

NKS coordination meeting 27 November 2024 (Teams meeting)

Participants:

Per Seltborg (PS), Kasper G Andersson (KGA), Teemu Siiskonen (TS), Ari-Pekka Leppänen (APL), Ninos Garis (NG), Finn Physant (FP).
 PC = programme coordinators (KGA, TS). SEK = secretariat (FP).

Program: 27 November 2024 Teams meeting 14.00 to 16.00 CET Coordination meeting

Agenda (draft):

Minutes:

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 13 May 2024.	PS welcomed the participants and noted that NG participated in this meeting in order to support PS. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the May meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the May meeting have been carried out. Only the delay of the WPS-MAF activity has to be dealt with (see meeting item 5).
2	Board meeting 6 June 2024 – follow-up.	All actions from the June board meeting involving the coordination group have been carried out. Only the delay of the WPS-MAF activity has to be dealt with (see meeting item 5).
3	Financial situation 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year’s contributions. 	The owners expect their contributions in 2025 to be at the same level as in 2024. Fortum will continue its contribution in 2025 at € 27,500 (as in 2024). Ringhals, Forsmark and OKG continue their contributions of € 13,000 each in 2025 (as in 2024). IFE will continue its contribution of NOK 120,000 (as in 2024) in 2025.
4	Financial status report November 2024.	FP presented the present financial situation, which is as planned. The reserve level is ca. 0,51 MDKK.
5	Brief administrative status report from R and B incl. Call for Proposals. Budget frames for new R and B activities 2025.	APL presented the status of the 2024 activities of the R-part. Generally the NKS-R projects are progressing well: FEMMA, INSOLE, POSEIDON, REPoUSSES, Nordic-SMART, CURES, PAS-SMR and STATUS. Two reports from 2023 are pending: The final report from DATA4DECOM is nearly finished. Publication in December?

The final report from TRIO is waiting for article submission. The article was rejected once.

Published reports in 2024: INSOLE, FEMMA 2023, BREDA 2023 and STATUS.

NKS-R seminars/workshops:

- DATA4Decom held a decommissioning webinar in May.
- Nordic-SMART held a workshop titled “Workshop to harmonize SSZs and GR estimates” between 24-25.6.2024.
- INSOLE will be hosting an online seminar on December 11th, 2024

Young scientist travel assistance: No requests for young scientist travels.

APL presented the status of CfP 2025:

- 11 NKS-R proposals were received
5 continued activities (FEMMA, REPoUSSES, PAS-SMR, Nordic-SMART and POSEIDON)
6 new proposals (CADESU, NUCLEAD, SAFECOM, ROB60, Realife-AI and THAT-WAS)

Same number of proposals as last year.

Applications from 6/7 NKS-R programme areas.

- CfP 2025 proposals amount to 6208 kDKK
sum of continued activities: 2850 kDKK
- Available funding for 2025: ~3000 kDKK (estimated)

APL presented the funding result based on the evaluation. After some discussion and considering the possible amount of money for the grants, APL will present more funding alternatives for PS in due time before the January AG and board meetings.

APL gave special attention to WPS-MAF and ROB60 with suggestions for the board.

PS noted that focus should be kept on the full funding of the activities.

KGA presented the status of the B-part: overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well

Delayed activities initiated before 2024

- *None*

Activites commencing in 2024

		<p>- All activities progressing according to (in some cases slightly revised) schedule: DISARM, RADWORKSHOP, REALMORC, SAMLOC, MONI, MAREPR, THREATSEM.</p> <p>Three young scientist travel claims in 2024. The 15 kDKK budget was only enough for one and a half person. People cueing for 2025 support... KGA asked for the young scientist budget in 2025 to be looked at. Final reports received or published on the website since last board meeting: TEMEDET, GAMMASKILL, REALMORC, DISARM, PRICOMOB, AMSPECNORDOS, ANTHROPIC.</p> <p>NKS-B seminars in 2024: RADWORKSHOP, THREATSEM, MAREPR.</p> <p>Summary of Cfp NKS-B 2025: 9 proposals for NKS-B activities were submitted. 1 proposal was for a continued activity. Emergency preparedness 4 activities, 1934 kDKK Measurement technology and strategy 4 activities, 1904 kDKK Radioecological assessments 1 activity 312 kDKK The total amount requested was 4150 kDKK from an expected budget of 3000 kDKK.</p> <p>The seven projects with the highest average score cost 3056 kDKK. KGA made 3 funding recommendations with costs of 3000 kDKK and more. PS asked for a specification with a little more details, which KGA will provide.</p> <p>NG asked why numbers were missing in the table presenting grades given by the evaluators. KGA answered that the evaluators for instance don't evaluate proposals, which they are participating in themselves.</p> <p>PS summarized meeting item 5 by noting: That the funding of B and R each by 3000 kDKK could be set as an average amount over some years and That there could be kept track of equal funding of B and R over the years.</p>
6	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts PC, SEK, auditor. <p>Documents to be presented to the advisory group and board at their January 2025 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document "Instructions for evaluators: Call for Proposals" – to be updated as needed. 	<p>FP had prepared new contracts: KGA/DTU and FP/FRIT. TS will get back within a week or two about the PC-R contract with STUK.</p> <p>The final drafts will be uploaded to the board meeting website. The agreement with the auditor is nearly unchanged and will be uploaded to the board meeting website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Framework documents as well as the</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for NKS B and NKS R – to be updated as needed. 	<p>”Instructions...” document were to be presented to the advisory group (and board) at the January meetings.</p>
7	<p>The Website and other information activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website statistics • NewsLetters, NewsFlashes • NKS and LinkedIn 	<p>FP presented the document ”Short note on status of the website, NewsLetters etc.” The presentation of present ongoing information activities will be given by FP at the January board meeting. The running user statistics have been focused on the monthly number of visitors. A relatively high level of visitors was - as through many years – noted in connection with this year’s CfP in the Autumn. It was unusual this year that the highest website activity did appear already during August. Since the June board meeting 5 NewsFlashes have been distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 13: R/B CfP 2025, upcoming seminars, new publications, young scientist travel assistance and NKS on LinkedIn • September 2: CfP 2025 announcement • October 1: CfP 2025 reminder • October 10: NKS R and B seminar 2025, Stockholm, 1st announcement • October 25: Invitation to build new strong Nordic project connections <p>There is a list of addresses to which our newsletters are distributed of more than 450 addresses. A NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after the January board meeting. NKS now has 259 followers on LinkedIn.</p>
8	<p>NKS R and B seminar 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of planning • Actions 	<p>KGA presented the document ”Stockholm Seminar 2025” including the schedule for speakers, invitations agreed on and plan ahead. After some discussion it was agreed that KGA could start up the invitation process. FP presented a first draft seminar budget, which also will be presented to the board at its January meeting.</p>
9	<p>Progress with meetings to enhance co-financier involvement in NKS-B projects</p>	<p>KGA presented the document ”Swedish co-financier events” with the overall plan and progress. A meeting for the science and research community had been held on 21 November with 17 participants and a meeting for the industry community had been held on 26 November. A workshop on this issue the day after the 2025 NKS seminar in Stockholm could be a part result of the process. KGA will make a progress presentation at the January AG and board meetings.</p>

10	<p>The 15 January 2025 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Budget • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	<p>The draft agenda was presented by FP. PS will get back to FP about updates if needed.</p> <p>The budget proposal of 21 November was presented and discussed, and PS and FP will continue work on the budget until final upload of board material.</p> <p>All meeting material should be uploaded no later than 10 January 2025. The site will be opened 16 December 2024.</p>
11	<p>The 14 January 2025 Advisory Group meeting. Agenda</p>	<p>The draft agenda was presented by FP and found ready for the upcoming meeting.</p>
12	<p>Any other business</p>	<p>FP had as material for this meeting item uploaded an email concerning the activity WPS-MAF, which had been dealt with under meeting item 5.</p>
13	<p>Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting</p>	<p>Time to be agreed during the January meetings.</p>