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Lene Lange is a Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering at Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Denmark. She is now back doing research full-time after having reached research director-level positions in both industry and academia, thereby acquiring extensive experience with all parts of the knowledge value chain: research, technology, development, innovation and commercialization. She has been leading her own research group in parallel with managerial positions throughout her career.

Her professional career includes experiences and career positions in both private and public research institutes. After a post-doc position, she was employed as scientist at DANIDA Research Institute (1978–1986). The major part of her career, spanning 1987–2007, took place in the private biotech industry (Novo, Novo Nordisk, Novozymes A/S), ultimately reaching a top research career position (Director of Research, in Molecular Biotechnology) within Novozymes R&D.

In February 2007, Lange returned to academia, first as Head of the Department of Biology, University of Copenhagen, and from September 2008 as Dean of Research and Professor in Biotechnology at Aalborg University, Denmark. Then, from 2012–2014, she was promoted to Director of Research at Aalborg University and since 2015, she has been a full time Researcher and Professor at DTU.