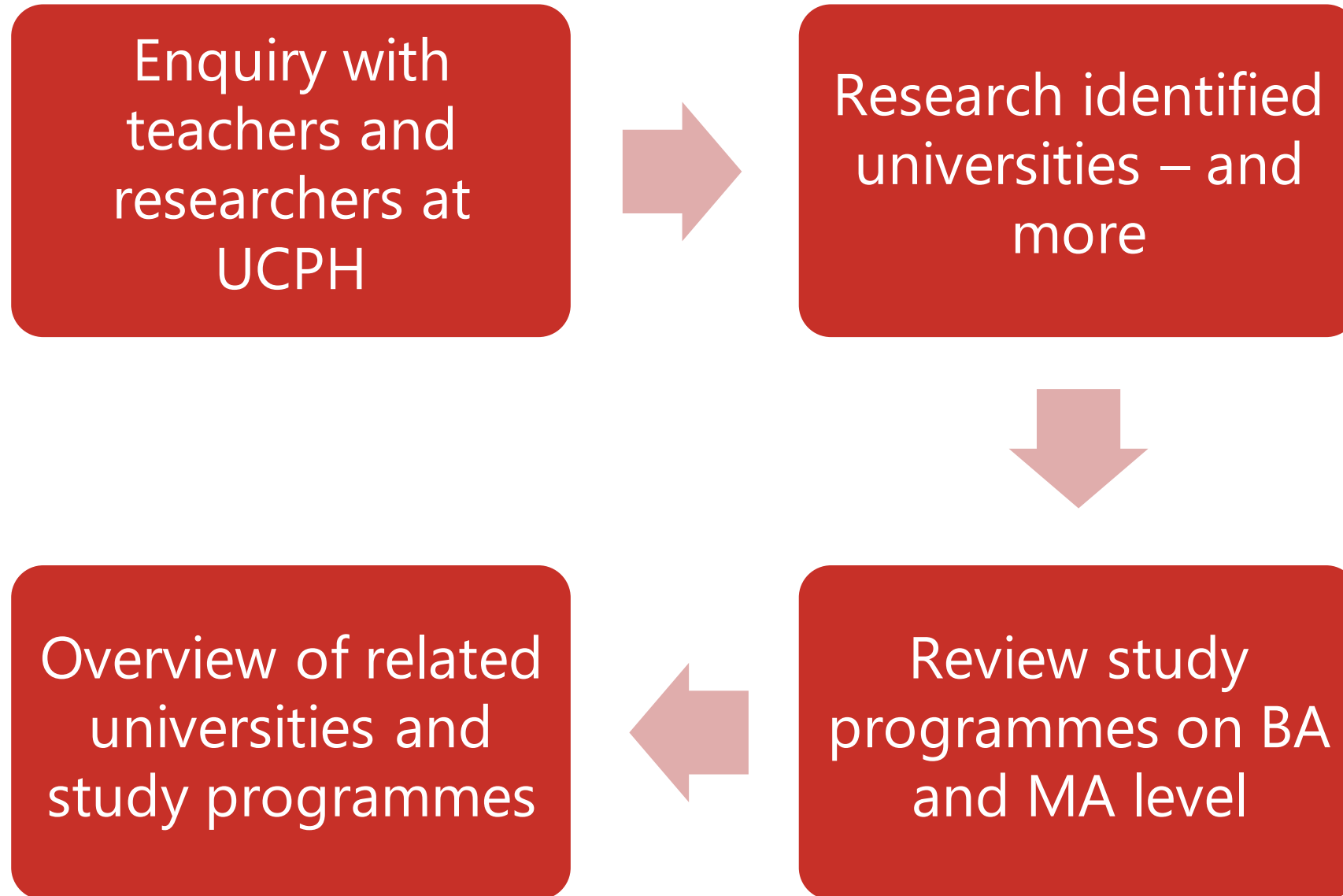


Small disciplines defined by number of students enrolled



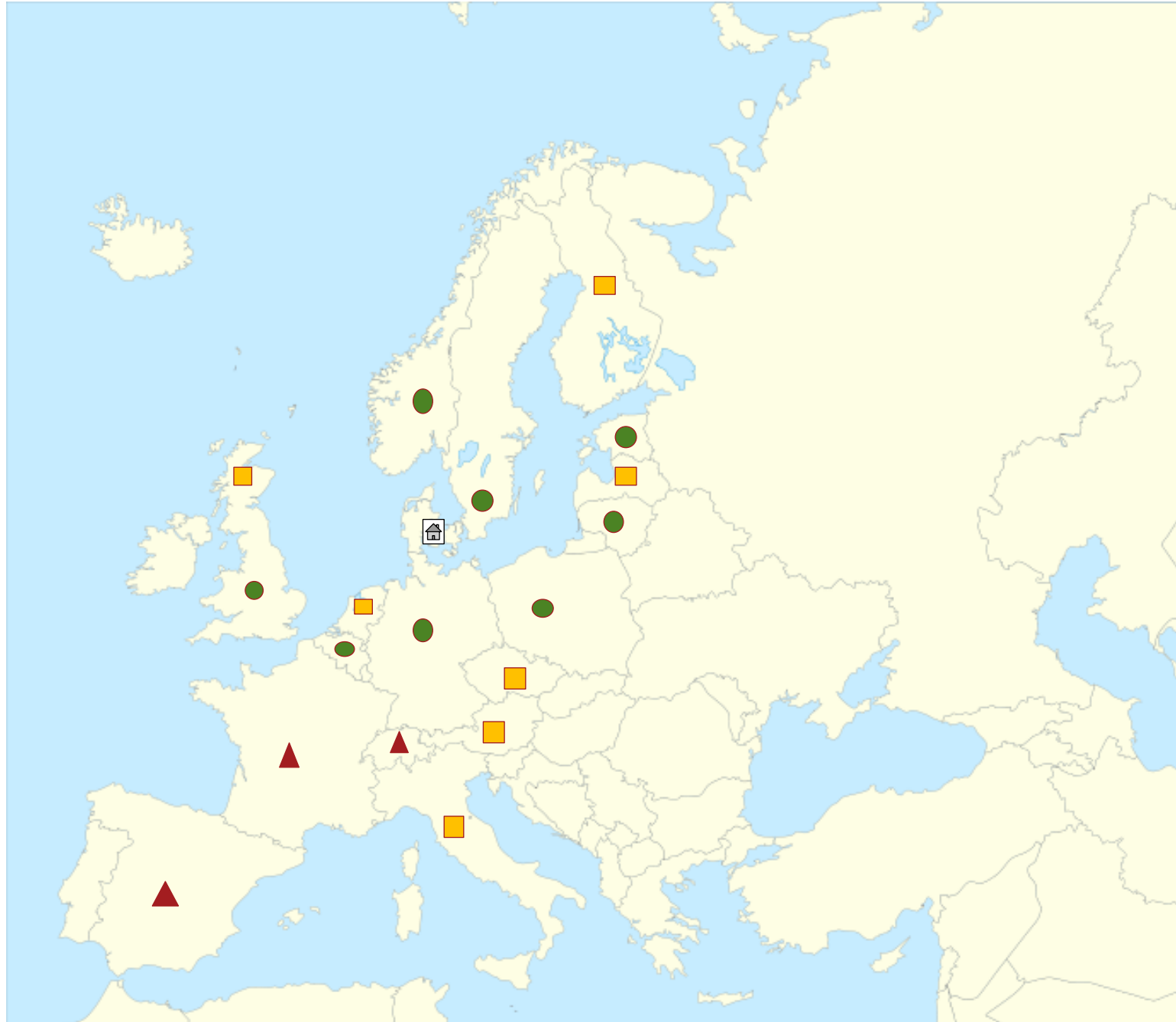
Solutions needed → both economic and didactic challenges

Mapping methodology



Territory explored

-  Well covered – good overview
-  Partly covered - still research to be done
-  Minimally covered – next frontier



Small disciplines in Denmark – what about other countries?

- Danish situation ≠ situation in other countries
- Approach ≠ identify small disciplines
- Points in direction of small academic communities
- Further interest in gaining insight into situation in other European countries

Purpose of the map at UCPH



Create and expand networks with related academic communities



Identify potential educational partnerships



Comparing curriculum structure and content



Educational cooperation
→ hybrid teaching

Next step

- Finance bill negotiations 2024
 - Development of database
- *Småfagsråd*: next award (2025-27)
 - Rethinking of mandate: What is 'special societal significance'?
 - Security, cultural heritage, 'Danish Realm'
- Danish Universities
 - Humanities committee: development of cooperation between Humanistic Faculties in Denmark