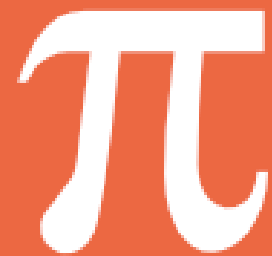
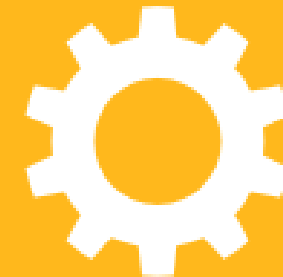
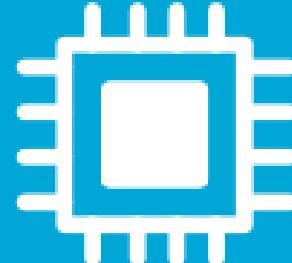
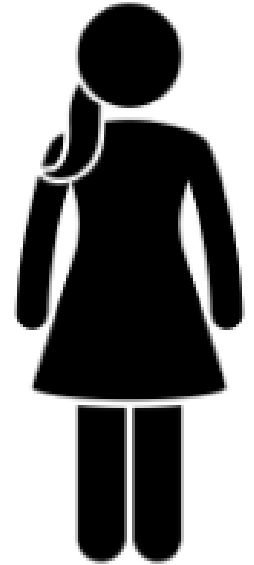
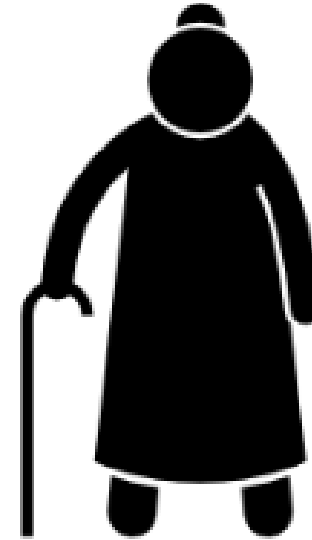
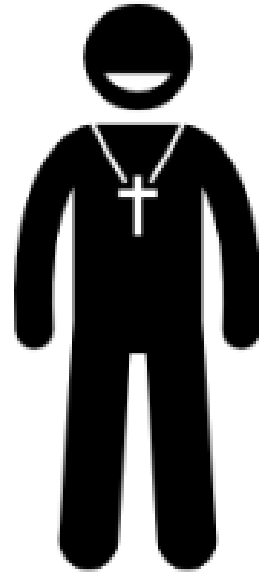


Inclusive Research and Innovation (IRI) in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

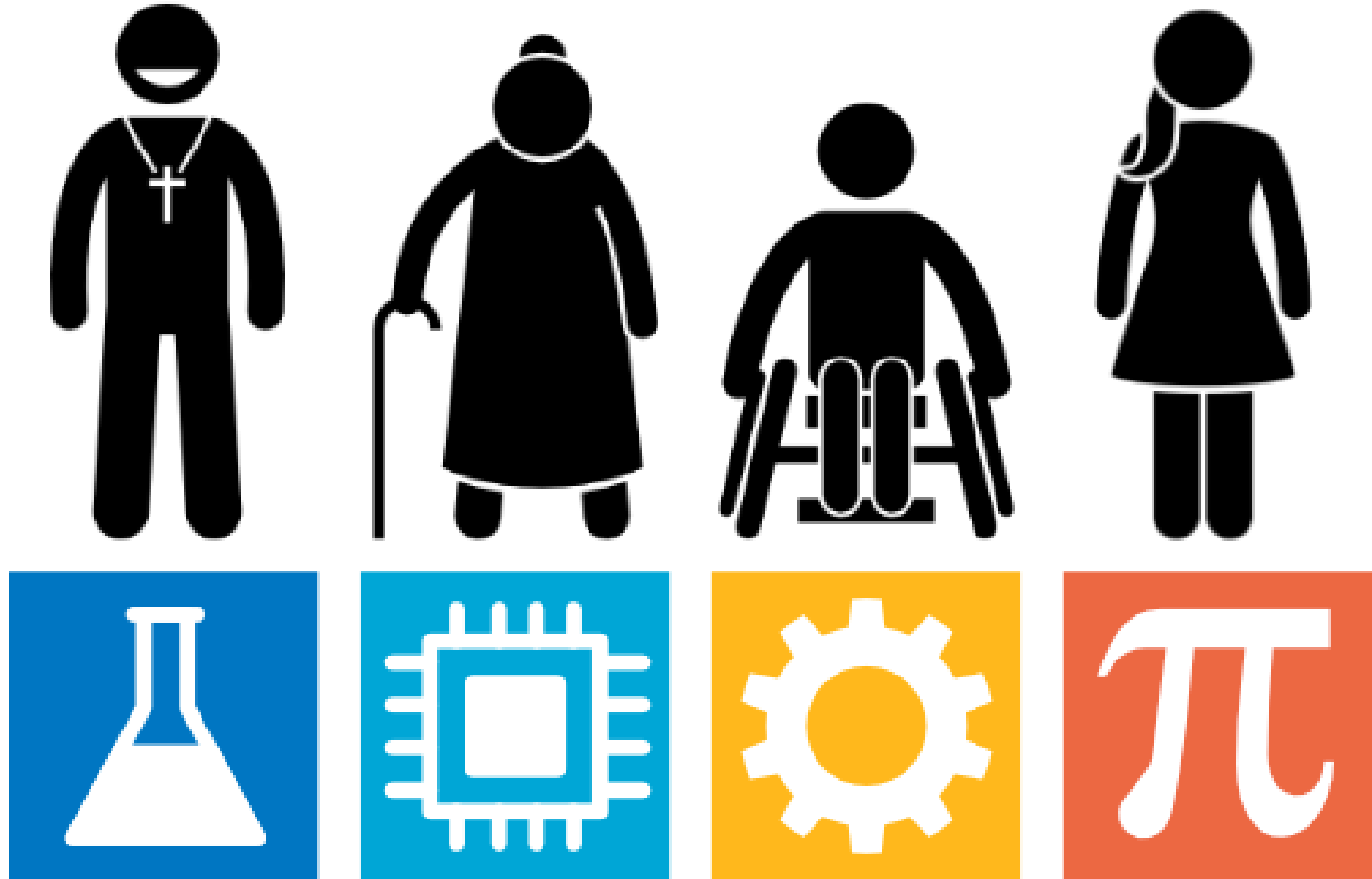
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Beyond representative human beings in STEM

- Focus on ‘representative’ human beings in STEM
- with consequences for all others (e.g. [Perez, 2019](#))
 - Health: trials with 18-45 year old men
 - Cars: crash test dummies as ‘average’ man
 - Algorithms mirroring biases

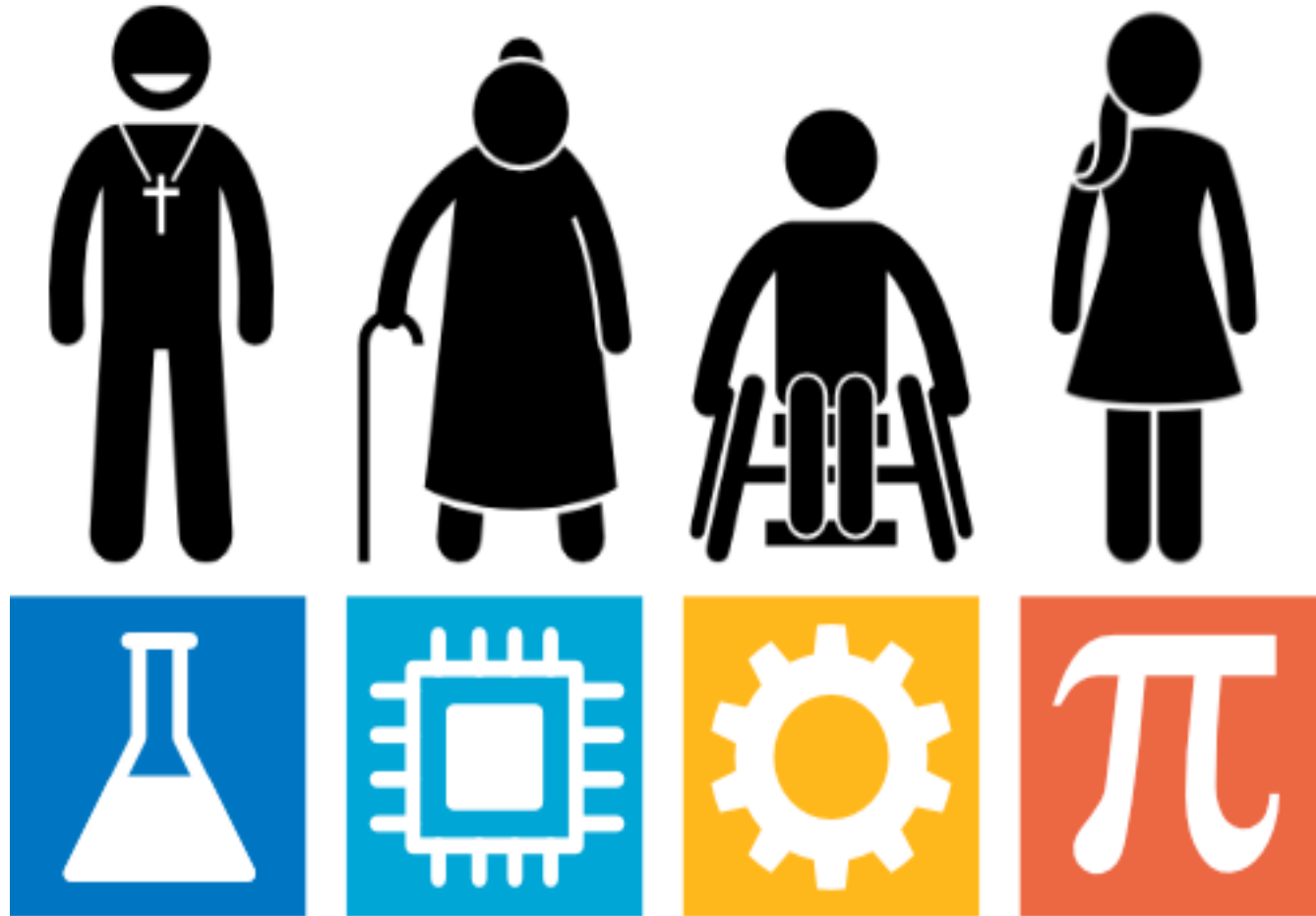


Towards IRI in STEM

Gendered Research and Innovation (GRI): sex and gender as drivers of scientific discovery (EU Commission, 2020)

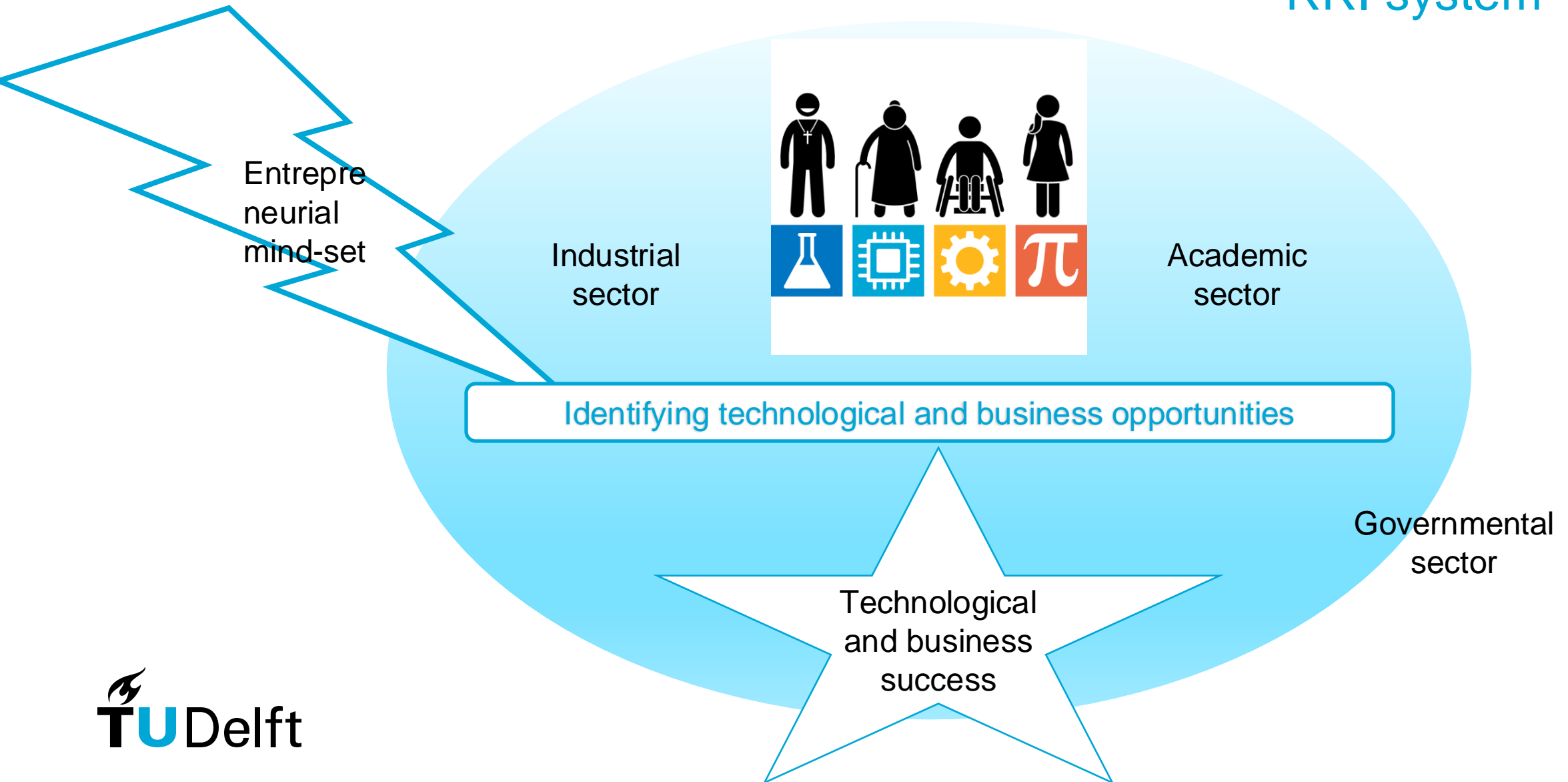
Uptake in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe disappointing (Cheveigne et al., 2017)

IRI in STEM: innovative agents carry out their projects by exploring and exploiting the potential of diversity of human beings in all its facets to drive scientific discovery and innovation.



Conceptualization of IRI in STEM: considering economics and ethics

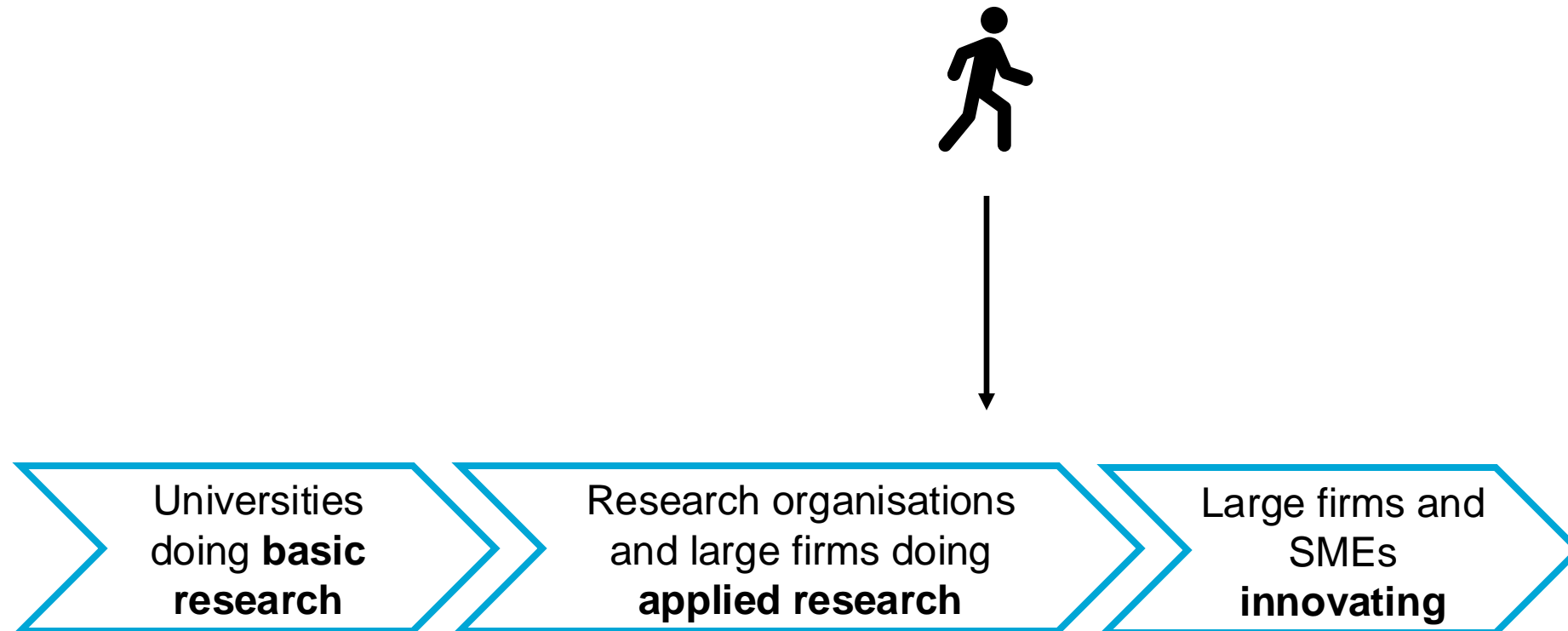
RRI system



Empirics of IRI in STEM

based on 18 engineering project in EU project ATTRACT2

under the spell of the linear model of innovation



Bottlenecks IRI in STEM

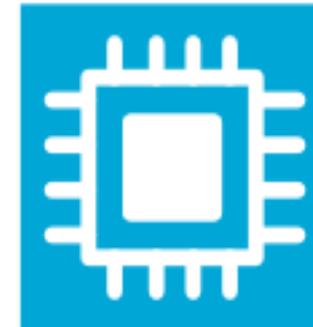
throughout research and innovation

- keep considering the diversity of human beings
- keep collaborating with relevant innovative agents and stakeholders

Data

- collection of data of diverse human beings
- knowledge on tools how to analyse this data

based on Podcast Series IRI in STEM



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Thank you very much!

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