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and
the Nordic Societal Security Programme

History of Nordic collaboration…

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…when did Nordic co-operation start?

1962 Helsinki Agreement

1971 Nordic Council of Ministers

1990s Nordisk forskerutdanningsakademi (NorFA)

2005 NordForsk

Galdhøpiggen
2469

Kebnekaise
2102

Hvannadalshnjúkur
2110

Gunnbjørn Fjeld
3700

Halti
1328

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- Platform for joint Nordic research and research policy development in the Nordic countries

- Established by the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2005

- Aim is to facilitate cooperation in all fields of research when this adds value to work being conducted nationally

- Main stakeholders are the national research financing bodies in the five Nordic Countries

- Basic funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers and additional funding by stakeholders, especially the Research Councils in the different countries

Funding principles

- The Nordic financiers contribute to common pot of the programmes (usually funded 1/3 by NordForsk basic budget and 2/3 by national research financiers)

- Main applicant to be based in co-funding Nordic country

- International cooperation encouraged in all programmes

- All programmes open for participation of individual researchers from other regions (researcher mobility; guest researchers)

- All programmes open to research teams and institutions from other regions, provided that these document their contribution to the project budget

Nordic Centre of Excellence

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- … are established to strengthen cooperation between outstanding researchers, research groups and research institutions within areas of priority for the Nordic countries.

- … add value to research done in the countries and increase the impact of Nordic research in Europe and worldwide.

- … work based on a single research agenda, joint management, coordinated researcher training, communication, and research infrastructure collaboration.

- … are normally 5 years, more than 2,5 M€ Nordic funding

- …have a standard procedure: Mid-term and final evaluation, regular meetings, communication, interaction with a Scientific Advisory Board etc.

Some ongoing joint Nordic programs and initiatives

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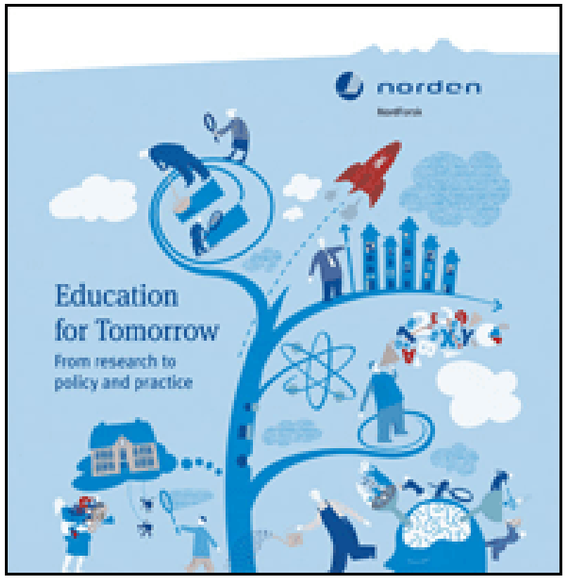
- Health and Well-being
- Nordic eScience Globalisation Initiative (NeGI)
- Education for Tomorrow
- Top-level research initiative
- Joint Nordic Initiative on Arctic Research
- JPI Climate
- Green Growth
- Societal Security
- Nordic Infrastructure Collaboration



Nordic Societal Security Programme

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Objective

- To develop new knowledge about and solutions for the many aspects of societal security affecting the Nordic countries.

Rationale

- The Programme builds on existing close Nordic cooperation in the area of societal security that has been strengthened through several political initiatives (e.g. the Haga Declaration from 2009)

- Higher degree of Nordic excellence and significant, targeted results can be achieved together by means of a common investment in a multi-year programme that links together existing research groups.

Nordic Societal Security Programme

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- Thematic Profile

The programme addresses questions of:

- vulnerabilities,
- resilience and capabilities for crisis management related to prevention,
- preparedness,
- response and recovery.

- Current budget
  - 20 M.NOK are allocated from NordForsk
  - 10 M.SEK are allocated from MSB in Sweden
  - 10 M.NOK are allocated from DSB in Norway
  - 0,5 M.NOK are allocated from RANNIS in Iceland
  - 1 M.EURO are allocated from Academy of Finland

Nordic Societal Security Programme

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Status

- A two stage programme call for proposals for Nordic Centres of Excellence in Societal Security was launched in 2013.

- In June 2014 NordForsk board, based on the Nordic Societal Security Programme Committee recommendation, decided to fund two new Nordic Centres of Excellence

  - NordSTEVA – James Peter Burgess fra Peace Research Institute, Oslo
  - NORDRESS – Guðrún Gísladóttir fra Institute for Sustainability Studies

- NordForsk is working on the programme dissemination

Call

- Deadline January 2014
- NordForsk administrative processes

Evaluation Process March 2014

- In Depth Evaluation
- Peer-review Panel

Societal Security PC recomondation April 2014

- Nordic added value
- Flagship/Lighthouse

NordForsk Board funding decision June 2014

- NORDRESS (23 MNOK)
- NORDSTEVA (22 MNOK)

NordForsk administration of new NCoE's

- Approval of budgets
- Approval of updated project plan
- Contract signed with Programme Manager (institution)

A new NCoE established

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RC = Research Council
PC = Programme Committee
PM = Project Manager
PL = Project Leader
SAB= Scientifc Advisory Board
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NordForsk Board
(representatives from the five national RC
Funding deciosion

Directing the Programme
Strategic management
Decisions making about NCoE's
Other activities

-General Administration
-Prgm coordination
-Prgm Communication (external/internal)
-Preparing prgm initiatives
-Other tasks set by NF board and PC

PC funding recommendations
Reporting
Strategic management

-Contract
- PC decisions
- Annual follow up
- Other tasks
- Annual administrative report
- Finance/Budget
-Annual scientific report
-NCoE participation in activities as requested by NF

Nordic Societal Security PC
(representatives from co-funding partners)

NordForsk Secretariat
(Administration)

NCoE
NORDRESS
(University of Iceland)

- SAB annual report
-Recommendation to PC

SAB
Societal Security Programme

-Annual meeting
-Feedback to NCoE from SAB
-Other tasks as set by the PC

Scientific Advisory Board

- Gives scientific advice to the NCoEs and the Programme Committee

- Contributes to the monitoring and strengthening of the scientific work as well as to the development of the programme as a whole

- Regular meetings with the NCoEs and the Programme Committee

- The NCoEs will report their activities to the SAB and discuss progress and possible improvements

- SAB reports to the Programme Committee

- Scientific Advisory Board for The Nordic Programme on Societal Security: 7 members: 3 experts for each NCoE and a chair

Reporting to NordForsk

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Annual reporting

- Administrative report: budget, participants, any deviations
- Scientific report
  - Will be evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Board
- Annual reporting (calendar year) deadline 31 March, starting 2016
- Funding for the following next year will be paid after NordForsk has approved the annual report

Final reporting

- Three months after the completion of the project period
- Any unused funds shall be reimbursed to NordForsk
- Project manager is responsible for reporting

Annual Meetings

- Arena for discussion between the NCoEs, The Scientific Advisory Board and the Programme Committee

- The annual report serves as background material for the SAB meeting

- Active participation from the NCoEs is important

- First annual meeting in late spring 2016

- Can be organised together with other programme activities (dissemination, end-user collaboration)