

NordForsk

Platform for Nordic-Estonian research co-operation

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The Nordic Co-operation

- One of the oldest and most comprehensive regional collaborations in the world
- Nordic Council (1952) – Inter-parliamentary forum
- Nordic Council of Ministers (1971) – Inter-governmental body



Nordic-Baltic cooperation

- Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have become closely knit in both the formal and informal Nordic cooperation
- Nordic and Baltic prime ministers and foreign ministers meet annually to discuss questions of regional interest in the so-called **NB8 format**
- cooperate in an informal and close manner with the Nordic-cooperation (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Åland)



NordForsk-Baltic cooperation



“The Nordic and Baltic countries have joined forces and collaborate in several research initiatives on everything from **agriculture to future working life and green transition, + migration, fisheries, health and care,**”



[Nordic-Baltic research collaboration is valuable | NordForsk](#)

Nordic-Baltic Added Value I

- Because the research/research cooperation occurs in the Nordic-Baltic region
 - Improved scientific quality
 - Regional mobility and networking
 - Build critical mass and/or expertise
 - Increase chances of EU/international success

[Nordic added value in Nordic research co-operation](#)



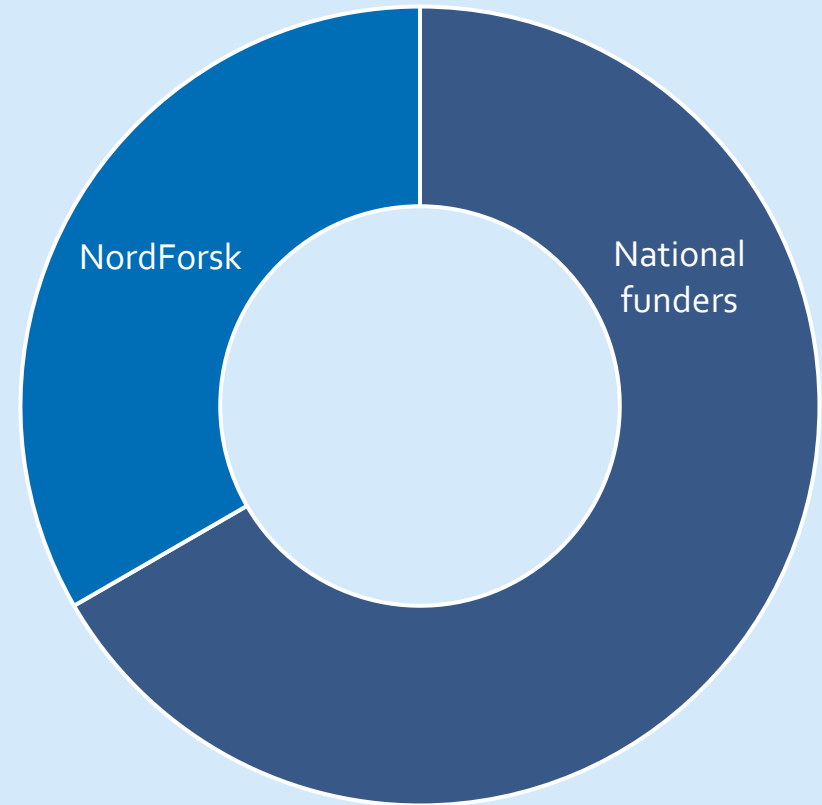
Nordic-Baltic Added Value II

- Added value which can only be achieved through Nordic-Baltic cooperation
 - Cost effectiveness by sharing infrastructure and data
 - Utilises data from uniquely Nordic Registers
 - Address needs that are unique to the Nordic and Baltic Countries



NordForsk funding model

- Annual budget of NOK 150 million from the Nordic Council of Ministers
- National research funding organisations co-fund minimum 2/3 of the calls



Cross border funding

- Estonia ↔~~X~~ Nordic
 - Estonian funding does not leave Estonia
 - Estonian partners (organisations) thus follow national eligibility criteria and budget rules (Annex 1)
- between the Nordic countries, YES
 - “Real common pot” with no fair return is the preferred model
 - Nordic eligibility criteria and budget rules



Several sources of funding to one project- - Nordic co-host

- If Estonian PI (Project owner) , the Nordic funding must be *administered* by a Nordic organisation
- Estonian partners must adhere to national eligibility rules (Annex 1)
- Estonian partner sign contract with Estonian funder (ETAG)
- Nordic partner sign contract with NordForsk



Annex 1

- [Sustainable health and social care systems for elderly – Insights](#)
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On 1 November 2024 there has been a minor adjustment made to the "Eligibility criteria for proposal in this call", the following sentence has been added: "Proposals that are rejected in the eligibility check stage".

Annex 1



Annex 1.pdf

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Reporting to NordForsk

Progress (project progress and economy)- **end of March**

- Project owner responsible for progress reporting to NordForsk.
- If Estonian PI: Nordic co-host is responsible

Impact reporting – end of March, PO is responsible/co-host

Final report, 3 months after end of project, PO /co-host.

Reporting to **Estonian funder**

NordForsk online portal, and in the Research fish portal



Opportunities for collaboration in NordForsk calls

- Estonian-Nordic collaboration possible in most NordForsk calls
- Estonian organisations can be partners in projects funded by NordForsk
 - Pay their own costs if an Estonian funder is not participating
 - Advisors, reference group members etc can get some costs covered from the Nordic grant



Nordic-Estonian calls

Sustainable health and care systems for elderly (NORELD) as example:

- minimum- three Nordic partners
- Estonian partners and budget comes in addition



Call for proposals on Sustainable health and care systems for elderly

CALL

A SOCIALLY SUSTAINABLE NORDIC REGION

HEALTH AND WE

📅 DEADLINE 20.02.2025



Partners



Swedish Research Council for
Health, Working Life and Welfare



Research Council of Lithuania



Ministry of
Education and Science
Republic of Latvia



The Research
Council of Norway



Eesti Teadusagentuur
Estonian Research Council



Development and evaluation of calls in NordForsk



NORELD- consortium

- PO (Nordic co-host) can be from:
 - Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
- Partner organisations that can get costs covered from grant:
 - Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Greenland, Åland, Faroe Islands,, Latvia, Lithuania (remember national eligibility criteria)
- Partner organisations ; other countries can be partners if they cover their own costs (UK, NL)



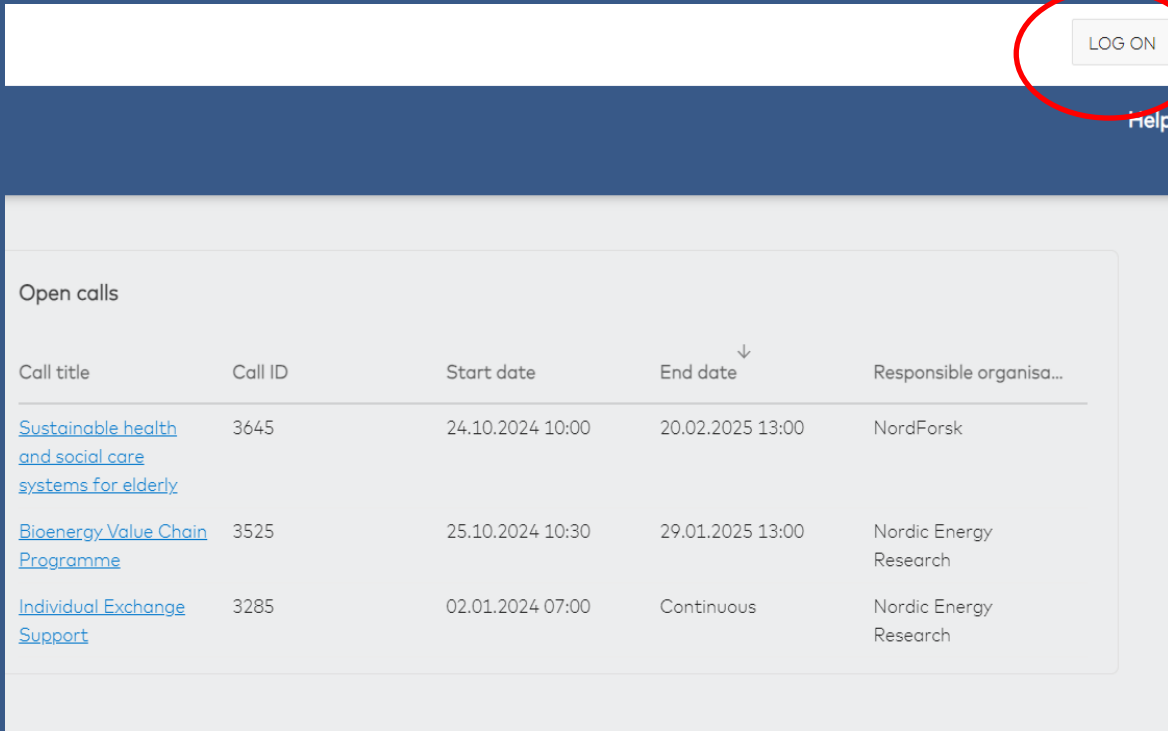
Eligibility criteria

- The research consortium must include research performing organisations in at least three Nordic countries.
- **Individual researchers may participate in one proposal in this call.** If a researcher participates in more than one proposal in this call, then all those proposals will be rejected in the eligibility check stage.
- Estonian PI must meet the eligibility criteria set by ETAG , Annex 1



NordForsk Application portal

- “One stop shop” [CALLS – Insights](#)
- Use the «preview form function»
- share access with partners that have profile
- «Partners» are organisations
- «participants» are individuals

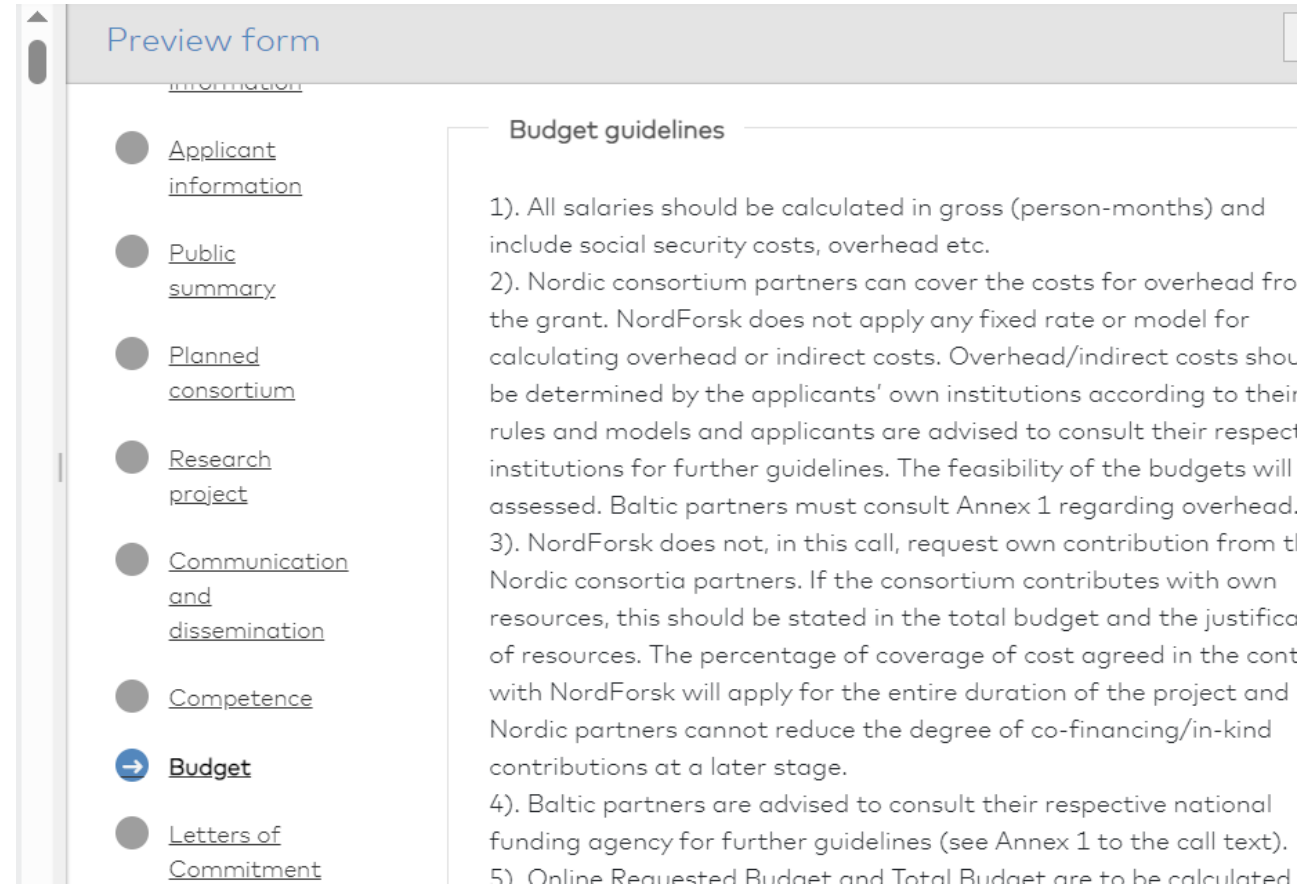


Call title	Call ID	Start date	End date ↓	Responsible organisa...
Sustainable health and social care systems for elderly	3645	24.10.2024 10:00	20.02.2025 13:00	NordForsk
Bioenergy Value Chain Programme	3525	25.10.2024 10:30	29.01.2025 13:00	Nordic Energy Research
Individual Exchange Support	3285	02.01.2024 07:00	Continuous	Nordic Energy Research



Budget forms in the portal

- Use “preview form”
- Two excel templates
 - total
 - budget/ partner
- Table in the online form for the Nordic budget



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Preview form". On the left is a vertical navigation menu with a scroll bar, listing several sections: "Applicant information", "Public summary", "Planned consortium", "Research project", "Communication and dissemination", "Competence", "Budget" (highlighted with a blue arrow), and "Letters of Commitment". The main content area on the right is titled "Budget guidelines" and contains five numbered points:

- 1). All salaries should be calculated in gross (person-months) and include social security costs, overhead etc.
- 2). Nordic consortium partners can cover the costs for overhead from the grant. NordForsk does not apply any fixed rate or model for calculating overhead or indirect costs. Overhead/indirect costs should be determined by the applicants' own institutions according to their rules and models and applicants are advised to consult their respective institutions for further guidelines. The feasibility of the budgets will be assessed. Baltic partners must consult Annex 1 regarding overhead.
- 3). NordForsk does not, in this call, request own contribution from the Nordic consortia partners. If the consortium contributes with own resources, this should be stated in the total budget and the justification of resources. The percentage of coverage of cost agreed in the contract with NordForsk will apply for the entire duration of the project and Nordic partners cannot reduce the degree of co-financing/in-kind contributions at a later stage.
- 4). Baltic partners are advised to consult their respective national funding agency for further guidelines (see Annex 1 to the call text).
- 5). Online Requested Budget and Total Budget are to be calculated



Instructions in portal

<i>Insert name of partner organisation/institution and country and currency exchange rate (national vs. NOK)</i>						
Partner Organisation/Institution:						
Country:						
Exchange rate (national vs. NOK):						
Total budget specified by source of funding	2025	2025 NOK	2026	2026 NOK	2027	2027 NOK
Salaries of researchers						
<i>Requested funding</i>		0		0		0
<i>Other funding</i>		0		0		0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0



FAQ

- Finland
- OH
- Co-funding
- Funding of participants extra-Nordic and Baltic
- Can undertakings be part of the consortium?
- How balanced must the budget be, can one partner get a big part of the budget?



Contact list and webinar

Would you like to connect with other researchers interested in the call? If so, you can join our contact list. Simply sign up and complete a brief form, and you will be added to a list where your information will be shared with other researchers.

[Call for proposals on Sustainable health and social care systems for elderly | NordForsk](#)



Opportunities in calls for research

- [Sustainable health and social care systems for elderly – Insights](#)

- Deadline February 20

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 - Research on Forestry
 - Research on Societal Security
 - Research infrastructure collaboration
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