

NKS coordination meeting 26 November 2025 (Teams meeting)

Participants:

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

Program: 26 November 2025 Teams meeting 13.30 to 15.30 CET Coordination meeting

Agenda:

Minutes:

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 28 April 2025.	PS welcomed the participants and informed the group about the following organisational changes in NKS for 2026: SL succeeds TS as PC-R, PKJ succeeds PS as Chair of NKS and CL succeeds PS as board member. SL and CL presented themselves for the group. PS also informed the group about the new NKS agreement for 2026-29 signed by the NKS owners. A new NKS management system had been started up by the board for instance handling NKS governing documents. FP was appointed meeting secretary. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the April meeting were approved and it is hereby noted that all actions from the April meeting have been carried out.
2	Board meeting 20 May 2025 – follow-up.	All actions from the May board meeting involving the coordination group have been carried out.
3	Financial situation 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next year's contributions.	The owners expect their contributions in 2026 to be at the same level as in 2025. Fortum will continue its contribution in 2026 at € 27,500 (as in 2025). Ringhals, Forsmark and OKG continue their contributions of € 13,000 each in 2026 (as in 2025). IFE will continue its contribution of NOK 120,000 (as in 2025) in 2026.

4	Financial status report November 2025.	FP presented the present financial situation, which is as planned. The reserve level is ca. 0,66 MDKK.
5	Brief administrative status report from R and B incl. Call for Proposals. Budget frames for new R and B activities 2026.	<p>TS presented the status of the 2025 activities of the R-part. Generally the NKS-R projects are progressing well: CADESU, FEMMA, REPoUSSES, NORDIC-SMART, POSEIDON, SAFECOM and CURES (CfP 2024 – Final report received. Waiting for a journal article to be published). Published reports in 2025: FEMMA, PAS-SMR, INSOLE, NORDIC-SMART, RePOUSSES, POSEIDON, TRIO, PAS-SMR and STATUS. NKS-R seminars/workshops: Contributions of NKS-R to the NKS seminar May 2025. Young scientist travel assistance: No requests for young scientist travels.</p> <p>Especially TS noted the 10 months long contract updating process with KTH as follows: All CfP 2025 has finally been signed. Four contracts, where there was no KTH involvement, were signed already in the spring of 2025. But REPoUSSES and FEMMA took a long time to sign. The funding contract template for NKS-R projects has been updated after discussions with the KTH. The update process was long (10 months...) but now it is finished. New agreements for CfP 2026 (and further) should be done using this template. (side note: KTH still had some wishes for further updates...).</p> <p>KGA expressed his worries about standardising the new contract template to the B-part.</p> <p>Further about the new contract template: see meeting item 11.</p> <p>TS presented the status of CfP 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 NKS-R proposals were received <p>There were 0 continued activities (but two applications continue the work of two former activities).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Two are returning applications which have applied before but not received funding. – Involvement from all 5 Nordic countries including Iceland (possibly the first time ?) – The number of the proposals dropped from previous year

- Applications cover 6/7 NKS-R programme areas.
- After a break of few years, a Reactor Physics proposal was received.

- CfP 2026 proposals amount to 4450 kDKK
- Available funding for 2026: ~3000 kDKK (estimated)

TS presented the results based on the evaluation. It appears that the 5 applications with the highest average scores cost 2850 kDKK and that the 6 applications with the highest average scores cost 3250 kDKK.

Based on the financial situation PS encouraged TS to present the result involving the 6 applications with the highest scores to the advisory group and board at their January meetings.

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

Delayed activities initiated before 2025:

- None

Activities commencing in 2025:

- All activities progressing according to schedule: PROMORC, GAMMA AI, DRAWN, MoNi II, REMSEM, EVNUDET and EMFREM. Three young scientist travel claims in 2025. All were going to the NKS seminar in Stockholm in May.

Final reports received or published on the website since last board meeting: AmSpecNORDOS, GAMMA AI 2025 and REMSEM.

NKS-B seminars in 2025: GAMMA AI 2025, REMSEM and EMFREM.

Summary of CfP NKS-B 2026:

18 proposals for NKS-B activities were submitted. 3 proposals were for continued activities.

Emergency preparedness 14 activities, 7564 kDKK

Measurement technology and strategy 1 activity, 600 kDKK

Radioecological assessments 3 activities 962 kDKK

The total amount requested was 9126 kDKK from an expected budget of 3000 kDKK.

PS reminded that the proposals with the highest average scores should be selected, even if there are only minute differences, unless there are very good reasons to do it differently. Budget cuts should be avoided. This

		<p>means that the 4 proposals with the highest scores should be financed, which would amount to a total of 2298 kDKK. There are then 3 proposals immediately after with same score. The funding asked for by these is practically the same: 575, 600 and 600 kDKK. Funding one of these will lead to a total budget of 2873-2898 kDKK. It would be a bad signal not to use all the money available in a year with so many rejections as will be necessary this year. Therefore, if the overall NKS budget can carry it, it would be good to have one more of the three equal proposals included. This would mean financing a total of 6 projects with 3473-3498 kDKK. Which two of the three proposals, which all had an average score of 3.8, should be financed would be up for discussion, based on, e.g., reviewers' comments, the Norwegian reviewer's suggestion not to have too many proposals of the same type, and other argumentation at the January meetings. KGA should collect material to facilitate the Board's decisions on which of the mentioned 2 or 3 last proposals should be financed.</p>
6	<p>Administrative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts PC, SEC, auditor. <p>Documents used for CfP 2026 to be presented to the advisory group and board at their January 2026 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document "Evaluation process for the Nordic Nuclear Safety Research Programme (NKS) - Instructions for evaluators" – to be updated as needed. • The document "Framework programme of the Nordic Nuclear Safety Research Programme (NKS)" – to be updated as needed. 	<p>FP had prepared new contracts: KGA/DTU, SL/SSM and FP/FRIT. The final drafts will be uploaded to the board meeting website. The agreement with the auditor is unchanged and will also be uploaded to the board meeting website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Framework document as well as the Evaluation document were to be presented to the advisory group (and board) for commenting 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 very high level of visitors was noted in connection with this year's CfP in the Autumn.</p> <p>Since the May board meeting 4 NewsFlashes have been distributed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 May: Summary report from the May board meeting. • 1 Sept.: CfP 26 ann. • 17 Sept.: Young Scientist database ann. • 1 Oct.: CfP 26 reminder.

		<p>There is a list of addresses to which our newsletters are distributed of more than 500 addresses. It seems that the NKS seminar May 2025 added about 50 addresses to this list.</p> <p>A NewsFlash will be distributed no later than a week after the January board meeting.</p> <p>NKS now has 282 followers on LinkedIn.</p>
8	Presentation of the "NKS R and B seminar 2025 survey" report.	<p>FP presented the result of the survey. The group agreed that the result of the survey is very positive and encouraging as was the carrying out of the seminar itself. FP will present the result (with comparisons of figures from the 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 seminar surveys) to the AG (and board) in January 2026.</p>
9	Results/status concerning meetings to enhance co-financier involvement in NKS-B projects	<p>KGA presented the outcome of the co-financiers' NKS arrangement at Vattenfall. Many sound ideas for new NKS-B proposals were discussed in work groups, but not many of the participants were willing to act as coordinators for the further work. However, it is judged that at least 3 of the year's 18 proposals were directly initiated by discussions at this workshop. A conclusion was also that the workshop together with the NKS joint R/B seminar in the same week, seems to have given very valuable focus on NKS-B as a whole, and contributed to the very high number of NKS-B proposals this year.</p>
10	NKS young scientist database	<p>KGA presented the new young scientist database for inclusion of more young scientists in NKS projects. The database was concluded to have been constructed too late in the year to have a chance to work for this year's CfP, but 8 young scientists have signed up, and PS concluded that we should continue this activity. KGA was asked to participate also in next year's SWE-rays event, as his participation in SWE-rays' 2025 event initiated the idea.</p>
11	Activity contracts	<p>PS: Signing of activity contracts has now been included as part of the Chair's in the new version of the Rules of procedure.</p> <p>KGA had written some comments and suggestions for changes of the new contract template to make it useable for NKS-B projects. PS asked KGA, TS and SL to meet about this and give input to the Board.</p>
12	The 14 January 2026 Board meeting:	<p>The draft agenda was presented by FP. FP will forward the draft Word</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Budget • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	<p>version to PS and PKJ.</p> <p>The budget proposal of 20 November was presented and discussed, and PS, PKJ 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 9 January 2026.</p> <p>The site will be opened 16 December 2025.</p>
13	The 13 January 2026 Advisory Group meeting. Agenda	The draft agenda was presented by FP. FP will forward the draft Word version to PS and PKJ.
14	Any other business	None.
15	Time (and place) for the next coordination meeting	Time to be agreed during the January meetings.