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Minutes of the advisory group and board meeting 13 January 2026 in Copenhagen

Participants: Pia Keski-Jaskari (STUK, Chair); Sigurður M. Magnússon (IRSA); Nici Bergroth (Fortum); Ingrid Helen Hauge (IFE); Mikael Meister (Vattenfall); Asser Nyander Poulsen (SIS); Peder Kock (SSM); Antti Daavittila (STUK); Jørgen Trømborg (DSA); Elísabet D. Ólafsdóttir (IRSA); Carsten Israelson (DEMA); Carol Robinson (DSA); Cheuk Lau (SSM); Jani Turunen (STUK); Samu Inkinen (STUK); Sabrina Löfström (SSM); Kasper Andersson (DTU); Finn Physant (FRIT, meeting secretary)

Excuses: Roberta Concilio Hansson (Vattenfall); Teemu Siiskonen (STUK); Ari Leppänen (STUK)

- 1 Opening
Pia welcomed the participants and noted that she now would be the second Chair of NKS for a two year period. Pia presented herself.
Special welcomes were given to: Sabrina Löfström as new PC-R and Cheuk Lau as new board member for Sweden. The two new group members presented themselves.
- 2 Practical remarks
Finn was appointed meeting secretary. Practical information was given by the host, Carsten.
- 3 Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved.
- 4 Approval of the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting (2025-01-14)
The minutes were approved.

5 Follow up from the last Advisory Group meeting
The group members informed each other about news from the members' organisations.

6 NKS R-part:

A: Status:

Sabrina made the presentation of the status of the ongoing R-part activities. Status of the CfP 2025 activities:

CADESU: Delayed

FEMMA: On schedule

REPoUSSES: Under finalisation

Nordic-SMART: n.a.

POSEIDON: n.a.

SAFECOM: n.a.

CURES: Concluded.

9 final reports have been published during 2025: FEMMA, PAS-SMR, INSOLE, Nordic-SMART, REPoUSSES, POSEIDON, TRIO, PAS-SMR and STATUS. The final report of CURES is awaiting the publication of a journal article.

All CfP 2025 contracts have been signed. Four contracts, without KTH involvement, signed in spring 2025. KTH requested NKS-R contract template updates – October 2025 REPoUSSES and FEMMA finalised.

New agreements from CfP 2026 using the updated template.

KTH has further requests for updates.

Seminars/workshops: Contributions of NKS-R projects to the NKS seminar held in May, 2025.

No requests for young scientists travel assistance.

B: CfP 2026 proposals: evaluation and funding of new activities

Sabrina presented the evaluation results for CfP 2026. NKS-R received 8 proposals this year (all new) with involvement from all 5 Nordic countries. No formal continuations were presented.

Proposal DIWER was based on FEMMA; RESPACT based on INSOLE, Realife-AI and THAT-WAS.

This year the total funding requested was 4450 kDKK.

Sabrina presented the proposals listed in order of rating. After some discussions the group recommended, based on the rating of the evaluation, funding of the proposals, if finances allowed:

- DIWER
- COCARDE
- REALIFE-AI
- CIRCE
- NEXCON
- PASTRAMI

Pia thanked the group for this recommendation for tomorrow's board meeting and grant decision.

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NKS B-part:

A: Status:

Kasper presented a status report for ongoing activities. In an overall view the work in NKS-B is progressing well. Delayed activities (initiated before 2025): None. Activities commencing in 2025: all activities progressing according to schedule. 3 young scientist travel claims in 2025 to attend the NKS seminar in Stockholm in May. 6 reports have been published since the last board meeting. NKS-B seminars in 2025: Gamma AI 2025, REMSEM and EMFREM.

B: CfP 2026 proposals: evaluation and funding of new Activities

Kasper presented the evaluation results for CfP 2026. NKS-B received 18 proposals this year (15 new and 3 for continuation). There was generally good involvement of multiple Nordic countries in the proposals.

This year the total funding requested was 9126 kDKK.

Kasper presented the rating of the proposals. After some discussions the group based on the rating of the evaluation, recommended the funding of the following proposals, if finances allowed:

- PROMORC 2026
- ADAPT
- RADIUS
- RAISE
- C14SPE
- NORMA
- REMSEM

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NKS seminar in 2025

On behalf of the coordination group Finn presented the results and conclusions of the survey carried out after the May 2025 seminar including comparisons with the results and conclusions of the surveys carried out after the 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 seminars. The responses and results of the survey were reported to the advisory group and board concerning: overall rate, relevance, usefulness, quality of presentations, seminar organization, scheduling, timing, facility/venue, handouts of books of abstracts and pamphlets, networking possibilities/opportunities and poster session.

Mikael asked for the possibility of having Teams participation in upcoming seminars.

Based on the very positive responses support was expressed by the advisory group and board to start the planning of a 2028 seminar.

Pia concluded that planning can start for a May 2028 seminar.

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New quality management system and revised governing

documents

Elísabet informed about NKS' new quality management system. One of the main purposes of this system is to store and update documents, where appropriate, in a single place using a Teams/SharePoint site.

In the system NKS' governing documents are filed and updated. The following documents were approved in the system in the Autumn of 2025: the Owner's agreement on NKS 2026-2029, Rules of Procedure for NKS, Framework of NKS, Evaluation Process for NKS – Instructions for evaluators and the Handbook for NKS – Guidelines for NKS applicants and activity leaders.

These documents will also be uploaded to NKS internal website.

Elísabet continues the work on the development of the system.

The system is temporarily stored in a folder on a SharePoint site hosted at Geislavarnir. Still, it can be transferred if a better option becomes available.

10 The Nordic strategy

Carol reported from the work of the Nordic Strategy Group. 13 recommendations had been made to the Nordic Chiefs on areas where enhanced cooperation, among the Nordic authorities for nuclear and radiation safety, would be valuable. An action plan had been worked on. Upcoming activities:

- 19-20 March 2026 workshop at STUK on nuclear regulation
- Continuation of the Strategy Group
- Nordic working group on waste and decommissioning likely to be established
- Review of existing Nordic groups for radiation protection and regulatory actions
- Enhanced cooperation on EPPR
- International assistance and development
- Other aspects

11 Co-financier involvement in NKS-B projects

Kasper reported on the outcome of a workshop, which was held on 23 May 2025 at Vattenfall, to discuss and promote enhanced industry involvement in future NKS-B project proposals. 38 participants were registered and participated in lively discussions. During work group discussions at the workshop about 15 draft proposals were initiated. As a direct consequence of the workshop (and the NKS seminar in Stockholm earlier that week), the number of proposals for CfP 2026 was boosted considerably, and several industry-related proposals were proposed for funding.

12 Other issues

Sigurður informed about the NSFS (Nordic Society for Radiation Protection) which has a broad membership of more than 350 radiation protection professionals in many sectors including authorities, hospitals, education, research and industry. Sigurður now chairs NSFS.

The NSFS Board has initiated a discussion on the role of NSFS in the Nordic radiation protection cooperation.

Sigurður suggested to establish a small task group (TG) to explore the feasibility of NSFS/NKS cooperation for instance organizing NKS/NSFS webinars/virtual workshops on topics of mutual interest. These would primarily address topics addressed by NKS B but could also be expanded to include general topics addressed in NKS R. Such outreach activities would bring information on NKS and outcomes of NKS activities to a broad range of Nordic experts at a very low cost for NKS, leading to more awareness of NKS and possibly more project proposals.

Pia informed that the NKS board, at the meeting before Christmas 2025, had discussed that NKS and NSFS should strengthen their cooperation.

The proposal was well received and will be on the agenda for the NKS board meeting tomorrow, 14 January 2026.

13 **Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 19 January 2027 at Kastellet.

14 **End of meeting**

Pia thanked the participants for a good meeting.