

# NKS coordination meeting 9 December 2021 (Teams meeting)

## Participants:

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 PC = programme coordinators (KGA, APL). SEK = secretariat (FP).

**Program:** 9 December Teams meeting      Time 9:00-12:00 (CET)      Coordination meeting

## Agenda:

## Minutes:

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 25 May 2021.	SMM welcomed the participants. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda was approved. SMM noted that he would inform the group about the new Agreement on NKS 2022-2025 under meeting item 11 Any other business. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
2	Board meeting 8 June 2021 – follow-up.	It was noted that all actions from the June meeting have been carried out or will be handled during this meeting. For action B the dates of the 2022 seminar had been moved from 19-20 January to 24-25 May.
3	Financial situation 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next year's contributions</li> </ul>	The owners expect their contributions in 2022 to be at the same level as in 2021. Both Fortum and TVO raise their contribution to € 27,500 (€ 27,000 in 2020). Fennovoima raises its grant to € 11,500 (€ 10,750 in 2020). Ringhals, Forsmark and OKG continue their contributions of € 13,000 in 2022 (as in 2021). SKB unfortunately does not contribute to NKS in 2022. IFE expects to continue its contribution of NOK 120,000 (as in 2021) in 2022.
4	Financial status report November 2021.	FP presented the present financial situation, which is as planned. The reserve level is ca. 0,75 MDKK as stipulated at the January 2021 board meeting.

5	<p>Brief administrative status report from R and B incl. Call for Proposals. Budget frames for new R and B activities 2022.</p>	<p>APL presented the status of the R-part: overall the work in NKS-R is progressing according to plan.  Status for the activities from CfP 2021: contracts signed for all 6 activities and first payment done except for one. Generally, activities progressing as planned.  Status for the activities from CfP 2020: all activities from CfP 2020 have been completed, 6 reports have been published on the NKS webpage.  WPS-MAF: no invoices (1st or 2nd payment) from KTH.  Published reports in 2021: BREDA-RPV, PROSAFE 2020, POMMI, WPS-MAF, COCOS and THEOS.  NKS-R seminars/workshops: STATUS held an internal seminar. Project results were shown at the "BWR club. European conference"-webinar.  Young scientist travel assistance: one information request had been received.</p> <p>APL presented the status of this year's CfP of the R-part: CfP 2022 includes 8 proposals (3 continued and 5 new). Lowest number of proposals since CfP 2008, one less than in CfP 2021. The requested funding is 4,434 MDKK. The sum of the continued activities is 1,575 MDKK. All evaluations had been received. APL is working on prioritized funding with grant proposals of 3,037 MDKK (#1 and #3) and 3,066 MDKK (#2).</p> <p>KGA presented the status of the B-part: overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well.  Delayed activities initiated before 2020: None.  Delayed activities commencing in 2020: One activity reported (GAMMARAY X) – remaining 3 activities progressing according to (revised) schedule.  Activities commencing in 2021: All activities progressing according to schedule.  One young scientist travel claim in 2021.  Final reports received or published on NKS website (since last board meeting): ECOFOOD (June 2021), RINFOR (October 2021 – was approved and ready last year) and GAMMARAY X (November 2021).  NKS-B seminars in 2021: CRESCENT (physical), NUCSEM (physical/virtual), ECOFOOD (virtual), GAMMARAY X (virtual) and NORDICNANO (physical).</p>
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		<p>KGA presented the summary of CfP 2022 for the B-part: 12 proposals were submitted (4 proposals were for a continued activity). The research areas were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency preparedness (6 activities) 2678 kDKK</li> <li>• Measurement technology and strategy (3 activities) 1420,25 kDKK</li> <li>• Radioecological assessment (3 activities) 1660 kDKK</li> </ul> <p>The total amount requested was 5758,25 kDKK. All evaluations had been received. One funding recommendation was prioritized with a grant proposal of 3,161 MDKK (Alternative 1). Alternative 2 is the same proposal with a 5% cut and the sum of 3 MDKK.</p>
6	<p>Administrative questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contracts PC, SEK, auditor</li> <li>• The Policy Document ("This is NKS") valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• The document "Rules of procedure for NKS" valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• The "Handbook for NKS Applicants and Activity Leaders" valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• The "NKS Administrative Handbook" valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• "Instructions for evaluators" valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• "Framework for NKS-B" and "Framework for NKS-R" valid – to be updated as needed.</li> <li>• The new pamphlet 2022 – to be presented.</li> <li>• Other issues</li> </ul>	<p>FP had prepared new contracts: APL/STUK, KGA/DTU and FP/FRIT. The programme coordinator contracts are unchanged. The sum of the Secretariat contract is – as agreed – 2% less than in the last one. The draft contracts will be forwarded to the involved parties and the final drafts will be uploaded to the board meeting website. The agreement with the auditor is unchanged and will be uploaded to the board meeting website.</p> <p>With reference to the new Agreement on NKS 2022-2025 the two handbooks need a look-over. FP will report back (at the next coordination meeting) if updates/adjustments are needed in the handbooks.</p> <p>FP presented the new 2022 pamphlet, which has been produced in connection with the planning of the 2022 seminar. The new pamphlet will be uploaded to NKS welcome site beginning of January and can be produced in a limited number of prints for the seminar.</p>
7	<p>The Website and other information activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web statistics including download statistics</li> <li>• NewsLetters, NewsFlashes etc.</li> <li>• 2022 pamphlet</li> <li>• NKS on LinkedIn</li> </ul>	<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, which has been relatively high during the first months of 2021 (especially USA based visitors). A relatively high level of visitors was also noted in September/October – as through many years - in connection with this year's CfP.</p>

		<p>Since the June board meeting 5 NewsFlashes have been distributed. The 2022 pamphlet was presented under meeting item 6. The list of addresses to which our newsletters are distributed has been reduced from ca. 540 to ca. 450 addresses due to the use of new software pinpointing not active addresses.</p> <p>A NewsLetter will be distributed a week before the January board meeting and a NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after the board meeting.</p> <p>NKS now has 156 followers on LinkedIn.</p>
8	<p>NKS R and B seminar 2022 – on-going planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the seminar program.</li> <li>• Practical questions: Finlandshuset, seminar and Corona virus.</li> </ul>	<p>After postponing the seminar from 19-20 January to 24-25 May 2022 everything is ready for the upcoming seminar. The "new" program (almost identical to the "old" program) for 24-25 May was presented. A new agreement with Finlandshuset has been made including the possibility to cancel the agreement at no cost until 29 March.</p>
9	<p>The 18 January 2022 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Budget</li> <li>• Material for the Board, schedule</li> <li>• Other questions</li> </ul>	<p>The draft agenda was discussed and adjustments will be made by SMM.</p> <p>The budget proposal of 3 December was discussed, and SMM and FP will continue work on the budget until final upload of board material.</p> <p>FP will create a doodle with the purpose of defining the meeting date (this must be done after defining the meeting date for the advisory group).</p> <p>All meeting material should be uploaded no later than one week before the meeting.</p> <p>NewsLetter to be distributed one week before the meeting.</p> <p>NewsFlash to be distributed no later than one week after the meeting.</p>
10	<p>The 18 January 2022 Advisory Group meeting</p>	<p>The draft agenda was discussed and adjustments will be made by SMM.</p> <p>FP will create a doodle with the purpose of defining the meeting date.</p>
11	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report by the PC-R from the EU project on Nuclear Materials.</li> <li>• Report by the PC's from the SAINT workshop</li> <li>• Information about the new NKS contract 2022-2025</li> </ul>	<p>No news from the EU project on Nuclear materials.</p> <p>The PC's reported that the SAINT workshop went well with significant interest from participants, who first of all asked for future funding possibilities from NKS.</p>

		SMM informed the group about the new Agreement on NKS 2022-25.
12	Time and place for the next coordination meeting.	Next meeting will be 22 March 2022 – set-up (physical/virtual) to be agreed. FP will distribute the invitations for the meeting.