

NKS coordination meeting 19 May 2026 (Teams meeting)

Participants:

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

Program: 19 May Teams meeting 8:00-10:00 CET Coordination meeting

Agenda:

Minutes (draft):

1	Approval of the agenda. Secretary for this meeting. Going through the minutes of the meeting 26 November 2025.	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 14 January 2026 and AG meeting 13 January 2026 – follow-up.	From the January board and AG meetings it was noted that the following issues must be prepared for handling at the June board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity contracts (see items 7 and 9) and• The NKS-NSFS webinar collaboration (see item 10).
3	Accounts, annual report and auditing 2025.	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 have been signed by the board.
4	Financial status report May 2026.	FP made the presentation: the financial situation is as planned - with a reserve for the board at ca. 0,72 MDKK. FP will provide an updated financial overview in due time before the upcoming June board meeting.
5	Financial situation 2026.	The financial situation 2026 is as expected and planned during this year's January board meeting. Still this year's contributions have not been paid by the Finnish and Danish owners and the Finnish co-financier.

6	<p>Financial situation 2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year's contributions. 	<p>PKJ will propose activities' budgets in 2027 of a minimum of 3,0 MDKK for both R and B activities. Approximately the same level of funding as in 2026 is expected in 2027. PKJ will take this up with the owners at the upcoming June board meeting. PKJ 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 2026 – schedule and CfP material. • Budget frames for new R and B activities 2027. 	<p>SL reported from R:</p> <p>Summary CfP2025 – status final report: FEMMA: Received POSEIDON: Sent, but can not be localised, Resending request sent Nordic-SMART: Draft received; Under quarantine REPoUSSES: Received SAFECOM: Received CADESU: Received</p> <p>Status CfP2026 – Agreements: CIRCE: Review by CTH lawyer, Review by SSM lawyer, Updating av agreement in progress (CTH) COCARDE: No response since sending of the agreement, Reminder sent, No status information from GU DIWER: Complete draft, Issues with signatories at CTH and partner organisations, Signatory process in progress NEXCON: In signatory process PASTRAMI: Completed; No issues REALLIFE-AI: Change requests regarding formulations, KTH lawyer reviewed, SSM lawyer reviewed, Different signatories, Meeting with KTH lawyer in planning for this or next week</p> <p>SL will forward the relevant documents and communication concerning the on-going processes of entering new activity agreements to PKJ, who will bring it up for STUK's law department.</p> <p>Young scientist travel assistance: One of two requests to be carried out: Project: NEXCON. VTT request for oral presentation at ESREL 2026, June 2026, Portugal, Fulfills requirements.</p> <p>PKJ noted that the 10,000 DKK limit for young scientist grants may be changed to 5,000 DKK by the board.</p>

		<p>KGA reported from B:</p> <p>Overall the work in NKS-B is progressing well. Since last NKS-B status report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 final reports published on the NKS website (DRAWN, EVNUDET, EMFREM) <p>Delayed activities (from before 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None <p>Activities commencing in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All completed and approved (all published except one awaiting journal paper) <p>Activities commencing in 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 7 contracts signed, work on schedule <p>NKS-B Seminars 2026: REMSEM seminar in Reykjavik, Iceland 19-20 August 2026. NORMA: Workshop, Vestmannaeyjar, Iceland 1-3 June 2026.</p> <p>CfP2027: CfP to be announced on Tuesday 1st Sep. 2026, deadline Thursday 15th Oct. 2026, and feedback from reviewers by Monday 16th Nov. 2026.</p> <p>As already mentioned activities' budgets in 2027 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 the NKS – Guidelines for NKS applicants and activity leaders" ready for CfP 2027. • "Evaluation process for the NKS - Instructions for evaluators" ready for CfP 2027. • "Framework programme of the NKS" ready for CfP 2027. • Proposal forms – to be updated as needed. • The pamphlet (version 2026). 	<p>FP noted that the 3 following governing NKS documents are ready for use in connection with the CfP2027: the guidelines, instructions and framework.</p> <p>The proposal forms need minor updates of names and dates. The evaluation forms need a further field: Instead of just "Comments", we will have both a "Comments to project applicants" and a "Comments to the NKS Board" field to .</p> <p>FP presented the 2026 version of the pamphlet.</p>
9	<p>NKS R and B activity contracts</p>	<p>Proposals for changes and comments to the NKS-B activity contract template had been received from DTU on 13 April 2026. PKJ had presented this input to the board and received a positive response. After some discussions about the B- and R-activity contracts it was decided that</p>

		KGA will forward the B-template to PKJ, who will bring it up for STUK's law department.
10	NKS-NSFS webinars	As agreed by the Board in January, a group was put together earlier this year to make a proposal for running the new series of NKS-NSFS joint webinars. The work group consisted of KGA and SL from NKS and Jukka Liukkonen and Gísli Jónsson from NSFS. KGA presented the result of the group's work and after a short discussion it was decided that KGA sends the plan for webinar start-up in September 2026 as soon as possible to the board asking for the board's permission in due time for inviting the speakers for the first webinar already before the summer holidays.
11	The Website and other information activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website statistics • NewsFlashes • NKS and LinkedIn 	The presentation prepared for this meeting by FP will be made by him at the June board meeting. As part of the presentation it was noted that NKS now has 291 followers on LinkedIn. SL will take over the administration of NKS on LinkedIn and ask for the needed information from former PC-R Teemu Siiskonen.
12	The June 2026 Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Material for the Board, schedule • Other questions 	The draft agenda was presented. The "Part 1" of the meeting was specified to 9:00 to 11:30. FP will open the meeting website 1 June and all meeting material should be uploaded no later than 12 June. The board meeting will take place on 17 June.
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 25 November 2026 at 8:00-10:00 CET. FP issues MS invitation to the group.