

NordForsk- Strengthening Nordic-Latvian Research Collaboration

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The Nordic Co-operation

- One of the oldest and most comprehensive regional collaborations in the world
- Nordic Council (1952) – Inter-parliamentary forum
- Nordic Council of Ministers (1971) – Inter-governmental body



NordForsk

Primary goal

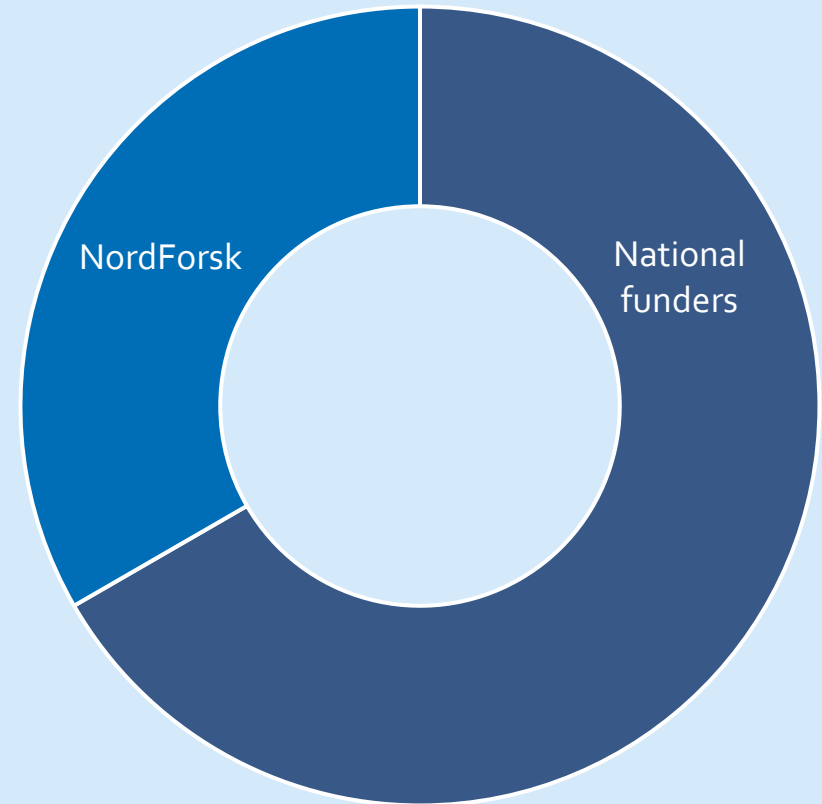
- NordForsk is an effective facilitator of research collaboration that makes an impact, and ensures that the research is of high international quality and delivers Nordic added value

NordForsk Strategy 2023–2026

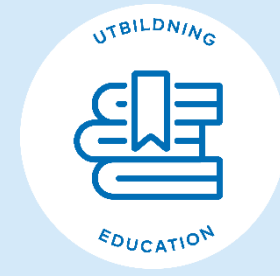
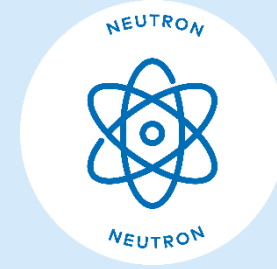
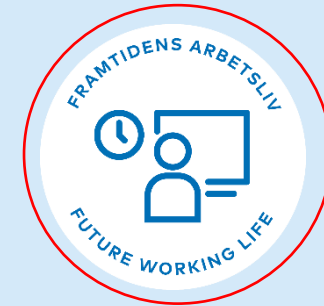
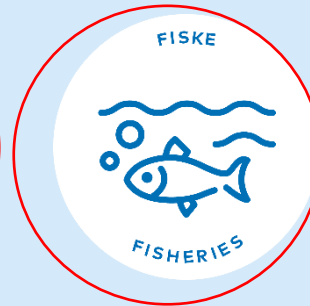
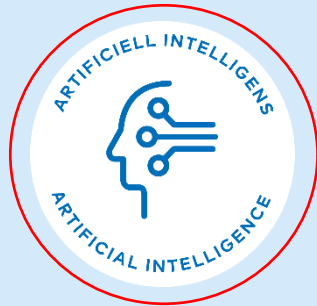


NordForsk funding model

- Annual budget of EUR 13 million from the Nordic Council of Ministers
- National research funding organisations co-fund minimum 2/3 of the calls
- Total budget for research: approx. EUR 39 million / year



Research areas





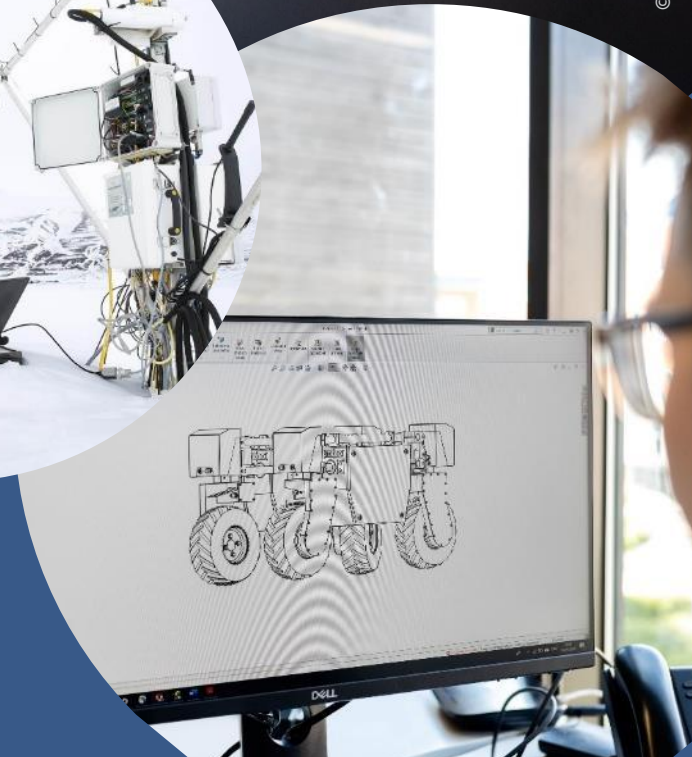
Co-operation with countries outside the Nordic region

- Extensive co-operation with the Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
- Co-operation with Canada on the Arctic + upcoming initiatives
- Disruptive technologies: Canada, Brazil, UK, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan
- Collaboration with Japan on health and welfare



Development of calls

- National priorities
- Open Invitation Mechanism
- Expression of Interest
- At least 3 countries



Implementation of Calls

- Open calls for proposals
- Common pot / **Virtual common pot**
- Three countries
- Project owners: Research Performing Organisations
- International peer reviews
- Scientific quality & Nordic (**-Latvian**) added value



NordForsk work with impact

- Monitoring key indicators
- From Science to measurable Impact
- [NordForsk Impact Tools | NordForsk](#)



Impact Reports



Impact Dashboard



Nordic Added Value



Impact Resources



NordForsk in Numbers



Impact Assessment at NordForsk



Impact Report

- Results and effects reported by NordForsk funded projects
- Contains data on publications, policy influence, dissemination activities and other impact indicators
- Published annually



Key Figures

2025



125

Active projects



511

Collaborations
and Partnerships



216

Awards and
Recognition



2 911

Publications



2 894

Dissemination
Activities



214

Further Funding



195

Influence on Policy,
Patients, Practice,
and the Public

Experiences from Nordic–Latvian Collaborations

- Mainly collaboration in calls
- The use of artificial intelligence in research funding



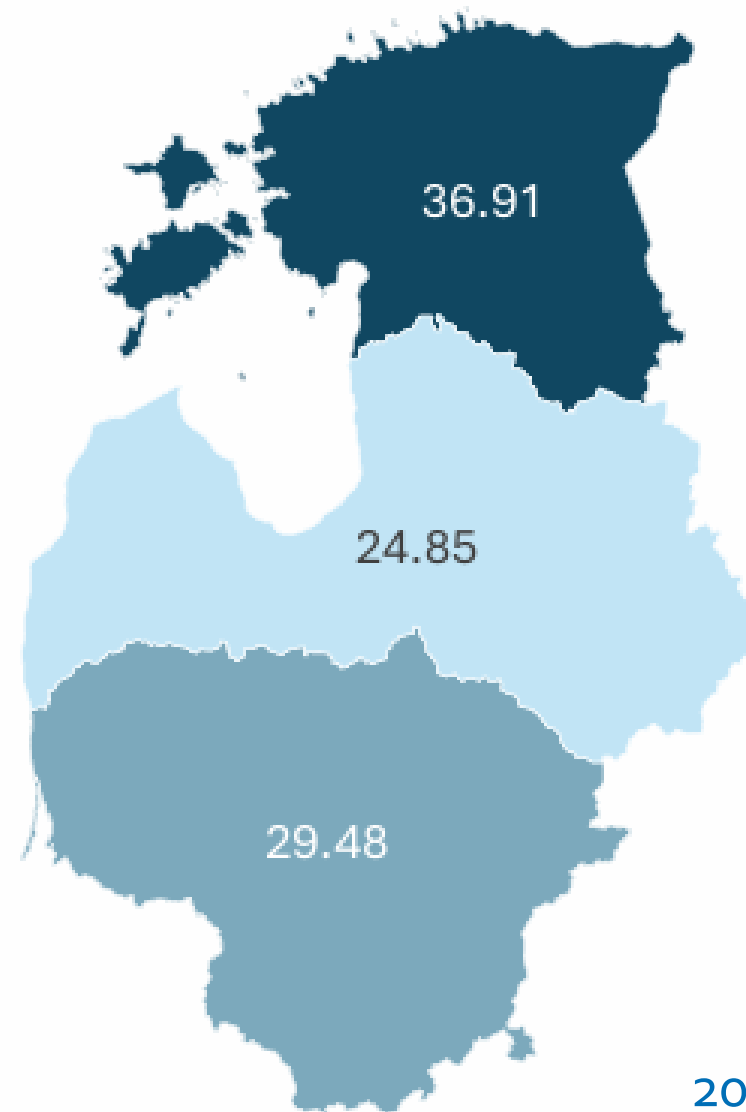
Year	Name of call	Partner countries
2019	Digitalisation of the Public Sector	Estonia, Latvia
2020	Sustainable Aquaculture	Estonia, Latvia
2020	Covid-19 – Nordic Health Data	Estonia, Latvia
2022	Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change	Estonia, Lithuania
2022	Future Working Life	Lithuania,
2023	Green transition	Estonia, Lithuania
2023	Integration of refugees from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
2023	HROMADA – Nordic-Baltic knowledge-based input network to the rebuilding of Ukraine	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
2024	Nordic-Baltic initiative for migration and integration	Estonia, Lithuania
2024	Sustainable Fisheries from Healthy Seas	Estonia, Lithuania
2025	Sustainable health and social care systems for elderly	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
2025	Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
2025	Sustainable Futures of Forests	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
2025	Antagonistic threats challenging societal security	Estonia, Lithuania



Statistics - Latvia, funding and grants

- Latvian Council of Science participated in 8 NordForsk calls
- Latvian research performing organisations participated in calls in addition (Green transition, Antagonistic threats, Future working life)
- No Project owner yet

Invested M NOK / Country (2.3 M EUR)



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Portfolio summary for Latvia

	#
Total applications with Latvian participants	61
Total funded projects	11
Active and reporting	10
Completed	1
Applications not yet funded	49
Unique Latvian partner organisations	17



Successful collaborations

Project Owner Organisations w / Latvian partners

Nord University

Uppsala University

The Finnish Environment Institute

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Forestry Research Institute of Sweden

University of Copenhagen

Natural Resources Institute Finland

Linnaeus University

University of Tartu

UiT The Arctic University of Norway



Learning

- Collaboration has been professional and easy
- Collaboration is increasingly well received by the research community
- Forest and AI calls were very popular in the Latvian research community



Latvian–Nordic added value – effects on the research system

- Enhanced research quality, relevance, and increased competitiveness
- Enhanced success in EU calls
- Increased mobility, knowledge sharing, especially important for early career researchers
- Sharing infrastructures
- Reduced administrative burdens and cost efficiency



Latvian–Nordic added value – effects on society

- Address needs that are particular to the Latvian-Nordic countries
- Can focus on specific phenomena in the Latvian-Nordic region
- Promote innovations, patents and solutions and enhance industrial development



Thoughts for the future

- In the current geopolitical and security situation, there should be more Latvian-Nordic research collaboration on topics of particular relevance
- The Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Nordic countries should collaborate more in Brussels influencing the framework programme
- Potential for more Latvian participation in all NordForsk calls



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