

CALL FOR PROPOSALS NORDPLUS PROGRAMME 2012

SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING IN THE NORDIC AND BALTIC COUNTRIES

The Nordic Council of Ministers continues The Nordplus Programme for the 5-year period 2012-2016. 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 2012 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.

Nordplus Junior

- Shall strengthen and develop cooperation within all sectors of school education, pre-school sector as well, and shall support networks of pre-schools, primary and secondary schools (general or vocational) in the Nordplus area through mobility and project activities.
- Shall promote the development of quality, creativity and innovation in teaching and training, and strengthen cooperations between schools and working life.
- Shall support mobility activities that contribute to promotion of Nordic languages.

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

- Shall contribute to cooperation and networking between contributors to adult learning (education institutions as well as enterprises, organisations and NGOs).
- Shall support mobility and projects with the purpose of promoting the development of quality and innovation in all parts of adult learning.

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 Languages (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 ARS, available at <http://ars.norden.org>. For further instructions, handbook, ARS user guide and other regulations, please visit www.nordplusonline.org

Application deadline for all parts of The Nordplus Programme is 1 March 2012