Call for Proposals
Nordplus Contact seminar 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 hereby invites possible applicants to all sub-programmes of Nordplus to a contact seminar in Stockholm, Sweden 29 -31 October 2013.

The aim of the seminar is for possible applicants to the programme to be able to find partner institutions from the Nordic-Baltic area for future project applications. Participants can be all institutions and organisations that are eligible applicants and partners to take part in Nordplus activities and in all 5 sub-programmes.

The two main priorities for selecting participants will be:
1. Institutions that have plans for projects that aim to improve cooperation between education and working life, and
2. Projects that aim to deal with issues concerning the use and understanding of Nordic languages.

There are in addition general objectives of a balanced participation between the Nordplus countries, the different sectors and the preferred sub-programmes.

See each sub-programme for more details about these. Applicants are asked to describe their project idea and state a primary and secondary sub-programme for their project idea (for general information about the Nordplus sub-programmes, please consult the Nordplus Handbook on nordplusonline.org).

Participant institutions that are selected for participation will receive funding for travel and lodging for one person for two nights. The hotel/stay will be prepaid by Nordplus and you will receive travel support according to Nordplus travel rates for teachers/staff, se Nordplus handbook.

Nordplus Junior
- The programme supports – among other – cooperation between schools (including kindergarten/preschool) and working life.
- Kindergartens/preschools to upper secondary schools (theoretical and vocational), vocational schools/apprentice programmes, and culture schools as well as public or private organisations and institutions and public or private companies are invited to apply for attendance at the contact seminar.
- Priority will be given to applicants that aim to develop cooperation between education (regarding target groups in Nordplus Junior) and working life. It can be projects on a practical level where the aim is to find partners for development of the institution’s exchange of practice for pupils/trainees/students. It can also be any other project on a practical level where the cooperation between education and working life benefits the quality in education regarding target groups in Nordplus Junior. Also projects with the aim to benchmark good practices are of interest.

Nordplus Higher Education
- The programme supports – among other – collaboration between higher education and working life
- Higher Education Institutions that are interested in collaboration with working life, benchmark good practises or find new partners that share the same interest are invited to apply for attendance at the contact seminar.

Nordplus Adult
- The Nordplus Adult programme supports transnational mobility, networking and projects in the field of adult learning within the Nordic/Baltic countries.
- All types of institutions, organisations or bodies working with learning for adults can apply for participation in the contact seminar.
- Priority will be given to applicants with future project ideas on cooperation between adult learning and working life and the use
and understanding of Nordic languages. But it is possible to apply for participation with other themes/issues in mind.

Nordplus Horizontal

- The programme supports cross-sectoral networks and projects that deal with issues in education and life-long learning.
- All types of participants from kindergartens/pre-schools to schools and universities, as well as public or private organisations and private companies, are invited to apply for attendance at the contact seminar.
- Priority will be given to applicants that aim to develop cooperation between education and working life. This could be on a system level, where the aim is to see what connections there are in the different countries and to find good practices to learn from each other. Or, it can be projects on a more practical level where the aim is to find partners for development of the institution’s exchange of practice pupils/trainees/students. Note that the Horizontal programme does not support learner/staff mobility as such, but the development of such schemes.
- It is also possible to apply for participation if you have other subject areas in mind.

Nordplus Nordic Language

- The Nordplus Nordic Language Program aims to strengthen the knowledge and understanding of Nordic Languages (especially Norwegian, Danish and Swedish).
- The program is open for both private initiatives and public institutions and the program funds a broad spectrum of projects, ranging from academic research to kindergarten games to computer development. As long as pedagogic approach to Nordic languages is the main focus. A good knowledge of the program’s working language (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish) is required.
- Priorities are given to applicants with innovative project ideas and intent of active cooperation with other Nordic and/or Baltic countries.
- In the application, participants are required to choose which subject area they’re interested in and give some background information about themselves. The subject areas in question are: a) listening comprehension between Danish, Swedish and Norwegian. Danish. b) Danish and Swedish as a second language (in Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Finland and the Baltic countries). c) art, music and theater as a creative tool in teaching Nordic languages. d) new technologies in teaching Nordic language.

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](http://www.nordplusonline.org). Espresso will open for login and applications to the contact seminar 24. June 2013.

Application deadline for participation to the Nordplus contact seminar 29-31 October in Stockholm, is 15 September 2013

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**Preliminary agenda for Nordplus contact seminar 2013**

**Tuesday 29 October**
Arrival Stockholm, Hotel Scandic Ariadne
From 18.00 and onward: Registration, socializing

**Wednesday 30 October**
0900 Opening of the seminar
09.30 Plenary session
- Presentation of the Nordplus programme
- Presentation of the seminar priorities, best practice

11.00 Sub-programme groups
- Presentation of project ideas

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Connecting groups/finding partners
13.30 Parallel sessions
   - How to write a good application
   - The application and reporting system Espresso
   - Project coordination, responsibilities and economy
   - Presentation of projects, best practice

1900 Dinner

**Thursday 31 October**

09.00 Opening
09.30 Connecting groups/working with project ideas
12.00 Presentation of draft projects

13.00 Summary of the seminar. Questions.

13.30 Lunch and good bye