

NKS coordination meeting 28 April 2025 (Teams meeting)

Participants:

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PC = programme coordinators (KGA, TS). SEC = secretariat (FP).




Program: 28 April Teams meeting 8-10 CET Coordination meeting

Agenda:

Minutes (draft):

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 27 November 2024.	PS welcomed the participants. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda of today's meeting was approved. The minutes of the November meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the November meeting have been carried out.
2	Board meeting 15 January 2025 and AG meeting 14 January 2024 – follow-up.	From the January board and AG meetings it was noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new agreement and governing documents are being updated.• CfP 2025 documents are to be updated as needed.
3	Accounts, annual report and auditing 2024.	FP presented the financial statements received from the auditor. The short conclusion is that the documents reflect business-as-usual. From the auditor no comments and/or disqualifications had been received. Both the statements and the long-form audit report will be signed by the owners in the near future. The auditor will this time prepare the documents for digital signing.
4	Financial status report April 2025.	FP made the presentation: the financial situation is as planned - with a reserve for the board at ca. 0,60 MDKK. FP will provide an updated financial overview in due time before the upcoming May board meeting.
5	Financial situation 2025.	The financial situation 2025 is as expected and planned during this year's January board meeting. All this year's contributions have been received except from the Finnish co-financier contribution.

6	<p>Financial situation 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year's contributions. 	<p>PS will propose activities' budgets in 2026 of a minimum of 3,0 MDKK for both R and B activities. Approximately the same level of funding as in 2025 is expected in 2026. PS will take this up with the owners at the upcoming May board meeting. PS will in the autumn be contacting the co-financiers concerning next year's funding.</p>
7	<p>Brief administrative status report from R and B incl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short presentations by the PC's - R and B. • Call for Proposals Autumn 2025 – schedule and CfP material. • Budget frames for new R and B activities 2026. 	<p>TS and APL reported:</p> <p>Status of the CfP2021 & CfP2022 activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WPS-MAF cancelled, all other projects completed. - A possible final conclusion concerning WPS-MAF will be handled by the board during tomorrow's extra MB meeting. APL will contact the activity leader today for a possible conclusion <p>Status of the CfP2023 activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All projects completed (TRIO report is pending publication because of publication of an article, accepted for publication March 2025, so soon completed) <p>Status of the CfP2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six out of eight projects have been completed - Final reports missing from CURES and STATUS - Some reports have been very popular, e.g. the first report by INSOLE (NKS-482) has been downloaded 1793 times (status 7 Apr 2025) <p>Status of the CfP2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 project contracts (CADESU, Nordic-SMART and POSEIDON) have been signed and the projects have commenced - 3 contracts (FEMMA, REPoUSSES and SAFECOM) still missing as KTH requested a review by their legal experts - Some consortia tackled this with consortium agreement - A budget cut from 650 kDKK to 600 kDKK for Nordic-SMART was accepted by the consortium <p>Travel assistance for young scientists: No requests or inquiries have been received in 2025 so far.</p> <p>KGA reported: Overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well. Since last NKS-B status report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 final reports published on the NKS website (RADWORKSHOP, MONI, THREATSEM, DISARM)) <p>Delayed activities (from before 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None

		<p>Activities commencing in 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6 (of 7) completed, 1 nearing completion <p>Activities commencing in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 7 contracts signed, work on schedule. <p>NKS-B Seminars 2025: EMFREM, tentatively in May 2025, GAMMA AI 2025, 8-9 October 2025 and REMSEM, 9-10 September 2025.</p> <p>CfP2025: CfP to be announced on Monday 1st Sep. 2025, deadline Wednesday 15th Oct. 2025, and feedback from reviewers by Friday 14th Nov. 2025.</p> <p>As already mentioned activities' budgets in 2026 are expected to be of a minimum of 3,0 MDKK for both R and B activities.</p>
8	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Handbook for NKS Applicants and Activity Leaders" – to be updated as needed in the  NKS Document Folder • The document "Instructions for evaluators: Call for Proposals" – to be updated as needed in the  NKS Document Folder • Merged framework for NKS B and NKS R in the NKS Teams folder – to be finalized in the  NKS Document Folder • Proposal forms – to be updated as needed. • The pamphlet (version 2025). 	<p>The new agreement and governing documents (the handbook, instructions, frameworks etc.) are being updated.</p> <p>Status of revision, open questions and time plan for the updates of the new agreement and governing documents will be decided on during tomorrow's extra MB meeting.</p> <p>Other CfP 2025 documents (proposal forms and evaluation sheets) are to be updated as needed by the PC's.</p> <p>The 2025 version of the pamphlet will be produced in printed form for distribution at the upcoming R- and B-seminar.</p>
9	<p>NKS seminar 2025 – planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status • Program • Other questions 	<p>KGA made the presentation. All speakers are confirmed and abstracts have been received from all. Book of abstracts is under production for hand-out at the event. As of today (28 April) there are 92 registered participants. The call for presentations will be made later today. The preparations for the seminar are running as planned.</p>
10	<p>The Website and other information activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website statistics • NewsLetters, NewsFlashes • NKS and LinkedIn 	<p>The presentation prepared for this meeting by FP will be made by him at the May board meeting.</p>
11	<p>The May 2025 Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda 	<p>The draft agenda was presented and adjustments will be made by PS.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	FP will open the meeting website 5 May and all meeting material should be uploaded no later than 16 May. The board meeting will take place on 20 May.
12	Co-financiers and NKS-B CfP – Vattenfall workshop	KGA informed the group based on the information received from Mikael Meister. There are 26 registered attendees (+ 2-3 web attendees), excluding arrangers and NKS representatives. The work is now on-going for preparing for the workshop at Vattenfall the 23rd of May. KGA and FP will participate and receive further info in due time before the workshop.
13	Any other business	None.
14	Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting	The next meeting will take place as a Teams meeting Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 13:00-15:00 CET. FP issues MS notification to the group.