

Call for Proposals

Nordplus Programme 2013

Support for cooperation in the area of education and lifelong learning in the Nordic and Baltic countries

The Nordic Council of Ministers' programme Nordplus 2012-2016 issues funds for 2013. The aim of Nordplus is to promote quality and innovation in the education systems in the Nordic and Baltic countries by supporting many types of exchanges, projects and networks. All cooperation activities must be based on agreements between educational institutions and organisations from the participating countries. The total budget for the Nordplus Programme in 2013 is approximately EUR 9 million.

Nordplus consists of 5 sub-programmes now inviting applications. Activities applied for must be in line with the overarching objectives of Nordplus and with the objectives of the sub-programme in question. Consult the Nordplus Handbook for details.

Nordplus Junior

- Strengthening and developing cooperation between schools (including kindergarten/preschool)
- Promoting the development of quality, creativity and innovation in education
- Promoting Learning for all by developing equal opportunities in inclusive education
- Strengthening the Nordic languages and promoting knowledge and understanding of Nordic and Baltic languages and cultures
- Promoting cooperation between schools (including preschools) and working life.

Nordplus Higher Education

- Shall contribute to cooperation between higher education institutions in the participating countries and to the establishment of networks for exchange of students and staff, and dissemination of experiences, best practices and innovative results.
- Shall also contribute to cooperation between higher education institutions and other institutions or organisations working in the area of higher education, in particular cooperation between education and working life.

Nordplus Adult

- Strengthen adults' key competences and recognition of adults informal and non-formal learning
- Support adult education and learning to meet the challenges of modern citizenship
- Strengthen the link between adult learning and working life.

Nordplus Horizontal

- Shall contribute to cooperation between the educational sectors and shall support cross-sectoral networks and projects.
- Shall also contribute to involve other participants than the traditional education sectors, both private and public, in cooperation concerning education.

Nordplus Nordic Language (note extensive changes in this sub-programme in the new programme period)

- Shall support activities that improve language comprehension of the Nordic languages, primarily Danish, Norwegian and Swedish, among children and young people.
- Shall support the development of materials, methods and strategies for improving comprehension of the Nordic languages on all levels within the educational systems.

All applications should be submitted through the online application system ESPRESSO. For login to Espresso, further instructions and the Nordplus Handbook, please visit www.nordplusonline.org
Note that the new Nordplus system Espresso will open for login and applications on January 14, 2013.

Application deadline for all parts of the Nordplus Programme is 1 March 2013