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The Nordic Council of Ministers

was established in 1971. It submits proposals on co-operation between the governments of the five Nordic countries to the Nordic Council, implements the Council's recommendations and reports on results, while directing the work carried out in the targeted areas. The Prime Ministers of the five Nordic countries assume overall responsibility for the co-operation measures, which are co-ordinated by the ministers for co-operation and the Nordic Co-operation committee. The composition of the Council of Ministers varies, depending on the nature of the issue to be treated.

The Nordic Council

was formed in 1952 to promote co-operation between the parliaments and governments of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Finland joined in 1955. At the sessions held by the Council, representatives from the Faroe Islands and Greenland form part of the Danish delegation, while Åland is represented on the Finnish delegation. The Council consists of 87 elected members - all of whom are members of parliament. The Nordic Council takes initiatives, acts in a consultative capacity and monitors co-operation measures. The Council operates via its institutions: the Plenary Assembly, the Presidium and standing committees.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' CO-OPERATION WITH THE ADJACENT AREAS 2004

Introduction

The annual Working Programme for the Adjacent Areas consists of an allocation of the funds set aside for this year's activities in the Adjacent Areas under the "Framework Programme for the Adjacent Areas 2003 - 2005 approved by the Nordic Council at its Helsinki session on 30 October 2002, based on, among other things, the strategy "Closer Neighbours".

The Nordic Experts' Committee for the Adjacent Areas have stated that both the Framework Programme and the Strategy remain relevant, but have pointed out that the fact that they are not implemented by the sectors as envisaged gives cause for concern. According to the Nordic Experts' Committee it is essential that not only projects, but also the action plan itself should be aligned with the strategy. For one thing, the experts find that the shift in emphasis towards Northwest Russia has progressed much more slowly than envisaged. The planned-for stronger focus on Northwest Russia should be reflected in the annual working programmes. Previously, a strong wish has been expressed to see the Adjacent Areas being treated as one single geographic area without country specific programmes, but in line with the Strategy, the Working Programme for 2004, will, by way of a first step, identify the activities taking place in the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia, respectively.

The annual programme for 2004 shows that at least 38% of the project funding*, close to TDKK 1900, will be used for co-operation with Northwest Russia. Of the total budget, 22% is used in co-operation with Northwest Russia. It should be noted that very few Russian applications were presented, and that none of the qualified Russian project applications were rejected.

** This does not include NOPEF (TDKK19.219) or the grant scheme Nordplus Neighbours (TDKK 10.000)*

The Nordic Council of Ministers' efforts in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Northwest Russia will be assessed during the first six months of 2004. The assessment is expected to form the basis for the guidelines for the future work, both thematically and geographically. Our partners have expressed a wish for separate programmes for each country. In the present programme for 2004 this is reflected by the columns of the project table indicating the percentage allocation of funds country by country, and where some of the projects, in addition to the Nordic countries only include the Baltic countries, while others only include Northwest Russia.

The present strategy presupposes a gradual increase of Baltic co-financing of projects, and thus, co-determination in their selection. A number of times, the Baltic countries have stressed that they do not wish to make themselves dependent on Nordic funding, and that they wish to ensure growing ownership of projects. The rate of this increase has not, however, been ultimately fixed, but will be gradually adjusted in keeping with the feedback provided to the sectors of the Nordic Council of Ministers by their Baltic partners concerning their interest in individual projects.

Virtually all activities under the Adjacent Areas Programme are initiated or implemented by or through the sectors. At the same time, the sectors carry out their own activities in the Adjacent Areas, activities that are not financed by the Adjacent Areas Programme. Activities financed by the sectors are not substantially different from those financed by the Adjacent Areas Programme. On the contrary, it is a matter of supplementary activities, and frequently the choice of financing source is purely incidental. This dual funding pattern entails the risk of watering down of political priorities, and is, additionally, likely to create confusion among beneficiaries and co-operation partners. Furthermore, some projects have been so protracted that they could be called permanent relations of co-operation.

The Northern Dimension is very much about the relationship between the European Union and Russia. Nordic co-operation in Northwest Russia will be adjusted in the light of the role which the Nordic Council of Ministers wishes to play within the Northern Dimension. The Framework

Programme 2003 - 2005 and the strategies on which it was based will continue to apply for co-operation with Russia in the years to come, but experience gained from co-operating with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will only be applicable in part when Northwest Russia becomes more of a focal point.

Due to the sheer size of Northwest Russia it is a challenge to identify potential co-operation partners. In this respect it has emerged that the Information Office in St Petersburg and the Information Points in Archangel, Murmansk, and Petrozavodsk, respectively, have played an invaluable role in providing quality assurance and anchorage of projects with the local authorities.

Working Programme 2004

The programme takes its established format with the regular, annual information, and the priorities set out in the steering documents have been observed:

Concentration of Effort

2004 is the last year in which project activities concentrate on pursuing long-term multi-annual projects. To a higher degree, future working programmes will focus on getting new projects off the ground, i.e., money will be used as "seed money" for the start-up of projects of mutual interest to the parties. This should yield enhanced flexibility to provide for the changed set of political priorities. The dialogue with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Northwest Russia in recent years has shown that the Nordic priorities - the Nordic welfare model, (including health and equality), sustainable exploitation of natural resources (including environment protection and energy), children and young people, dissemination of culture, consumer protection and food safety - are of topical interest to our partners in the Adjacent Areas.

Geographical Priorities

The accession of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to the European Union accentuates the need for intensified regular co-operation between authorities, i.e., direct professional co-operation. For 2004 the plan is to strengthen the NB-8 co-operation by way of joint meetings in Officials Committees and Councils of Ministers. Political co-operation will be stepped up for example by targeted efforts to build up new contact networks.

2004 will continue to see Northwest Russia moving to the centre of attention. In 2003, fulltime Russian staff was assigned to the Nordic Contact Points in Petrozavodsk, Murmansk, and Archangel, something which has led to better contacts with the local authorities and a reinforcement of existing networks. In the years to come, this will be reflected by the fact that more money will be earmarked to benefit these regions via the various exchange programmes. Initially, this will concern the Officials' Exchange Scheme and Nordprolink. For several years, preparations for opening an office in Kaliningrad have taken place, and it is still hoped that 2004 will see the realisation of this plan.

Enhanced User Control and Co-ordination

The Experts Committee for the Adjacent Areas, consisting of those responsible for aid to eastern countries in the respective ministries for foreign affairs, and the Arctic affairs experts, i.e., the Senior Arctic Officials on the Arctic Council, have been consulted in connection with the preparation of the Working Programmes for the Adjacent Areas and the Arctic, respectively. Similarly, experts in the Baltic countries and in Northwest Russia, viz., the Advisory Boards for Nordic-Baltic and Nordic-Russian Co-operation have been consulted for the second consecutive year in connection with the present programme. It is a clear objective for this type of co-operation that activities in the Adjacent Areas must be based on the needs of the beneficiary countries themselves. Thus, the countries have had an opportunity to comment upon the draft programmes of the Nordic Council of Ministers before they were submitted to the Nordic Co-operation Ministers.

Information

In 2003, information concerning the Nordic Council of Ministers' activities in the Adjacent Areas was made available not just in Norwegian and English, but also in Finish and Russian, at the

website www.norden.org . One objective of activities in 2004 will be to provide our partners with better information about how Nordic co-operation works and how they can apply for funding both in the Nordic countries and from the European Union.

Allocation of Budget Funds

The budget for the Adjacent Areas Programme in 2004 amounts to TDKK 83,872 following price adjustment. If the TDKK 5,070 under the Arctic Programme is included, the total budget for the Adjacent Areas amounts to TDKK 88,942. Of this money

- 23% is set aside for NOPEF
- 33% is set aside for the Grant and Exchange Schemes
- 17% is set aside for Information and Contact Activities
- 27% is set aside for Project Activities;

To this should be added another TDKK 60,000 from the specific sectoral allocations. Thus, joint Nordic efforts in the Adjacent Areas amount to a little under TDKK 145,000.

Most of the budget funds is tied up by existing commitments, for instance, the operation of information offices, grant and exchange schemes as well as long-term projects, or by the continuation of earlier projects. Calculations made earlier in the year indicate an uncommitted balance for new projects of approximately TDKK 6,000 provided that all existing projects (29) and grant programmes (8) are carried on. (25 projects were completed in 2003). As a result of the limited amount of uncommitted funds, they were not advertised. Nevertheless, applications were received at a total amount of TDKK 19.170. Out of these applications, 25 new applications were turned down, and 24 new applications will be financed. A number of the multi-annual projects have applied for funding far in excess of the amounts on which the original applications were based or have expressed a wish for continuation beyond the originally indicated completion date.

Consequently, the money which should have been available for new projects only represent 8% of the overall budget, or more specifically TDKK 2,329. To be able to meet any new applications at all, the present proposal operates with a number of reductions in the allocations awarded to ongoing, multi-annual projects.

This was the third year in which a single deadline for applications concerning the entire programme was operated, whereas up to and including 2001 applications were dealt with on a continuous basis throughout the year. The fact that the existence of an annual deadline has become public knowledge may partly explain why we have now received far more applications than in previous years. The annual deadline for applications has, more than anything, meant that the money is in fact spent, so that the balance of unspent budget allocation to be carried over to the following year will be negligible. The priorities of the Framework Programme have provided the principal criteria for the selection of new projects to be met as has the instruction made by the Nordic Experts Committee to consider Northwest Russia more of a centre of attention.

Activities		2003 Budget	2004 Budget	Applications / existing projects	Budget - Application = Balance for new projectst	New, recomm. applicatio n	Rejected applications
0810	Information and Contact Activity	14.000	13.902	13.902	0	0	0
5280	Nopef	17.651	19.219	19.219	0	0	0
0820	Grant and Exchange Schemes (19.266**)	18.356	22.766	22.450	316	0	0
0830	Democracy and welfare policy (17.745**)	18.495	14.245	16.140	-1.895	1.505	5.910
0840	Culture dissemination	2.830	3.600	1.780	1.820	1.764	694
0860	Sustainable development	11.042	10.140	8.299	1.841	4.692	4.605
0870	Arctic cooperation, separate program	3.577	5.070	4.507	563	2.792	2.191
TOTAL		85.951	88.942	86.297	2.329	10.753	13.400
Adjacent Areas Arctic excluded		82.014	83.872				

*** Indicates original amount. Recommendation to change the amount to that of the table as a result of the project having been redefined as an exchange scheme*

Information Offices and Contact Activities

Since 2003, the Information Offices have had a clearer role to play than before, for example, by contributing actively to the implementation of projects in the Adjacent Areas and, thus, they have had a central part in ensuring local anchorage of efforts in the Adjacent Areas, in keeping with the needs of the recipient countries themselves. This has resulted in closer co-operation between the Secretariat of the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Information Offices, but also between the Information Offices and the local authorities as well as the Nordic embassies.

The activities carried out by the existing Offices will continue in 2004 at the same level as in previous years. The budget amount for each Office not only covers office operations and administration, but also those of locally managed and initiated projects. In 2003, the offices received an additional allocation for projects in the field of sustainable development. The offices in the Baltic countries received an allocation of DKK 55,000 each, and the office in St Petersburg one of DKK 79,000. The Culture Department advocated that the Information Offices will receive additional funding for cultural projects of local importance. Thus, each of the Information Offices in the Baltic countries will have an allocation of TDKK 200, whereas the Information Office in St Petersburg receives TDKK 270 in keeping with the shifting emphasis on Northwest Russia. (This will be money from the reserve account 0840)

In 2003, the exchange scheme for business and industry, Nordprolink, was transferred to the administration of the Information Offices. This has proven a very successful move for which reason, from 2004, the full responsibility for the Officials exchange scheme is assigned to them.

Efforts are still going on to ensure the opening of an Information Office in Kaliningrad, and the opening of the office is envisaged to take place in the course of 2004.

All sums in Thousand DKK

Activity	Budget 2004 (operations, admin, local projects)	Local culture projects	"Officials" exchange for public adm.	"Nordprolink" exchanges for business and industry	Total per office
Information Office in St. Petersburg	3,975	270	800	1,200	6,245
Information Office in Tallinn	3,000	200	400	600	4,200
Information Office in Riga	3,000	200	400	600	4,200
Information Office in Vilnius	3,000	200	400	600	4,200
Information Point in Kaliningrad	0	-	-	-	-
Part of financing of an evaluations og NCM's activities in the Adjacent Areas	202				
Plan, co-ordination, evaluation, co-operation with sub-regional organisations	725				
Total amount per activity	13,902	870	2.000	3,500*	18,845

* Of this money TDK 500 TDKK is set aside the Norden Association, in accordance with a project contract

TDKK 19,219 is allocated for NOPEF

Giving priority to the development of a market economy and the co-operation between small and medium sized enterprises in the Nordic Region and its Adjacent Areas are factors reflected by the allocation to the NOPEF. It has been decided that the allocations of the Nordic Council of Ministers to the NOPEF are to be gradually increased to replace national funding. This theme has also been prioritised by the Department for Business, Industry and Welfare independently of the Adjacent Areas Programme. Thus, no purely market economy project will be fostered as such tasks are in the hands of the relevant Nordic organisations, the NIB, the NOPEF, and the NEFCO, respectively. By contrast, a number of education, training, and exchange projects are found under the budget lines for grant and exchange schemes.

Grant and Exchange Schemes in total account for TDKK 19,266

From their tender beginnings the grant schemes have grown so that now they include more than 500 persons who annually take part in the various programmes. As soon as the Information Point of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Kaliningrad opens, the citizens of this Russian enclave will be able to take part in these informative sojourns in the Nordic countries.

TDKK 13,000 is allocated for the Nordic Grant Scheme for the Baltic countries and North-western Russia

The scheme whose purpose is to establish academic networks between educational institutions has existed since 1991, but has had varying contents and priorities. For 2004, TDKK 13,000 has been allocated distributed by TDKK 3,000 to NorFa Neighbour, and TDKK 10,000 to Nordplus Neighbour, respectively. Nordplus Neighbour supports the establishment of new and links-up to existing academic networks and networks in the voluntary sector. NorFa Neighbour supports researcher networks.

TDKK 2,000 is allocated for the Officials Exchange Scheme

It is recommended that this scheme be administered by the Information Offices in Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, and St Petersburg in order to be able to meet the needs of the individual country as is the case for Nordprolink. Among applications received from the Baltic countries, priority is given to

such as are based on the need to establish relevant co-operation contacts and acquire information in connection with the EU Enlargement Process. As far as Russia is concerned, endeavours are made to support a democratic, stable, and predictable development by contributing to the evolution of steering tools and administrative structures in public administration. Every year, endeavours will be made to link the exchange scheme/traineeships as closely as possible to specific ongoing projects administered by the Nordic Council of Ministers to ensure that the scheme will yield the best possible results. The scheme includes officials at all levels.

TDKK 550 is allocated for the Grant Scheme for Parliamentarians

This exchange scheme is administered by the Nordic Council. The intention is to disseminate experience gleaned in Nordic parliamentary co-operation and representative democracy. The Grant Scheme was evaluated in 2001 and, on the basis of this evaluation, it was decided to ensure that more so than previously, the scheme should be based on a reciprocal, active, and equal dialogue between the Nordic countries and the countries in the Adjacent Areas. In 2004 the intention is to focus on young politicians and young political activists in NGOs, etc. Furthermore, measures should be taken to increase participation from Northwest Russia.

TDKK 1,400 is allocated for Sleipnir-the Adjacent Areas

Sleipnir is a travel grant programme aimed at increasing mobility among young artists in the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas. The mobility programme has proven a successful way of building up contacts between the Nordic countries and the Adjacent Areas and will, therefore, remain an important component in Culture Dissemination. The project has been given a warm welcome in the Baltic countries and Russia. The money is divided between the four Information Offices who are also responsible for managing the grant scheme. Experience shows that Sleipnir has worked very well in the Adjacent Areas, and that it has awakened a great deal of interest among young artists in the Baltic countries and Russia.

TDK 3,500 is allocated for Nordprolink

Nordprolink is a development programme (formerly Nordpraktik) focussing on business and industry. The purpose of the programme is to offer young people - from Baltic and Northwest Russian enterprises, who have completed their education and training, have had a few years vocational/professional experience, and who command English or a relevant Nordic language at a reasonable level - traineeships in small and medium sized enterprises in the Nordic countries. By means of Nordprolink they are given an opportunity to gain an insight into the working and production conditions of small and medium sized enterprises as well as to establish contacts and collaboration between enterprises in the Adjacent Areas and the Nordic countries. Nordprolink is administered by the Information Offices of the Nordic Council of Ministers in the Adjacent Areas, and a project co-ordinator has been appointed to the Information Point in Petrozavodsk. The project is carried out in co-operation with the affiliates of the Norden Association, for which purpose TDKK 500 of the abovementioned money has been set aside.

TDK 2,000 is allocated for Energy Exchange

Grants/salary subsidies can be awarded to researchers to develop an active knowledge-based network between researchers and resource persons working within selected fields and to promote Nordic researcher mobility. Grants may be awarded to support Nordic R&D proposals to the EU and other international programmes to improve the opportunities of Nordic senior researchers to interact with their colleagues in other countries. The Baltic and Russian energy dialogues are exchange schemes that have sprung from project activities and co-operation between the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas in the energy sector. For further information, please, turn to the data sheets.

Democracy and Welfare Policy, Cultural Dissemination and Sustainable use of Resources

The Nordic Council of Ministers is active in three prioritised areas of co-operation under the Adjacent Areas Programme, for which the following allocations are recommended:

- Democracy and welfare policy TDKK 14,245
- Culture Dissemination TDKK 3,600
- Sustainable use of resources TDKK 10,140

An overview of the projects under the programme can be found on p. 14

Sectoral Co-operation with the Adjacent Areas

The following passages provide short descriptions of total commitments in the Adjacent Areas.

Education, Training and Research

The Nordic Education and Research Ministers have approved a draft joint action plan for co-operation in the field of education, training, research, and IT policy fields. The Baltic countries and Russia are being consulted and the plan is expected to enter into force for 2004-2006. A proposal has been made to develop a joint Nordic/Baltic area for education, training, and research and to continue to develop project co-operation with Northwest Russia. Furthermore, a new joint programme committee is being proposed with representatives of all the countries affected, whose remit will be to establish the general priorities and take decisions for co-operation within the sector, including Nordplus Neighbour and NorFa Neighbour and the priorities of the sector itself in relation to the Adjacent Areas Programme of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The greatest single venture in of education, training, research, and IT policy fields in 2004 is the new network programme Nordplus Neighbour intended to strengthen the education and training community between and within countries. The programme is to focus on education and training in the formal education and training system from primary to tertiary levels and on educational and learning perspectives in the voluntary sector. The programme should be seen in connection with NorFa Neighbour, the Council of Ministers' network programme for researchers working in the same field. Other individual project in 2004 are A School for All and the adult education project ALLA.

The Energy Sector

Nordic regional co-operation in the field of energy is split into direct co-operation with the countries situated in the areas adjacent to the Nordic Region on the one hand, and, on the other, within the Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation (BASREC) set up between 11 Baltic Sea states and the European Commission. BASREC activities are linked to the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS). One important BASREC task lies in the field of climate issues and the completion of endeavours to develop the Baltic Sea Region into a Testing Ground for the Flexible Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol. Direct co-operation with the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia is financed by sectoral money and through the Adjacent Areas programme. Co-operation consists in grant schemes, information exchanges, and specific projects that evolve incrementally, and that are implemented in co-operation with the regions and authorities affected. Out of the sectoral funds reserved for energy, a little over 40% is accounted for by the Adjacent Areas through BASREC co-operation and through the direct regional energy co-operation (well over TDKK 2000 in 2003). Making a break-down of the money going to the BASREC and to the Testing-Ground co-operation on different countries in the Adjacent Areas hardly seems relevant. However, it is possible to make an estimate as far as direct co-operation is concerned. Here the money is evenly distributed between the Baltic countries and Russia. So far, Russia has not taken part in co-financing, whereas the Baltic countries are already participating by means of "in-kind" contributions. These are expected to increase in the future. As far as the projects that are partly financed under the Adjacent Areas Programme are concerned, the break-down of funding are estimated to be approximately the following:

- Grant Programme for the Baltic countries 100% the Baltic countries;
- Grant Programme Russia 100% Russia;

- Bio-energy Programme 20% Russia, 50% the Baltic countries, and 30% the Nordic countries;
- Basreew (energy networks in the Adjacent Areas) 15% Russia, 15% the Baltic countries, 70% the Nordic countries (the money going to the Nordic countries takes the form of services provided by Nordic staff, but with results which will benefit Russia and the Baltic countries).

The Environment Sector

The environment sector has secured co-financing from the Baltic countries for all the projects that were initiated in 2004 so that the parties are now co-operating on an equal footing. The contribution made by the Baltic countries is, however, smaller than the Nordic one. The co-operation with the Baltic countries cover both several environment themes and cross sectoral activities, for instance, product orientated environmental policy. In future, the environment sector will maintain closer contacts with the Baltic countries through informal meetings in the Nordic-Baltic officials committees. Looking at the break-down of projects between Russia and the Baltic countries will show a preponderance of projects related to Russia - this is true both in terms of the number of projects and in terms of money allocated. Several of these projects are carried out in co-operation with interest organisations. Project co-operation with Russia is expected to expand on the basis of shared seminars/conferences.

The Food Sector

For several years, the food sector has had two co-operation groups working together with the Baltic countries: the project "NordBalt Food Control", focusing on making food control more efficient, and "NordBalt Network on Public Health Nutrition", focussing on the field of nutrition. In this context, the five Nordic countries and the three Baltic countries are co-operating on an equal footing (11-12% from each country). As far as the financial contribution of the Baltic countries is concerned it is made in money and in kind, as the Baltic countries themselves cover the expenses of salaries, premises, etc., in connection with the planning and holding of meetings and seminars for the project groups in the Baltic countries, and they also cover domestic travel expenses. On the basis of a ministers' declaration concerning intensified Nordic-Baltic co-operation in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries (adopted at the ministers' meeting in Tallinn on 7 November 2003), the Food Sector has initiated reinforcement of Nordic-Baltic co-operation in the field of food safety (also adopted at the same meeting in Tallinn on 7 November 2003). The Baltic countries intend to defray their own share of the expenses in connection with meetings, projects, etc. As far as Northwest Russia is concerned there is a positive attitude to its inclusion in an appropriate manner - however, as yet it has not been practicable in the field of food. Northwest Russia was invited to take part in the above ministers' meeting in Tallinn, but did not attend. Russia will be invited to participate in the planning of future ministers' meetings.

Agriculture & Forestry

To a very high degree, the agricultural and forestry sector co-operate with the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia. Particularly in the field of forestry, an area in which more than 60% of our activities/projects take place in co-operation with the Adjacent Areas including Russia. In the years to come, Nordic forestry co-operation is expected to focus and intensify co-operation even more with Russia. Out of the sector's budget of TDKK 24,000, TDKK 6,000 is accounted for by forestry out of which 60% is spent in co-operation with the Adjacent Areas, and TDKK 18,000 on agriculture out of which 15% is spent on activities in the Adjacent Areas. The majority of the agricultural and forestry related projects in which the Nordic countries take part and co-finance are aimed at increasing co-operation between different countries in terms of competence development. Consequently, many projects result in conferences, seminars, workshops, research, creation of networks, etc. Generally, Nordic co-operation takes place more frequently with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania than with Russia. However, some projects favour Russia and have to do with reindeer husbandry and research into frost-resistant plants.

The Culture Sector

In setting its priorities, the Culture Sector has complied with the signals indicating that a higher proportion of project funding should go to projects targeted at Northwest Russia. The Culture Exchange Programme for Children and Young People (DKK 900,000/year) has reserved a quota of the money for Northwest Russia, while the Baltic countries will each receive one fifth of the allocation. The travel grant scheme for young artists (Sleipnir) has also been divided into quotas so as to reserve the largest share for Northwest Russia. NORDBOK's translation grants are, however, still targeted at the Baltic countries. One of the objectives of the programme is to promote publication and translation of literature from and into small languages, and for this reason it is not relevant to include Russian on the same terms, as this language is the one most spoken in Europe and one of the world's biggest languages. Most projects require co-financing from the Baltic countries.

Comments concerning the break-down on countries between the new projects: *Closer Culture Neighbours* is a project which, according to the original application, only concerns Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. It should however be possible to involve Northwest Russia in the programme, and in the opinion of the Culture Department an experimental period should be funded initially during which a proportion of the money should be spent on creating conditions for also involving Russia. *RUTILUS Project* has a planned total budget of approximately MDKK 7,5, and the proposed contribution from the Adjacent Areas Programme only amounts to TDKK 600. The financing balance will come from national ministries, authorities, museums, etc., as well as to a high degree from the European Union. The contribution made under the Adjacent Areas Programme will only cover costs incurred by Baltic and Russian participation.

The Consumer Sector

Geographic break-down in per cent (preliminary) Estonia 6.7, Latvia 6.7, Lithuania 6.7, Russia 80.0. The projects that are now relevant have to do with "New Dimensions in Market Surveillance and Product Safety Activities in Russia". (Possibly in collaboration with the UN), "Translation of Legal Texts into Russian", (primarily to allow seminars to be held, etc.), "Misleading Advertising", various meetings with Russian authorities and organisations, the research project, "Consumer Satisfaction, Dissatisfaction, and Complaining in Russia", a seminar about the EU Enlargement primarily targeted at voluntary consumer organisations as well as a project concerning financial services, and a seminar concerning services provided for the benefit of the public. All these projects predominantly have to do with Northwest Russia. Furthermore, the Consumer Sectors takes a positive view of activities taking place in fields where, so far, we have not been active, for instance, financial services and food (possibly in co-operation with other sectors). Attempts will be made to enter into dialogue with business and industry in the Adjacent Areas.

The Housing and Construction Sector

The housing and construction sector will strengthen its co-operation with the Baltic countries concerning projects in the housing policy field and housing social field. Project activities will continue to focus on ownership and privatisation of flats, financing prospects, and social policy housing concerns. The Nordic countries should pursue a dialogue by organising seminars and meetings.

Housing Maintenance in the Baltic Region, 90% for the Baltic countries, 10% for the Nordic countries;

Privatisation of the housing stock in Murmansk: 70% for Russia, 30% for the Nordic countries;
Increased co-operation the Nordic Region/the Baltic Region /Poland: 70% for the Nordic countries, 30% for the Baltic countries.

The Labour Market Sector

Generally, the labour market and working environment sector has seen more activities with the Baltic countries whereas Russia has mainly taken part in courses under the Nordic institutions for continuing training in the field of working environment (the NIVA), which offers courses in working environment at PhD level. The management of NIVA plans to involve Russia in the

activities of the institution in the years to come by inviting more Russians to attend conferences, and by carrying out some of the activities in the Adjacent Areas, out of which approximately 7% in Russia. In connection with the enlargement of the EU labour market on 1 May 2004, the sector has decided to focus even more on this area. A Nordic-Baltic Officials Committee has been established to assist the Baltic countries in their preparations for EU membership.

The Health and Social Sector

- Main focus for the Health and Social Sector's activities in the Adjacent Areas in 2004:
- Children and young people at risk through the continuation of the cross-sectoral (social, culture, education and training) action plan for children and young people in the areas adjacent to the Nordic Region. Special attention to be paid to Russia, including Kaliningrad, provided the Nordic Council of Ministers manages to get its activities going there;
- Evaluation of the Action Plan for children and young people at risk in the areas adjacent to the Nordic Region and the annual action plans 1999 – 2003.
- Cross-sectoral co-operation concerning the action plans to combat narcotics;
- Continuation of the project concerning the protection against contagion and infection;
- Continuing participation in and development of the EU Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing.

The activities of the Health and Social Sector in the Adjacent Areas in 2002 (DKK 1,000) broken down on countries: (Out of this money, the sector's own funds for the Adjacent Areas co-operation accounted for 6%).

Activity	Russia	Lithuania	Latvia	Estonia	The Nordic Countries
NOSOSKO (Nordic Committee for social statistics) Social statistics for the Baltic countries	0	25	25	25	25
NOMESKO (Nordic Committee for medical statistics) Health statistics for the Baltic countries	0	25	25	25	25
Social work	0	25	25	25	25
Protection against contagion and infection	150	100	100	100	250
BRIMHEALTH (Baltic Rim Health) Training in public health for health professionals in the Baltic countries and Russia. Financed during the period 1993 -2003. Nordic partner is the NHV.	100	200	200	200	300
Action Plan for children and young people, local projects	450	300	300	300	0
Action Plan, large-scale projects	1424	580	1127	773	718
Total	2124	1255	1802	1448	1343

Co-financing by the Baltic countries in 2002 was predominantly in-kind financing by way of man hours, premises, and support functions of different types. The breakdown of the funding between the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia shows that "conventional" project activities in the Baltic countries predominate over Russia, while the opposite is true of the Action Plan for Children and Young People. As far as the Action Plan is concerned, this trend continues in 2003 and unequivocally so in 2004 when no large-scale project will be financed in the Baltic countries via Action Plan funds. Correspondingly, the share of money spent in the Nordic Region will be reduced. Conventional project activities are in the process of disappearing; sectoral funds are mainly spent on projects belonging under the Action Plan for Children and Young People.

The Narcotics Sector

Action in the Adjacent Areas is the top priority of the sector both politically and in terms of money, and the break-down shows that 35% goes to the Baltic countries and 40% to Russia and 4% to the Nordic countries. The so-called Lunda Declaration (www.norden.org) was adopted at the meeting held by the ministers responsible for combating narcotics in Lund in September 2003; here it was agreed that it is very important to combat the narcotics problem in society by means of a political partnership and by initiating a number of projects and activities linked to national priorities. The overall objective of the Action Plan concerning narcotics in the areas adjacent to the Nordic Region

is to reduce narcotics abuse, narcotics trafficking and their consequences, and furthermore to

- intensify Nordic-Baltic co-operation and exchange of information with local authorities;
- restrict the development of continuously growing narcotics abuse and to promote preventative actions;
- reduce the negative health consequences of narcotics abuse and the communication of transferable diseases;
- provide better living conditions and life quality for narcotics abusers as alternatives to imprisonment and prostitution;
- increase efforts to combat narcotics related crime, and to protect weak groups and those especially at risk, in particular children and young people.

In its activities in the Adjacent Areas, the Narcotics Sector strives to work in a cross-sectoral manner wherever this seems meaningful, and to promote co-operation primarily through action plans concerning equality, and children and young people.

The Gender Equality Sector

The activities of this sector in the Adjacent Areas breaks down to 25% for the Baltic countries, 70% for Russia, and 5% for the Nordic Region. In the course of 2004, the Gender Equality Sector will continue its co-operation with the gender equality units of the Baltic countries and will concern the politically prioritised issues. Co-operation will focus on the exchanges of information, organising joint events and meetings and establishing collaboration within the EU and its various programmes, for example, EU Northern Dimension Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing. Co-operation of the Gender Equality Sector with Northwest Russia is based on a dialogue between ministries, regional and local authorities, researchers, and NGOs. Special priority is given to cross-sectoral co-operation with the narcotics and judicial sector to combat trafficking in women. The Nordic-Baltic-Russian women police network will focus on joint training in relation to trafficking in women and abuse of women. In meetings, seminars, and conferences exchanges of information and best practices will be affected, and new projects will be initiated to pursue work to develop Nordic-Baltic-Russian co-operation. The Gender Equality Sector co-operates with other international organisations and actors about topical themes to avoid duplication of effort and to provide the relevant co-operation with a greater width by shedding light on various approaches.

The following table provides an overview of the projects in the Adjacent Areas Programme. The table is relatively brief, but for each project, a data sheet is available which includes, for example, contact information with the relevant advisor in the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Copenhagen, 9 January, 2004

HOW TO READ THE TABLE

Bud.No.	Budget item
Proj.No.	Project Number
Activity	Describes project - see also enclosed data sheet for each project
Time	Duration of project
Total	Multi-annual proj. Amount over several years
Amount 2004	Total project amount for 2004
External	Financing by sources outside the NCM including national Nordic financing and financing from the countries themselves
Sector	Financing by the sectors of the Adjacent Areas Programme
Applied for 2004	Amount applied for from the Adjacent Areas F Programme in 2004
Allocated € 2004	This column indicates the amounts allocated in 2004
Allocated 03	Amount allocated from the Adjacent Areas Programme in 2003
RU	% share of project funds to be spent in Northwest Russia
E	% share of project funds to be spent in Estonia
LA	% share of project funds to be spent in Latvia
LI	% share of project funds to be spent in Lithuania
N	% share of project funds to be spent in the Nordic countries

PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2004 amount</u>	<u>2004 External</u>	<u>2004 Sector</u>	<u>2004 Application</u>	<u>2004 Allocated</u>	<u>2003 Allocated</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Balt</u>	<u>N</u>
NOPEF: support for SMEs	2000						19.219	17375						
Information and Contact Activities														
Northwest Russia	1995-						13902	13725						
Estonia	1991-						3975	3370						
Latvia	1991-						3000	2970						
Lithuania	1991-						3000	2970						
Kaliningrad	2004-						0	500						
Evaluation, co-ord., admin.sector	2004						725	725						
Evaluation NO partial financing							202							
Grant Programmes*														
U - Nordpluss Neighbour	1991-'03	52000					22.766	10000						
U - NorFA Neighbour	2003-'05	24400					10000	3000	15	10	10	10	30	
Officials Exchange Scheme							3000	1852	40	20	20	20	60	
NC Grants for Parliamentarians							2000	550						
C-Sieipnir Adjacen A culture exchange	1999-'05				500		550	550						
E-Nordic energy pol. In co-op with Russia	1999-'05		1500		500		1400	1400	34	22	22	22	66	
E-Nordic energy pol. In co-op with the B.R.	1999-'05	2000	2000	500	500		1000	1000	100	0	0	0	0	
Norprolink traineeships for business and ind.	1993				500		1000	1000	10	30	30	30	90	
							3500	3500	40	20	20	20	60	
							22.450							

**Amount increased because of Nordprolink Prog.*

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2004 amount</u>	<u>2004 External</u>	<u>2004 Sector</u>	<u>2004 Application</u>	<u>2004 Allocated</u>	<u>2003 Allocated</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>LJ</u>	<u>Balt</u>	<u>N</u>
Project: Democracy and Welfare**														
Journalist training prog.	1990-'05	6470				17.745	14.245	1000	100	0	0	0	0	
NIVA's Baltic grant for working env.	1992-'05				50	200	100	200	50	15	15	20	50	
NIVA's Balt/Russ course train the trainers	1995-'05				50	280	120	150	25	25	25	25	75	
Action Plan for children and young people	1999-	5800			1800	4000	2500	2500	72	6	6	6	18	10
Nordic Youth Committee	2003-'05	12000			100	400	400	500						
Consumer protec (Balt.) in Adjacent Areas	2003-'04	1000			500	500	455	500	80	6,7	6,7	6,7	20,1	
Road traffic safety in Adjacent Areas	2003-'05	1540			500	300	200	300	100					
Border regional co-op on reg.development	2000-'04	1200			450	700	600	600	25	25	25	25	75	
National parks, local author. & population	2002-'04	2100				500	400	500	0	0	0	0	0	
Action Plan for combatting narcotics	2003-'05	9000			1500	2250	1400	1200	20	20	20	20	60	
Action Plan for equality co-op in Adjacent Areas	2004-'05	6000	2900	700	200	2000	1600	2000	65	10	10	10	30	5
Housing maintenance mgmnt.in Baltic st...	2003-'04	529			33,5	200	200	150	0	50	25	25	100	
Social dialogue and vocational training	2003-'04	1143			100	150	150	250	0	25	25	25	75	25
ALLA NGO-managers training progr. NVR	2003-'06	5440			100	1410	1200	650	85	4	3	3	10	
NC's initiative Health, Narcotic and Equality	2004						1500							
D&V project extended beyond original duration														
Protection against infections in the Baltic Reg	2002-'03	1450			250	500	500	500	57	15	10	18	43	
Developm. of municipal & regional admin.	2000-'03	1900				750	650	700	0	33	33	33	99	
						16140	13055							

** Amount reduced because of transfer of the Nordprolink Prog.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2004 amount</u>	<u>2004 External</u>	<u>2004 Sector</u>	<u>2004 Application</u>	<u>2004 Allocated</u>	2003 <u>Allocated</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Balt</u>	<u>N</u>
NEW APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED														
NOMESKO- 3. Nordic-Baltic Health Statist.	2004	71		21	0	50	50		0	0	0	0	0	
Privatisation of housing stock in Murmansk	2004-06	2004	750	550	40	150	150		60	0	0	0	0	40
Working environment support to baltics	2003-04	500	500	0	250	250	250		0	50	25	25	100	
Preparation of action plan for incr. Build.act.	2003-04	700	480	0	30	175	100		0	33	33	33	99	1
Kola Peninsula Sami Radio	2002-05	6755	2014	1885	0	130	130		100	0	0	0	0	
North West Analysis - revised application						500	500		100	0	0	0	0	0
						1505	1180							
NEW APPLICATIONS REJECTED														
NGOs - development in Lithuania	2003	100				100	100							
Open future for Children at Risk						41	41							
Municipality planning in Komi						280	280							
Nordic distance education platform						197	197							
Adult education in Karelia						854	854							
Teaching European languages and culture						258	258							
Baltic Tour 21 (tourism)						1245	1245							
International Forest mulle						443	443							
IKED- Effective policies for innov.&enterpr						791	791							
Working togeth.against violence disa.wom						175	175							
Young wom. netw.for peace, democ.&HR						147	147							
Nordic- Baltic association for sports for the audially impaired						340	340							
Baltic Partnership Primary Health						1180	1180							
						5910								

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2004 amount</u>	<u>2004 Sector</u>	<u>2004 Application</u>	<u>2004 Allocated</u>	<u>2003 Allocated</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LA</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>Balt</u>	<u>N</u>
Culture Dissemination													
Nordbok	1998-2004	416				3600	400		10	30	30	90	
IV. Nordic Poetry Festival in i Tallinn	2003-'05	489				500	300		0	100	0	100	
Cultural exchange for children & young p.		3000				380	900						
						900							
						1780							
NEW APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED													
Closer culture neighbours -cultural mngmnt	2004-06	900	300	0	300	356		9	30	30	30	90	
Barents Grant Programme for Artists	2004-05	1900	640	0	300	300		50	0	0	0	0	
RUTILUS	2004-06	7350	1469	0	750	374		5	6	5	7	18	
NIK's culture projects in Estonia	2004	200			200	200			100			100	
NIK's culture projects in Latvia	2004	200			200	200				100		100	
NIK's culture projects in Lithuania	2004	200			200	200					100	100	
NIK's culture projects in Northwest Russia	2004	270			270	270		100				100	
						1900							
NEW APPLICATIONS REJECTED													
Travel grant for journalists - Latvia						100							
Norden 2004 -Travel grant for journ.Litauen						75							
Drawings on the stone						50							
Nordic marginal						63							
Culture study of popular tradition N & NVR						156							
Vestnorden Arts and crafts 2004						250							
The role of foreigners in Kronstadt						142							
Video bridges for Youth Dialogue						144							
						980							

Activity	Duration	2004 amount	2004 External	2004 Sector	2004 Application	2004 Allocated	2003 Allocated	RU	E	LA	LI	Balt	N
Sustainable Use of Resources						10.140							
BACCON Chemical Control Issues- BALT	2003-'05	2500	1062	94	94	50	188	0	33	33	33	99	
Nordbalt and Quality Assurance	1995-'04				550	500	550	0	11	11	11	33	
Nordic-Baltic Network on Publ.health.nutrit.	2002-				500	500	500	0	12	12	12	36	
Plant and Livestock Heritage: Restoration and modernisation of the Vavilov Institute	1998-'05				507	200	100						
Bio 2003 Training assess.ent rur. bioenergy	2002-'05	1000		400	600	500	600						
Virtual university for sust.agricult. In the Baltic Sea region	2003-'04	1350			400	350	450						
Blue Flag Campaign promotion	2004	537	239	0	298	250	172	36	11	0	15	26	
Coastal mgmnt. Sustainab. & integration	2003-'04	316			250	200	250	0	65	0	0	0	
Energy network in the B.S. RegionBASREEM	2003-'05	1500	500	250	500	250	200	40	20	20	20	60	
BU project extended beyond original duration													
NEFCO's Env. Devel. Fund***	1996-'03	40000		6900	4600	4600	4600	55	7	17	18	42	
NYE SØKNADER ANBEFALT													
BACCON Chemical Control Issues- RUS	2004-'05	600	340	132	133	133	100	100	0	0	0	0	
D/vipm.of Nor-Balt mkt for organic food	2003-'04	1038	117	106	306	200	0	0	12	10	12	34	
Nor-Balt co-op. Plant genet.res.cons&utili	2004-'06	880	560	0	880	300	30	30	15	15	15	45	
Nor-Balt co-op. Official seed testing	2004-'06	554	190	16	166	150	0	0	11	11	11	33	
Nor-Balt training space: agric.;forestry	2004-'06	2862	324	0	415	300	25	25	18	18	18	54	
New challenges micro-credit rural women	2003-'04	275	25	0	250	245	40	40	5	10	10	25	
Spatial planning course Baltic Sea Region	2004-'05	472	72	200	200	200	70	70	15	15	15	45	
PIPE - Young people involv.in regional plan.	2003-'04	58	46	0	12	12	42	42	0	0	0	0	
Costeff.reduct.of nutrien load to baltic sea	2004-'06	1565	1097	150	316	250	2	2	10	0	0	10	
Waterfowl mgmnt,plan Baltic-White Sea	2004-'05	107	58	0	50	50	45	45	5	0	5	10	
10 BIDST-BSR Decision support tool	2004-'05	1145	325	300	520	400	0	0	5	5	5	15	
NEW APPLICATIONS REJECTED													
Evaluation of climate change influence					1813								
Climate change and forest fire risk					1678								
Journey with Ecoteam					231								
Cold resistance -DROP in Fennoscandia					60								
Follow-up to Food Ministers' Meeting					300								
Barents Energy Focal Points Newsletter	2002-'03				223								
Establ. of barnacle goose popul.in enclosure	2004				300								
Information Displays Waste market	2004-'06				1444								
					6049								

***allocation will depend on final decision

GRANT AND EXCHANGE SCHEMES

Nordplus Neighbour

Project No.: 082040

Objective: The overall objective for Nordplus Neighbour is to develop long-term network co-operation in the entire field of education and training, i.e., from primary school level to university level. This also includes support for network co-operation on adult education whether it takes place under the auspices of the formal education and training system or in the voluntary sector in the Nordic Region or the Adjacent Areas. The determining point is whether the network activities in question have an education/training/learning perspective.

Activities: Networks of a minimum of two institutions representing two different Nordic countries and two institutions from two different countries in the Adjacent Areas are eligible for support. A network may include mobility (teachers, researchers, students) as well as stationary activities, conferences, seminars, network meetings, etc. Support may be awarded to establishing new networks or joining existing ones. Support is awarded for a maximum of three years, of which the first year can be spent on setting up the network.

Target Group: Universities, institutions of higher education, primary schools, museums, research institutes, NGOs, etc.

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Faeroes, Greenland, and the Aaland Islands.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and St Petersburg.

Any Other Countries:

Co-operation Partners: The Nordic Information Offices in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and St Petersburg.

Total Budget: DKK 10,000,000

Adjacent Areas Funds: DKK 10,000,000

Sector Funds: -

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Education, Training, and Research and ICT

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Alf Rasmussen, tel. +45 33 96 03 54 ar@norden.org

Administrative Body: The Norwegian Research Council in co-operation with the programme offices of the other Nordic countries. Formal decisions to be taken by a Nordic/Baltic/Russian programme committee (not yet appointed).

Duration of Project: 2004-2006

NorFA Neighbour - NorFA's programme for the Adjacent Areas

Objective: Through targeted efforts to stimulate intensified co-operation between the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas in the fields of researcher training and research.

Activities: The programme consists of a number of components and is cross-sectoral in that it includes both support elements vis-à-vis research environments and more policy oriented activities. Researcher training environments in the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas may apply for funding for networks, researcher training courses, and visiting professorships with special relevance for co-operation with the Adjacent Areas. The programme constitutes a platform for the exchange of experience and ideas concerning the development of research and researcher training in the Adjacent Areas aimed at research management and research policy actors in the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas.

Target Group: Research and researcher training environments in Northwest Russia, the Baltic countries, and the Nordic countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: all.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: all.

Any Other Countries: Poland, Germany

Co-operation Partners: Nordpluss Neighbour, the Nordic Research Councils.

Total Budget: NOK 5,883,000 (2004) MNOK 18 2003-2005.

Adjacent Areas Funds: MNOK 3 (NOK 3,455,000) (2004) MDKK 9 2003-2005.

Sector Funds: NOKK 2,428,000 (2004), MNOK 8.1 2003-2005.

External Funds: Substantial university contributions for individual projects.

Responsible Sector / Department: Education, Training, and Research.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Kate Runeberg, tel +45. 33 96 02 83, kr@norden.org

Administrative Body: NorFA.

Duration of Project: 2003-2005 (three years)

Exchange of Civil Servants

Objective: The aim of the programme is to offer civil servants operating on behalf of administrative structures in the Baltic Countries and North-West Russia opportunities to build networks between civil structures of North-West Russia and Baltic countries from one side and the same structures from Nordic countries either by study visits to Nordic countries or by inviting of Nordic experts to Adjacent Areas.

Activities: Capacity building for the institutions in the Adjacent Areas and the Nordic countries.

Target Group: civil servants, living in the Baltic countries or North-West Russia; authorities and organizations in the Baltic countries or North-West Russia; Nordic experts, invited by civil structures of the Baltic countries or North-West Russia

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: North-West Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Any Other Countries: ---

Co-operation Partners: civil structures of North-West Russia and Baltic countries (state, county, and local level)

Total budget:

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 2.000.000

Sector Funds:

External Funds:

Responsible Sector / Department: NCM's Offices in the Adjacent Areas

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Astrid Naerum, Special advisor, Department of Environment and Resources, NCMS, tel. +45 33 96 03 27, amn@norden.org

Administrative Body: NCM's Offices in the Adjacent Areas

Duration of Project: 2004 ---

Grant Scheme for Parliamentarians

Objective: According to a note from the Council Secretariat dated 14 April 1997, the objective of the Grant Programme is to provide parliamentarians in the Adjacent Areas with an opportunity to see for themselves how the Nordic Council and the Nordic parliaments work and act. The programme is aimed at parliamentarians from the three Baltic countries and Northwest Russia. Grants are spent on an information programme about the activities of the Nordic Council and the national parliaments in one or more Nordic countries.

Activities: In the main, the programme has consisted in visits to the parliaments of the Nordic countries to gather information from and hold discussions with Nordic parliamentarians. Study visits have also been paid to other institutions. All the five Nordic countries have not been visited every year, but normally visits have been paid to two countries. In recent years the programme has been subdivided into two part-programmes with different target groups.

Target Group: Parliamentarians from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Northwest Russia.

Participating Nordic Countries: all

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas:

Any Other Countries:

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: (Programme running since 1993 with annual allocations from the Nordic Council of Ministers).

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 550,000

Sector Funds:

External Funds:

Responsible Sector / Department: Secretariat of the Nordic Council

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Jan Widberg, tel. +45 33 96 03 46 jw@norden.org

Administrative Body:

Duration of Project: annual.

Sleipnir in Adjacent Areas

Project no.: 223841

Aim of the project: To strengthen contacts between the Nordic countries and the Adjacent Areas through an exchange programme for young artists

Activities: Travelling scholarships for artists

Target group: Professional artists below the age of 36

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and North West Russia

Other countries: None

Partners: The Nordic Information Offices in the Adjacent Areas, expert bodies in individual countries, and the Sleipnir secretariat in Finland (NIFCA)

Total budget 1.900.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 1.400.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: 500.000 DKK

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Department of Culture

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org

Project management: Information Offices in Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn and St. Petersburg

Project duration: 2003–2005

Energy Dialogue with Russia (previously Grant Scheme Russia)

Project No.: 320932100402-2

Objective: Supporting the co-operation of the Nordic countries and their financing institutes in Northwest Russia in developing improved energy efficiency and the use of renewable and local energy sources as well as exchanging information about energy policy and energy market developments between, on the one hand, the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Nordic countries and, on the other, the Russian Federation.

Activities: Activities are planned within the following programme block:

- Networks: Co-ordination of pan-Nordic efforts with TACIS, the Nordic financing institutes as well as discussions concerning objectives and activities with the relevant authorities in Moscow;
- Programmes and projects: Knowledge, information, and capacity building, for example, through grant schemes focussing on concrete projects and co-operation with the authorities;
- Studies and analyses: Inventories of existing structures, improvement of statistics, analyses, etc., beginning in those areas that directly serve climate co-operation;
- Information: Some of the preconditions for improving energy efficiency, effecting energy savings and sustainable development are to be found in sufficient information about objectives, possibilities, findings, and impacts.

Target Group: Central and regional political bodies and authorities in Northwest Russia as well as Baltic Sea Regional Energy Co-operation (BASREC).

Participating Nordic Countries: all

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Primarily Russia, other countries within BASREC.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Nordic energy administrations and authorities, Nordic energy research, Nordic energy companies, institutions, and organisations. The project is executed on behalf of Nordic co-operation in the field of energy and its regional activities, and is initiated, planned, and managed through Nordic co-operation in the Council of Ministers, Officials Committee, and the regional group.

Total Budget: DKK 4, 500,000 (DKK 1,500,000/year)

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 1,000,000

Sector Funds: DKK 1,500,000 (DKK 500,000/year)

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: E&R

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Karin Widegren, Tel +45 3396 0285, kw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Management bodies, including project managers, are appointed for each sub-project. The Regional Group together with representatives of Russia will act as a steering group. Grant activities are managed by Nordic Energy Research, Holbergsgate 1, NO-0166, Oslo.

Duration of Project: 2003-2005.

Nordic Energy Dialogue with BCoM, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania (previously: Co-operation between energy authorities in the Baltic countries).

Project No.: 321041-90820

Objective: Establishing close and concrete contacts between the two councils of ministers organisations and bilaterally with the Baltic countries to improve the conditions for sustainable energy supply, a single Baltic market for electricity (CBMC) and future development prospects within the framework of the Agreed Minutes between the Nordic and the Baltic Officials Committees.

Activities: The project includes co-operation at several levels from ministerial level to project and secretarial level. Activities are carried out within the following fields:

- Networks: Ministers meetings or high-level officials meetings whenever necessary, including workshops;
- Projects and studies: Joint knowledge and capacity building projects to support the development of an electricity market and climate co-operation. Activities are carried out, for example, through working groups and grant schemes.
- Information: Support for setting up efficient and targeted information activity primarily aimed at energy saving measures, for example, through co-operation between the Nordic information liaison officers and their Baltic colleagues.

Target Group: BCoM (Baltic Council of Ministers) as well as key people working for the authorities of the Baltic countries as well as other actors in the energy field and the electricity markets of the Baltic countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: all

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Nordic energy administrations and authorities, Nordic energy research, Nordic energy companies, institutions, and organisations. The project is executed on behalf of Nordic co-operation in the field of energy and its regional activities, and is initiated, planned, and managed through Nordic co-operation in the Council of Ministers, Officials Committee, and the regional group.

Total Budget: DKK 5,500,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 1,000,000

Sector Funds: DKK 1,500,000 (500,000 DKK/year)

External Funds: DKK 1,000,000 (500,000 DKK/year 2004 and 2005)

Responsible Sector / Department: E&R

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Karin Widegren, Tel +45 33 96 02 85, kw@nmr.dk

Administrative Body: Determined on a case-by-case basis. More and more of the joint projects are managed by the BCoM with their managers, the Regional Group and BCoM/CoE acting as a joint steering group. Grant activities are managed by Nordic Energy Research, Holbergsgate 1, NO-0166, Oslo

Duration of Project: 2003-2005

NORDPROLINK

Project No.: 511090-30121

Objective: Increased business co-operation between enterprises in the Adjacent Areas and enterprises in the Nordic countries.

Activities: Providing young employees in small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) in the Adjacent Areas with traineeships of up to one month's duration in a Nordic SME.

Target Group: Young people from Baltic/Russian enterprises who have completed their training and had some years in work, and who master English or a relevant Nordic language at a reasonable level.

Participating Nordic Countries: all the countries and whenever possible the self-governing areas.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia.

Any Other Countries: none

Co-operation Partners: Enterprises in the Adjacent Areas and the Nordic countries.

Total Budget: DKK 3,500,000

Adjacent Areas Funds: DKK 3,500,000

Sector Funds: None

External Funds: None

Responsible Sector / Department: Business sector, VE

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Stefan Kovacs, tel. +45 33 96 03 44 sko@norden.org

Administrative Body: The four Information Offices in the Adjacent Areas and the Association Norden organisations

Duration of Project: 2003; new agreement is expected to be completed for 2004-2006.

DEMOCRACY AND WELFARE

Journalist Training and Institution-building in the Baltic Countries and North West Russia/Kaliningrad

Project no.: 22057.14.002/01

Aim of the project: To raise the professional skills of Baltic and Russian journalists and their understanding of the role of the media in a democratic society. To contribute to the development of sustainable institutions of further education for journalists. For the Baltic countries, it is expected that this process will be complete within a three-year period.

Activities: Further education project for journalists in the Adjacent Areas/institution building in the Baltic countries and North West Russia/Kaliningrad.

Target group: Journalists

Participating Nordic countries:

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and North West Russia (including Kaliningrad)

Other countries: None

Partners: None

Total budget: 6.470.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 1.000.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: DKK 0

External funding: DKK 0

Responsible sector/department: Culture

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 02 80, ms@norden.org

Project management: Nordic Centre for Journalism

Project duration: 2003–2005

NIVA Baltic Grants

Project no.: 418040-00117

Aim of the project: To raise levels of awareness about the working environment and labour market in the Adjacent Areas and to educate experts and teachers. This will help these countries to match the European level of awareness in respect of occupational health care and working environment inspections in preparation for accession to the European Union. To strengthen the Nordic dimension in the working environment/labour market

Activities: Provide grants for working environment/labour market researchers, experts and teachers in the Adjacent Areas so that that may attend NIVA's courses

Target group: Researchers, experts and teachers in the field of the working environment/labour market

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: All

Other countries: None

Partners: None

Total budget: 200.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 180.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Labour Market/AMØ - VE

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60, rhj@norden.org

Project management: NIVA

Project duration: 2000–2004

NIVA Course in the Baltic States 2004-2005

Project no.: 418040-00116

Aim of the project: To improve knowledge levels among experts and educators within the field of the working environment (health and safety) in the Adjacent Areas by holding the course "Occupational Health Risk Assessment and Management".

Activities: Course in Estland in June 2004 to be continued in February 2005

Target group: Experts and educators

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: All

Other countries: None

Partners: None

Total budget: DKK 150,000

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 120.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: 0

External funding: 0

Responsible sector/department: Labour Market/AMØ - VE

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60, rhj@norden.org

Project management: NIVA

Project duration: 2000–2004

Project Name: Nordic Action Plan (NAP) for Children and Youth at risk in the Adjacent Areas

Project No. 431050-00158TV

Objective: The action plan is to initiate, adjust, and finance projects, and to improve social, health, and cultural conditions for children and young people in the Adjacent Areas in a long-term perspective by co-ordinating initiatives, transfer and develop competencies and assist in building and expanding local democracy based on local participation and anchorage. The objective should attach importance to a long-term perspective, i.e., not less than 3 years.

Activities:

Target Group: Exposed children and young people.

Participating Nordic Countries: all the Nordic countries.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia.

Any Other Countries: Authorities, NGOs and organisations + the Information Offices of the Nordic Council of Ministers and local reference groups.

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 4.3 m.

Adjacent Areas Funds: DKK 2.5 m.

Sector Funds: DKK 1.8 m.

External Funds:

Responsible Sector / Department: Health/Social EK-S the Adjacent Areas group

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Nils-Petter Karlsson, tel. +45 33 96 02 93, nk@norden.org

Administrative Body: Nordic Council of Ministers.

Duration of Project: 2003-2005

NUK – Extension of Grant Scheme Allowing Children's and Youth Organisations from Adjacent Areas to Apply for Project Funding

Project no.: Many

Aim of the project: To extend NUK's grant scheme so that children's and youth organisations from Adjacent Areas may also apply for project funding.

Activities: Funding for co-operative projects between youth organisations in the Nordic countries and in Adjacent Areas

Target group: Children and adolescents 14–25 years

Participating Nordic countries: All the Nordic countries

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic States and North West Russia

Other countries: Varies from project to project, but most countries from Europe included.

Partners: Youth organisations and groups in the Nordic countries and in Adjacent Areas

Total budget: 12.000.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 400.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Culture

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Joachim Clausen, tel. +45 33 96 03 77, jc@norden.org

Project management: Secretariat of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Project duration: 2003–2005

Consumer protection in the Adjacent Areas

Project No.: 671051-10141

Objective: To contribute towards a stable and safe development, reinforcing democracy and contributing to the development of a well functioning market economy within the framework of a well functioning consumer policy. In particular the activities of the Adjacent Areas group are aimed at assisting the consumer protection authorities in the Adjacent Areas and to disseminate Nordic experience made in the field of consumer protection. This process is to ensure modernised and improved vocational training in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Activities: The group executes projects such as organising seminars, organise expert and study visits and provides financial assistance for similar activities. For 2004 extensive activities are planned, for instance, seminars concerning the roles to be played by the authorities and the organisations, conflict resolution, a website in Russia, product safety, national action plans, misleading and comparative advertising as well as on the implementation of EU directives.

Target Group: Ministers, ministries, authorities, and NGOs in the Adjacent Areas.

Participating Nordic Countries: All.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: All.

Any Other Countries: Possibly.

Co-operation Partners: Mainly NGOs in the consumer protection field, but also national authorities.

Total Budget: DKK 655,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 455,000

Sector Funds: DKK 200,000

External Funds: 0

Responsible Sector / Department: VE /consumer protection

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Patrik Granström, tel. +45 33 96 02 77, pg@norden.org

Administrative Body: Grannsvæðanefnd um neytenedamál

Duration of Project: 2004-2004

Nordic Programme for Road Safety in Adjacent Areas in North West Russia and the Baltic States

Project no.:

Aim of the project: The primary aim of the road safety programme is to contribute to stable and democratic development, to strengthen democracy, boost common values in northern Europe, to assist in the development of a market economy and contribute to sustainable development in Adjacent Areas.

Activities: Distribution of road safety handbook (translated into Russian) – production and presentation of road safety instructions in Russian, and the holding of two lectures, Road safety seminar in Lithuania (2002) – work in 2003–2005 depends on results from here and from ongoing projects in Russia, and from visits by civil servants to the Nordic countries in 2003. Ideas/Plans 2004: Baltic Road Safety Days, meeting of experts from Baltic and Russian countries for the in-depth study of road safety work

Target group: Responsible civil servants in the countries.
(Countries (=people) around the Baltic Sea will be offered information, knowledge based on experience, and practice as well as the results of research into road safety.)

Participating Nordic countries: Nordic steering group: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden represented.

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas:

Other countries:

Partners: 65% North West Russia, 19% Baltic States (16% evaluation/planning)

Total budget: 1.540.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 200.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: -

External funding: 1.000.000 DKK

Responsible sector/department: Transport

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Helena Wallin, tel. +45 33 96 03 51, hw@norden.org .

Project management: Ministry of Communications, Helsinki, Finland

Project duration: 2003–2005

Cross-border Co-operation in the Adjacent Areas

Project no.: 611071-204 04

Aim of the project: To transfer Nordic experiences of co-operation in border regions and to prepare the candidate states' border regions for EU membership.

Activities: Creation of a cross-border network in Adjacent Areas

Target group: Border regions in the Adjacent Areas and in the Nordic countries

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: Belarus, Poland

Partners:

Estonian-Finnish 3+3 Regional Co-operation

Euroregion Helsinki-Tallinn (EE/FIN)

Council for Co-operation of Border Regions Võru-Alūksne-Pskov (EE/LV/RUS)

Valka-Valga (EE/LV)

Euroregion *Bartuva* (LV/LT)

Euroregion *Country of Lakes* (LV/LT/BY)

Euroregion *Saule* (LV/LT/RUS)

Euroregion *Neman* (LT/PL/BY/RUS)

Euroregion *Šešupė*

(LT/PL/RUS)

Euroregion *Baltic* (LV/LT/RUS/SE/DK/PL)

and the Nordic Council of Ministers' eight Nordic border regions

Total budget: 1.200.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 600.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: 400.000 DKK

External funding: 0

Responsible sector/department: Regional

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Helena Wallin, tel. +45 3396 0351, hw@norden.org .

Project management: Nordic Information Office in Vilnius

Project duration: 2002–2004

National Parks for Joint Benefits

Project no.: 651045-20254

Aim of the project: The project aims to promote the livelihoods of rural areas, which are influenced by the Kenozero and Vodlozero National Parks, through the better utilisation of economic and cultural potential of the parks. To this end, the project provides support for the strengthening of collaboration between local actors (parks, authorities, population) and the development of business skills of local SMEs. The project gains from the Nordic co-operation through the wider expertise and variety of models of socio-economic development and survival of rural areas affected by national parks in Nordic countries. The project also aims to strengthen contacts and networks between the North West Russian target areas and Nordic countries at institutional as well as personal level.

Activities: The project has three main objectives. 1 Promotion of participatory approach between local actors (parks, authorities, population) in the planning and implementation of local economic strategies and activities. 2 Strengthening of collaboration between Russian target areas and Nordic countries in finding models for rural development, creation of networks and joint marketing efforts for the promotion of regions. 3 Development of local entrepreneurship, especially female and family SMEs, as a key actor for the provision of needed products and services and to carry on the results of the project.

The activities are grouped into 8 modules: Participatory planning and implementation, Market survey, Business training and consultation and training in municipal economy, Search for development models and contacts, Assuring the sustainability of results, Project promotion and publicity, Involving Nordic media and tour operators, Dissemination.

Target group: Researchers, students, local players in the above-mentioned areas.

Participating Nordic countries: Finland and Sweden

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia

Other countries: None

Partners: Kenozero National Park, District of Kargopol; and The Administration of the District of Kargopol, Arkhangelsk Oblast. Vodlozero National Park, District of Pudoz, the Republic of Karelia, The Administration of the District of Pudoz, the Republic of Karelia. Metsähallitus Group includes: Indufor Oy/Metsähallitus Consulting Oy, Natural Heritage Services/Eastern Finland Region of Metsähallitus, Wild North Business Unit of Metsähallitus. Continuing Education Centre of the University of Joensuu, Finland. The Blue Highway Association, Sweden. The Environment Department of the Finnmark County Governor (activities to start in 2003). Joint Opportunity JOY Ltd Oy, Joensuu, Finland.

Total budget: 2.100.500 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 400.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Agriculture and Forestry/Environmental and Resource Politics

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel. +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Project management: Indufor Oy, Metsähallitus Group, Toolonkatu 11 A, 00100 HELSINKI.

Project duration: 2002–2004

Action Plan for Substance Abuse in Adjacent Areas

Project no.:

Aim of the project: To increase Nordic-Baltic co-operation within this field, to curb the trend of increased substance abuse and to encourage preventive work

Activities: Situation reports from each country, instruction of reference groups, implementation of projects with a local anchoring within this field

Target group: Children and adolescents, substance abusers, authorities and criminal environments in the Adjacent Areas, particularly exposed groups

Participating Nordic countries: The Nordic countries participate through ÄK-Narko's representatives, e.g. the exchange of ideas, by developing a year-long plan of action, with a view of bilateral projects to the arm of participating projects

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the St. Petersburg' region in Russia

Other countries:

Partners: Via reference groups there are participating partners at a national level, NGOs, and to other international organisers.

Total budget: 9.000.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 1.400.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: 1.500.000 DKK

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Narcotics Sector, VE-Department of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Gudrun Ahlin, tel. +45 33 96 02 90, ga@norden.org

Project management: Nordic Council of Ministers

Project duration: 2003–2005

Action Plan for Co-operation in the Field of Gender Equality in the Adjacent Areas

Objective: The objective of gender equality co-operation in the Adjacent Areas is to assist gender mainstreaming - integrating gender equality perspectives into political decision making processes locally, regionally, and nationally by co-operating with the gender equality bodies of the countries, but also with women's organisations and other NGOs. Co-operation will, for example, be organised through meetings to exchange information, joint co-operation activities with the Baltic countries in the EU and its various programmes, and with the countries in the Baltic Sea Region in the Northern Dimension of the EU Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing.

The Gender Equality Sector's co-operation with Northwest Russia is based on a dialogue between ministries, regional and local authorities, researchers and NGOs. Special priority is assigned to cross-sectoral co-operation with the anti-drugs and the judicial sector against trafficking in women. The Nordic/Baltic/Russian woman police network will focus on joint training in the field of trafficking in women and violence against women.

Activities: In the course of 2004, a new action plan will be drawn up for Nordic-Baltic gender equality co-operation, and a plan shall be drawn up for Northwest Russian co-operation within the framework of the EU Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing. Meetings, seminars, and conferences will be organised to exchange information, best practice and to initiate new programmes aimed at developing Nordic/Baltic/Russian co-operation. The Gender Equality Sector co-operates with other international organisations and actors about topical issues to avoid duplication of effort and to provide co-operation with greater width by shedding light on different approaches.

Target Group: Authorities, organisations, research environments.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries and self-governing areas.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia.

Any Other Countries: Poland, Germany, and the USA as far as some of the activities are concerned.

Co-operation Partners: Gender Equality Units in the ministries of the respective countries, women's organisations, institutions and universities.

Total Budget: DKK 2,500,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 1,600,000

Sector Funds: DKK 200,000

External Funds: DKK 700,000

Responsible Sector / Department: Gender Equality Sector/ VE.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Carita Peltonen, tel. +45 33 96 03 45, cp@norden.org

Administrative Body: Information Offices in the Adjacent Areas.

Duration of Project: 2004-2006

Baltic Housing Conference

Project no.:

Aim of the project: Development of co-operative housing associations in the Baltic countries and North West Russia

Activities: Seminars

Target group: Individuals involved in co-operative housing associations

Participating Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: The three Baltic countries and Russia

Other countries: Germany and Poland

Partners: Not specified

Total budget: 529.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 200.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Building and housing sector, VE

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Stefan Kovacs, tel. +45 33 96 03 44, sko@norden.org

Project management: Estonian Union of Co-operative Housing Associations

Project duration: 2003 - 2004

Social Dialogue and the Development of a Vocational Education and Training System

Project no.: None

Aim of the project: To develop and coordinate a social dialogue in the Baltic region as a co-operative process in collaboration with the development of vocational training in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Activities: Comparative study of current structures, including existing co-operation processes in vocational training in the Baltic Sea region.
Experience and analysis. The work takes place in international working groups. The results are presented and discussed at seminars and labour conferences.
Draw up a common model for influencing vocational education via co-operation processes where the social dialogue becomes an active tool

Target group: Occupational health and safety experts at workplaces and labour inspectors

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: None

Partners: Professional organisations EAKL and TALO (Estonia), LBAS (Latvia) and LPSK and Workers' Union Solidarumas (Lithuania).

Total budget: 1.143.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 150.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Labour Market/AMØ - VE

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60, rhj@norden.org

Project management: Nordens Fackliga Samorganisation, Sweden

Project duration: 2003–2004

Three-year NGO Management Training Programme in North West Russia

Project no.:

Aim of the project: Learning for active citizenship via development of NGOs as a tool for democracy, to secure stability in the tertiary sector and to promote local development.

Activities: Work in 2003 will be concentrated on establishing the three local project groups (Pskov, Karelia, Leningrad oblast) and the steering group, recruiting participatory organisations and the description of specific learning needs. On the basis of the description of needs, an educational programme will be drawn up, as well as practical activities for all involved NGOs with follow-up in the organisations and local monitoring and networking.

Target group: NGO managers and their organisations from three geographical areas as the project's core group. NGOs that organise adult education and their partners. Local communities in the three geographical regions (through partnership with the NGOs involved in the project).

Participating Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: North West Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries:

Partners: Nordic-Baltic-Russian working group with representatives from the ministries, adult education organisations and the Information Office in St. Petersburg, Nordens folkliga akademi.

Total budget: 5.440.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 1.200.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Education, research and ICT (Steering group for Nordic Co-operation on Popular Education and Adult Education, FOVU)

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Margrethe Hernes, tel. +45 33 96 03 78, mah@norden.org

Project management: Nordens folkliga akademi, Gothenburg

Project duration: 2003–2005 (three years)

Nordic Council Initiative Health, Drugs and Gender Equality

Objective: The aim of the project is to establish a co-operation within the framework of the EU Northern Dimension Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing. The activities will focus on sexual health and use of drugs from a gender perspective and the activities will be arranged in NW Russia and in the Baltic countries, with a “kick-off seminar” during 2004.

Activities: Seminars, projects, information

Target Group: Authorities, institutes, organisations and researchers

Participating Nordic Countries: all Nordic countries

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia

Any Other Countries: other countries participating in the Partnership on Public Health and Social Wellbeing

Co-operation Partners: Authorities, NGOs, institutes, universities

Total budget: 1.500.000 DKK

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: 1.500.000 DKK

Sector Funds:

External Funds:

Responsible Sector / Department: Drug/Social and Health/Gender Equality Sector

Responsible Consultant in the NCM:

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Administrative Body: NCM Information Offices in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia

Duration of Project: 2004-2005

Protection against Transferable Diseases in the Baltic Sea Region

Objective: Strengthening protection against transferable diseases, particularly in Northwest Russia, through transfer of knowledge and the creation of networks.

Activities: Instruction, publication of newsletters, co-ordination and participation in other associated projects, for example, on the part of the Arctic Council.

Target Group: Health care professionals, the governmental epidemiology authorities in the area.

Participating Nordic Countries: Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Finland.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania, 2%; Latvia, 2%, Estonia, 15%, Northwest Russia ,54%, the Nordic countries, 27%.

Any Other Countries: None

Co-operation Partners: Nordic Public Health Institutes, opposite numbers in the Adjacent Areas.

Total Budget: DKK 1,450,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 500,000

Sector Funds: DKK 250,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Social/Health, VE.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Nils-Petter Karlsson, Tel +45 3396 0293, nk@norden.org

Administrative Body: Statskonsult, Norway

Duration of Project: 2002-2004

Development of Local and Regional Administration

Project no.: 083040-00516

Aim of the project: To contribute to the development of local and regional administration in the Baltic countries, seen in the light of preparations for EU membership, and thereby also participation in EEA co-operation. Improved contact between municipalities and regions in the Baltic and Nordic countries.

Activities: A financing scheme where municipalities, regions etc. can apply for funding for the implementation of minor projects, or as preparation for, for example, major EU projects.

Target group: Municipal and regional administration in the three Baltic countries

Participating Nordic countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: None

Partners: Municipal and regional administrations, municipal organisations etc.

Total budget: 1.900.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 650.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Environmental and Resource Department

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Astrid Nærum, tel. +45 33 96 03 27, (amn@norden.org)

Project management: Nordic Council of Ministers' Information Office in Vilnius

Project duration: 2000–2004

3rd Issue of the Nordic/Baltic Health Statistics

Objective: Continuing the publication of comparable health statistics between the Baltic and the Nordic countries. Preparing the statistical systems of the Baltic countries for membership of the European Union.

Activities: Training and co-operation between Nordic and Baltic statistics experts. Preparation and publication of reports. The project is recommended by the Nordic Executive Committee on Social Security and Health Care.

Target Group: Primarily officials working with health statistics in the Baltic countries. Secondly, decision makers and the public through public and comparable statistics both in the Baltic and the Nordic countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries through the Nordic Medico-Statistical Committee (NOMESCO).

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

Any Other Countries: none

Co-operation Partners: NOMESCO and the statistical authorities of the Baltic countries.

Total Budget: DKK 71,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 50,000

Sector Funds: none

External Funds: Own funding in the Baltic countries DKK 21.000

Responsible Sector / Department: Social security / Health.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Nils-Petter Karlsson, tel.+45 33 96 02 93, nk@norden.org .

Administrative Body:

Duration of Project: 2004

Privatisation of the housing stock in the Murmansk oblast, Norwegian-Russian co-operation concerning the development of sustainable housing management

Objective: Supporting democratisation efforts and improving living conditions in Northwest Russia by setting up systems and organisations to provide the population with genuine possibilities for participation and co-determination.

Activities: Establishing organisations and systems.

Target Group: Residents of partly privatised housing areas in Apatity town and the Murmansk oblast in general as well as the local housing authorities.

Participating Nordic Countries: Sweden and Norway.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia.

Any Other Countries: Under consideration.

Co-operation Partners: Local housing authorities.

Total Budget: DKK 2.004.000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 150,000

Sector Funds: DKK 120.000

External Funds: DKK 1.734.000

Responsible Sector / Department: Construction and Housing, VE Department

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Stefan Kovacs, tel. +45 33 96 03 44, sko@norden.org

Administrative Body: A/L Norske Boligbyggelags Landsforbund
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Support to the Baltic countries in the Field of Working Environment

Objective: Improving efficiency in Working Environment Systems in the three Baltic countries.

Activities: Seminars on the three Baltic countries on a tripartite basis enabling the countries to improve their ability to meet the requirements of EU Directives by means of assistance provided by the Nordic countries.

Target Group: The working environment authorities and the social partners of the Baltic countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: none.

Co-operation Partners: The working environment authorities of the Nordic countries.

Total Budget: DKK 500.000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 250.000

Sector Funds: DKK 250.000

External Funds: DKK 0, but some manpower in the Baltic countries.

Responsible Sector / Department: VE Department Labour Market and Working environment.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60,
rhj@norden.org

Administrative Body:

Duration of Project: 2003 - 2004

Intensified exchanges in the construction field between the Nordic countries, the Baltic countries, and Poland

Objective: Preparing and action plan to intensify exchanges in the construction field between the Nordic countries, and between the Nordic and the Baltic countries as well as Poland. The action plan will chart obstacles and suggest measures to eliminate such obstacles with the final objective of achieving a situation of improved competition in the construction and housing market.

Activities: Preparation of an action plan.

Target Group: The governments of the participating countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries.

Any Other Countries: Poland.

Co-operation Partners: The authorities of the countries.

Total Budget: DKK 700.000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 100,000 (+ DKK 107.000 not spent)

Sector Funds: DKK 143.000

External Funds: DKK 350.000

Responsible Sector / Department: Construction and Housing, VE Department.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Stefan Kovacs, tel. +45 33 96 03 44, sko@norden.org

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Duration of Project: 2003-2004

The Saami Radio of the Kola Peninsular

Objective: Establishing a journalistically independent Saami radio on the Kola Peninsular.

Activities: Training journalists, setting up a radio studio, developing radio lines Lovozero-Karasjok-Murmansk, and developing radio broadcasts. This part of the project has to do with the training of journalists.

Target Group: Saami speaking population on the Kola Peninsular

Participating Nordic Countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Ministries of Foreign Affairs in Norway and Finland, SIDA east, the Barents Secretariat.

Total Budget: DKK 6, 755,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 129,000 for 2004 (and 98,600 for 2005)

Sector Funds: 0

External Funds in 2004: DKK 1,885,232

Responsible Sector / Department: Culture Department.

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Pia Vigh, tel. +45 33 96 03 84, pv@norden.org

Administrative Body: Nordregio, Stockholm.

Duration of Project: 2002-2005.

NORTH WEST ANALYSIS

Objective: To provide analytical communication and information service stimulating and facilitating cooperation between administrations, businesses and societies in North West Russia and the Nordic countries within the framework of the Northern Dimension

Activities: Preparation and distribution of a range of analytical and information products and services covering political, economic and social situation in North West Russia

Target Group: Organisations and administrations involved in Nordic-Russian co-operation

Participating Nordic Countries: -

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Local and regional information providers

Total budget: DKK 10.980.073

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 500.000

Sector Funds: 0

External Funds: 0

Responsible Sector / Department: Dep. for Environment and Resources / Adjacent Areas

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Astrid Nærum, tel. +45 33 96 03 27, amn@norden.org

Administrative Body: Baltic Research Centre, St.Petersburg

Duration of Project: 2004 - 2005

CULTURE

Nordbok – Grant for Translations to and from Baltic Languages

Project no.:

Aim of the project: To provide funding for translation and publishing of Nordic literature in the Baltic countries and North West Russia and to support translation and publishing of Baltic literature in the Nordic countries

Activities: Payment of contributions to publishers that publish Baltic and Nordic literature in the Nordic countries and in the Baltic States and Russia. Contributions will be paid directly after the book is published

Target group: Publishers in Adjacent Areas and in the Nordic countries

Participating Nordic countries: All Nordic countries

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and North West Russia

Other countries: -

Partners: The Nordic Council's Information Offices in the Adjacent Areas, NORDBOK's members

Total budget: DKK 416,000 per year

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: DKK 500.000

NCM's sectors account: -

External funding: -

Responsible sector/department: Culture Department

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org

Project management: NORDBOK and the Information Offices in Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn and St. Petersburg

Project duration: 2003–2005

The Forth Nordic Poetry Festival, 6 - 8 May 2004 in Tallinn

Aim of the project: To present poetry as an art form, develop a network of contacts between poets, writers and translators and to make contacts with publishers in the Nordic and Baltic countries. The aim of the project is also to arouse interest and to encourage translators to get to know new names in today's literature both in the Nordic and the Baltic regions

Activities: The Information Office in Tallinn will arrange a poetry festival 6 - 8 May 2004 in Tallinn and Viljandi. Renowned poets from the Nordic countries will be invited

Target group: The project is aimed at Estonian readers, translators and publishers. The Nordic participants will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the Estonian literary milieu.

Participating Nordic countries: Invited writers from all Nordic countries

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, poets from Lithuania, Latvia and Russia will also be invited

Other countries: -

Partners: Estonia's National Library, Estonian Writers' Association, Estonian Ministry of Culture, local government leaders in Viljandi, Teater Ugala in Viljandi and the central library in Viljandi.

Total budget: 489.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 300.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding: DKK 119,000

Responsible sector/department: Culture Department

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org

Project management: Nordic Council of Ministers' Information Office in Tallinn

Project duration: 2004

Exchange Programme for Children and Adolescents in the Nordic Countries and Adjacent Areas

Project no.: 90751, 90893, 90894 and 90895

Aim of the project: To provide greater opportunities for the target group to meet and network etc.

Activities: Funding for travel, conferences, festivals, seminars etc.

Target group: Children and adolescents 7–20 years

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Baltic States and North West Russia

Other countries:

Partners: Nordic Information Offices in the Adjacent Areas

Total budget: 3.000.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 900.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Culture

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Joachim Clausen, tel. +45 33 96 03 77, jc@norden.org

Project management: Information offices

Project duration: 1999–2002 (pilot project)
2003 – 2005 (regular project)

Closer Culture Neighbours

Objective: Establishing a platform for creating new cultural projects between the Nordic Region and the Adjacent Areas by organising exchange schemes for managers in the field of culture between cultural institutions in different countries.

Activities: Grants for younger people in managerial positions at cultural institutions in the Baltic/Nordic countries for stays of up to one month duration in either a Nordic or a Baltic country.

Target Group: Young managers of cultural institutions or cultural projects in the Baltic and Nordic countries.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: Preparations are to be made for including Russia in the grant scheme.

Co-operation Partners: Cultural institutions and festival organisers in the Nordic and Baltic Regions.

Total Budget: DKK 900,000 (over three years).

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: 356.000 DKK

Sector Funds: -

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Culture.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org

Administrative Body: Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in Riga.

Duration of Project: 2004-2005

The Barents Grant Programme

Objective: Intensifying exchanges between artists in the Barents Region and creating networks, especially between Russia on the one hand, and Norway, Sweden, and Finland, on the other.

Activities: Grants and studios for visiting artists.

Target Group: Artists in the Barents Region.

Participating Nordic Countries: Sweden, Norway, and Finland .

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia,.

Any Other Countries: -

CO-OPERATION Partners: NIFCA,

Total Budget: -

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 300,000

Sector Funds: -

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Culture.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org.

Administrative Body: Pikene på Broen [The Girls on the Bridge]

Duration of Project: 2004-2005

RUTILUS

Objective: Working to maintain and make accessible as well as increasing knowledge of the submarine heritage of the Baltic Sea.

Activities: Producing information material web and printed material, organising seminars and conferences. Campaigns aimed at special target groups.

Target Group: Decision makers as well as schools and cultural institutions, local and regional authorities, cultural, and environmental organisations.

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden and the Aaland Islands.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: Germany and Poland.

CO-OPERATION Partners in THE NORDIC COUNTRIES :

Maritime Museum Helsinki
The Devolved Government of the Aaland Islands
The Viking Ship Museum, Roskilde
The Stockholm Museum of Maritime History

Co-operation Partners: HELCOM, CBSS, Baltic 21, national museums and antiquarian authorities, environmental authorities.

Total Budget: MDKK 7,0 .

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: 374.000 DKK

Sector Funds: DKK 100.000

External Funds: MDKK 6,6

Responsible Sector / Department: Culture.

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org.

Administrative Body: Tate maritime museums, Sweden

Duration of Project: 2004-2006

THE CULTURE PROJECTS OF THE INFORMATION OFFICES OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN THE BALTIC COUNTRIES AND NORTHWEST RUSSIA

Objective: Supporting culture and arts projects contributing to fostering contacts between the Nordic Region and the Baltic countries / Northwest Russia as well as improving the knowledge and interest of the inhabitants in the Nordic Region and the Baltic countries / Russia, respectively.

Activities: Contributing towards or initiating various types of culture projects.

Target Group: Artists and the public in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Northwest Russia. Projects should be structured so as to allow them to reach a broad audience.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries and self-governing areas are eligible for involvement in the projects. Co-operation projects in which the Nordic countries are active in some form should be given priority.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: The secretariat of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Copenhagen (Culture Department) is to approve the draft projects in collaboration with the Information Offices.

Total Budget: DKK 870,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 870,000

Sector Funds: -

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Culture

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Martin Sundin, tel. +45 33 96 03 80, ms@norden.org.

Administrative Body: The Information Offices of the Nordic Council of Ministers in the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia.

Duration of Project: 2002-2005.

SUSTAINABLE USE OF RESOURCES

BACCON 3: “Capacity building for chemicals control in Baltic administration”

Project no.:

Aim of project: The overall goal is to continue supporting the EU integration process in the three Baltic States concerning chemicals control by providing information on EU chemicals policy, by providing a forum for experience exchange and facilitating co-operation among the Baltic stakeholders. For this purposes a seria of workshops and seminars will be organised within the project.

Activities:

- 6 large workshops/seminars (up to 60 participants, 2 days)
- 12 smaller workshops and training courses (15-25 participants, 1-3 days)
- 10 small expert meetings, steering group meetings and a seria of preparatory meetings.
- Re-print of the Chemicals Risk Management manual for professional users of chemicals; info brochures in national languages (easy understandable);
- Internet/electronic tool for chemicals information.

Target group:

- state authorities working in the chemicals control field: policy makers, implementation & enforcement institutions;
- industry: producers, formulators and professional users of the chemicals;
- relevant industry and trade associations and organisations;
- traders: importers and traders of chemicals inside the country;
- consumer protection organisations.

Participating Nordic Countries: Sweden, Finland, Danmark

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Other countries: Germany

Partners:

- Kemikalieinspektionen (KEMI), Sweden
- Environmental Institute (FEI), Finland
- Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Environmental Protection Agency (DEPA), Danmark
- Ministry of the Environment, Germany

Total budget: 3,750,000 DKK

NCM sector account 2004: 50,000 DKK

External funding: 3,700,000 DKK

Responsible sector / department: Nordic Chemicals group

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Birgitte Skjoldager Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82,
bsw@norden.org

Project management: Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environment Forum

Project duration: 17 month (01.08.03 - 31.12.04)

Nordic-Baltic Network on Food Control
Project no.: 681052-10135

Aim of the project: The objective of the Nordic-Baltic Network on Food Control is to provide a forum for active co-operation and strategic discussions between the Baltic and the Nordic countries in the area of food control. The primary goals are to exchange experiences, information, and to discuss problems and their solutions. The overarching goal is to strengthen consumer protection, in this connection through improvement of the food control systems in the Baltic states. The work consists of meetings with profound discussions, and demonstration of solutions practised in the Nordic countries. The aim is to improve food control systems through development of legislation and implementation of sound practices.

Activities: General achievements are well functioning contacts in addition to formal and informal exchange of experience, knowledge and know-how. The network's meetings circulate among the participating countries, thus offering on-the-spot acquaintance with food production enterprises, food inspection and authorities acting in the food area. In each meeting every country report about specific activities, highlights, problems, etc. and in the subsequent discussion the participants from the other countries give their comments, own experience, etc. In each meeting a specific topic is also on the agenda. Invited speakers are invited to give presentations on hot and important topics in the food control area. The topics that should be covered are decided by NordBalt in the previous meetings. In addition to the ordinary NordBalt meetings, NordBalt also have arranged seminars, that offer in-depth knowledge in relevant fields to a larger circle of participants, and such seminars are also planned for the next project period.

NordBalt is co-operating closely with the Consultation Committee to prepare an action plan on food safety to be presented at the meeting for the Nordic-Baltic ministers responsible for food in 2003. NordBalt also plan to invite representatives from North West Russia as observers at NordBalt meetings.

Target group: Target groups are the citizens of the participating countries as well as network-partners, see below.

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: Faroe Islands

Partners: Members of the network are nationally appointed, two persons per Nordic and three per Baltic country, representing the national organisation. It is very important to underline that *all* the countries, Baltic as well as Nordic, take part on equal footing in all respects.

Total budget: 1.830.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 500.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account: 550.000 DKK

External funding: DKK 0

Responsible sector/department: Foodstuff/MoR

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Bente Stærk, tel. +45 33 96 03 28, bs@norden.org

Project management: Norwegian Food Control Authority, P.O. Box 8187 Dep, NO-0034 Oslo. Project duration: 2003–2005 (continuation probable)

Nordic-Baltic Network on Public Health Nutrition

Project no.: 681042-20278

Aim of the project: The purpose of the network is to function as a permanent forum for co-operation, strategic discussions, and exchange of experiences in the field of public health nutrition. This covers all aspects included in the national food and nutrition plans but also other issues of current interest in the field. One goal is to assist the Baltic countries in their incorporation in the EU, and to facilitate implementation and interpretation of legislation. For the coming 3-year period, top priorities cover a wide field, from nutrient deficiencies over food composition databases till the intake of vegetables and fruits.

Activities: In 2000, WHO Regional Office of Europe initiated a programme to assist the three Baltic countries in developing National Food and Nutrition Action Plans (FNAPs). The work with the FNAPs had emphasised the need for a forum where country representatives can meet for open discussions and exchange of experiences in an positive setting. The Nordic Baltic Network on Public Health Nutrition has held its inaugural meeting in September 2002 and planned for the coming 3-year period as follows.

2003. The Network is planning to hold two meetings, each with extensive discussions on central topics. The spring meeting will concentrate on a presentation of and a thorough discussion on the results from the Nordic Baltic study on intake of vegetables and fruits, (Nordic project no 681043_10132 "Norbagreen"). In addition, experience will be exchanged on successful projects on promotion of vegetable consumption. At the autumn meeting a draft of the revised Nordic Nutrition Recommendations will be scrutinised. 2004–2005. Each of these years the activities are planned to be one meeting and one seminar. Four topics have been chosen, either for a discussion at a meeting or as an issue at a separate seminar. The subjects are: 1. Food composition databases (seminar), on data collection, quality assurance, exchange of data, etc; 2. Nutrition surveys, methods and possibilities, benefits and shortcomings; 3. Comparable data, both of food intake and other contexts; 4. Fortification of foods, nutrient deficiencies and risks for excess intake. In addition to these subjects, the Network has a list of interesting questions, like consumer education, food legislation and functional foods. When appropriate, study visits will be arranged.

Target group: The ultimate target group is the citizens of the Baltic and the Nordic countries. The aim is to improve public health in the Baltic and Nordic countries, e.g. through development and implementation of national nutrition action plans. See also "Partners"

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: None

Partners: Members of the network are appointed nationally, to represent the national organisation; two persons from each Nordic country and three from each Baltic. It is very important to underline that *all* the countries, Baltic as well as Nordic, take part on equal footing in all respects. See the list of participants attached to the application.

Total budget: DKK 1,680,000

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 500.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Foodstuffs/MoR

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Bente Stærk, tel.+45 33 96 03 28, bs@norden.org

Project management: National Food Administration, Box 622, SE-751 26 Uppsala, Sweden

Project duration: 2002–2005

Collaboration on Plant Genetic Resources with the N.I. Vavilov Institute of Plant Industry (VIR), St. Petersburg

Project no.: 651045-65061700

Aim of the project: To ensure the conservation of plant genetic resources (PGR), To promote sustainable utilisation of PGR. To enhance institutional capacity and raise public awareness. To strengthen national programmes and regional collaboration on PGR.

Activities: The main objective of the project is to maintain and strengthen the regional network between the Nordic, Baltic countries and the Vavilov institute through a number of activities. The most essential parts of the project includes the following:
characterisation of material in ex situ collections and investigation of the genetic diversity
detection and filling of gaps in the collections
co-operation on regeneration of material of mutual interest
evaluation for important traits and methods for presenting the results in searchable databases will be developed
working group meetings, staff exchange, and training activities will be an essential part of the project
public awareness actions will be supported
NGB will be the project co-ordinator. The regional crop working groups will constitute the backbone of the network.

Target group: Researchers, students, staff members within the subject area etc.

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia

Other countries: None

Partners: NGB staff, NGBs working groups and individuals from NGBs, PGR network. Dr. Sergey M. Alexanian, N.I. Vavilov Research Institute for Plant Industry (VIR), St. Petersburg, Russia. Curators and scientists from the VIR. Baltic working groups and individuals from the Baltic PGR network. The VIR curators and scientists in collaboration with the Nordic Baltic working groups and other participants in the network will carry out a number of activities in connection to conservation and utilisation of PGR. They will also participate in meetings and training activities, produce reports, and contribute to dissemination of results and information on PGR.

Total budget: 1.290.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 200.000

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Agriculture and Forestry/MoR

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Project management: Nordic Gene Bank, Box 41, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden

Project duration: 2003 –2005

Bio 2003/2004/2005energy (previously Co-operation Agriculture and Forestry).

Project No.: 321050-90745

Objective: The objective of the Bio2003-2005energy project is to increase the use of bio-energy in the countries on the Baltic Sea and in Northwest Russia, and to contribute to an increased share of renewable energy in the energy balances of the countries. This should, for example, be achieved by intensifying co-operation between the different sectors to improve the entire chain from forest/field to incineration and the logistics including the development of techniques, markets, and information activities.

Activities: The project includes the establishment of networks and the creation of knowledge as well as management, co-ordination of and support for concrete sub-projects. Activities will be aimed at,

- studies and analyses of the markets for biomass in the region and scope for improvement concerning the generation, production, transportation, and incineration of biomass,
- developing co-operation between authorities, institutions, producers, consumers, and other actors in the bio-energy field, especially the agricultural and forestry sector as well as the transport sector;
- knowledge creation and capacity building, for example, through workshops and conferences, publication of relevant reports and the preparation of information material. Important focal areas are technology transfer, investment and financial issues as well as the environmental impact and competitiveness of bio-energy compared to other types of energy.

Target Group: Involved authorities and market actors in the field of bio-energy in all the Nordic countries and the countries on the Baltic Sea.

Participating Nordic Countries: all

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: all.

Any Other Countries: Other countries on the Baltic Sea, i.e., Germany and Poland.

Co-operation Partners: The project is carried out within the BASREC (Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation) framework. The project is executed on behalf of Nordic co-operation in the field of energy and its regional activities, and is initiated, planned, and managed through Nordic co-operation in the Council of Ministers, Officials Committee, and the regional group.

Total Budget: DKK 3,000,000 (DKK 1,000,000/year)

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 500

Sector Funds: DKK 1,200,000 (DKK 400,000/year)

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: E&R

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Karin Widegren, Tel +45 3396 0285, kw@norden.org

Administrative Body: The project has been subdivided into 5 sub-projects with their own management bodies and project managers. The Nordic Bio Energy Group (co-operation between energy, agriculture and forestry) will be acting as a steering group.

Duration of Project: 2003-2005

Establishment of a Virtual University for Sustainable Agriculture in the Baltic Sea Region

Project no.: 651045-90783

Aim of the project: The overall goal is to initiate the establishment of a virtual university for sustainable agriculture in the Baltic Sea region (VUSABALT). It aims to make better use of the presently fragmented research and higher education activities in the region dealing with the ecosystem and adopt sustainable agricultural and forestry practices. This will be done with optimal use of new available technologies for information and communication (virtuality) and based upon recommendations from Baltic 21. The outputs will include courses on MSc and PhD levels, research projects and information materials related to the goals of the project. The project is a continuation of, and builds on, an earlier feasibility study supported by NCM (Report ANP 2002:708).

Activities: The establishment of a virtual university network to strengthen the capacities to improve rural development and land use in the Baltic Sea region is proposed, engaging a consortium of institutions in agriculture forestry and veterinary sciences. It will stress the use of information and communication technology. The research and educational activities will address the following main issues: soil, air and water quality; efficient use of renewable natural resources; preservation of biodiversity and rural landscapes; food safety; animal welfare; developing rural communities. Integration of the EU candidate countries and the development of a sustainable agriculture and environment in the European context is a goal, stressing the involvement of farmers in the restructuring process. The proposed project relates to a recommendation in Baltic 21, agreed by the foreign ministers from eleven countries around the Baltic Sea.

The project is a follow-up to the earlier projects related to the "Virtual Research Institute for Sustainable Agriculture in the Baltic Sea Region" where the outlines of such an institute have been presented. An interim Board of Trustees, with representatives for NCM, NOVA, BOVA has been working during the spring of 2002 to further the concept. The proposed project aims to concretise the implementation plans which have been worked out for a regional virtual university dealing with agricultural and environmental problems around the Baltic Sea.

Target group: Researchers, students etc.

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Other countries: Poland, Russia and Germany (initial contact already made)

Partners: NOVA, BOVA

Total budget: 1.350.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 350.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Agriculture and Forestry/MoR

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Project management: Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University, P.O. Box 17, SE-23053 Alnarp, Sweden.

Project duration: 2003–2004

Blue Flag Campaign Promotion in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region

Project no.: 331080-30215

Aim of the project: To promote the Blue Flag Campaign in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region (the Blue Flag Campaign heralds clean, safe and well-organised beaches – a public service)

Activities: Establish a national jury to evaluate candidates, appoint a national committee, conduct a pilot study concerning Blue Flag and arrange a seminar

Target group: Municipal authorities, the tourist industry, NGOs and residents

Participating Nordic countries: Denmark and Sweden (Finland is also expected to participate)

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia and Russia

Other countries:

Partners: Blue Flag coordinators responsible for the above-mentioned countries

Total budget: 537.000 DKK

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 250.000 DKK

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Environment

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Birgitte Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82, bsw@norden.org

Project management: Keep St. Petersburg Tidy (NGO)

Project duration: 2003 – 2004

Baltic Sea Region Energy Expert Web (BASREEW)

Objective: Establishing and maintaining a network for energy experts in the Baltic Sea Region, and creating conditions for a broad and constructive discussion on a sustainable energy supply in the Baltic Sea Region and the Adjacent Areas. The principal way of maintaining the network is by creating a digital, direct, and day-to-day information and communication base for energy policy co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region between authorities, organisations, institutions, and companies - coupled to the Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation BASREC.

Activities: The project includes the following phases:

A): October - December 2003: Planning and setting up formats for an information and communications system with an established data base;

B): 2004: running in an information and communications portal for the energy sectors of specific organisations, training, expanding the system to be fully operational in December 2004. Covering meetings, conferences, projects, and studies. Internal communication. Newsletter.

C): 2005: reporting, evaluation, and follow-up on projects and decisions concerning future project modes.

Target Group: Individuals, organisations, and authorities who take part in co-operation, projects, and programmes now taking part in the activities or those who are interested in setting up in the Nordic mode.

Participating Nordic Countries: all

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Northwest Russia.

Any Other Countries: Poland and Germany also take part through BASREC.

Co-operation Partners: The project forms part of the Nordic regional energy policy co-operation in the core areas, "Regional co-operation - a key to sustainable development ". The project is executed in close co-operation with BASREC (Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation).

Total Budget: DKK 1,600,000

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 250,000

Sector Funds: DKK 400,000 (100,000 - 150,000 DKK/year)

External Funds: DKK 500,000 (250,000 DKK/year 2004 and 2005)

Responsible Sector / Department: E&R

Responsible Consultant in the NC: Karin Widegren Tel +45 3396 0285 kw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Projectum AB, P.O. Box 39, 00301 Helsinki

Duration of Project: 2003-2005

BACCON RUS STARTER: “Capacity building on chemicals control in NW Russia”

Project no.:

Aim of project: The overall goal is to support capacity building at state authorities and industry in Russia for set-up and implementation of a proper chemicals management system. To get in good contact with the Russian stakeholders and to design a larger programme it is planned to start with a **preparatory project in 2004/5** with the major aim in mind to develop a **larger project to be started in 2005** preferably with combined EU/Nordic Funding.

Activities:

The BACCON RUS STARTER project shall consist of **5 fact finding missions** and in-between analyse of findings, design of main project, fund raising activities as well as preparation of Appetizer Workshops and Training of future project partners. In Russia a contact partner/local assistant shall be build up and do information research and contact facilitation, a little office shall be set up for future project implementation.

Mission 1: first contacts, discussion on training needs, potential partners

Mission 2: Further contacts and information search, building up assistant/office in St.P., identification of participants for Appetizer Workshops at industry and authorities, discussion of first concept of main project, discussion on Russian co-funding opportunities (e.g. TACIS office)

Mission 3: Appetizer Workshop 1 for authorities, discussion with project partners on main project, acquisition of local co-funding for the main project, continuation of building up a local network

Mission 4: Appetizer Workshop 2 for industry, discussion with project partners, training in project management or chemicals basics for the partners, continuation of network building, defining first steps after project approval

Mission 5: Intensive chemicals training for project partners, meeting with pilote enterprises for main project, negotiation and agreements on their labour input, final talks with administration on main project, drafting agreements, planning first phase of main project with partners

arget group: Russian North-West state authorities and industry involved in chemicals management system.

Participating Nordic Countries: Sweden, Finland

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia, plus experts from Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania

Other countries: Germany

Partners:

Kemikalieinspektionen (KEMI), Sweden

Environmental Institute (FEI), Finland

Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)

Total budget: 1 312 500 DKK

NCM sector account 2004: 133 000 DKK

External funding: 1 179 500 DKK

Responsible sector / department: Nordic Chemicals group

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Birgitte Skjoldager Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82,

bsw@norden.org

Project management: Heidrun Fammler, Baltic Environment Forum

Project duration: 18 month (01.05.04 - 31.10.05)

Development of the Nordic-Baltic market for organic food

Objectives: The aim of the project is to elaborate an action plan for common Nordic-Baltic initiatives, which can contribute to the development of the Nordic-Baltic market for organic products, including elimination of barriers to trade. This action plan should function as a guide for the common efforts within the region in the coming years in order to improve the trade conditions within the organic sector.

Activities: Elaboration of an action plan supports two superior objectives. First and foremost to establish a common Nordic-Baltic market for organic food. Secondly, to contribute to an increased commerce between the Nordic and Baltic countries as well as countries outside the region on a longer term. Improved market conditions – and hereby increased commerce in a long-term view – compose an important mean in the further development of the production and consumption of organic

Target group: Decision makers at all level engaged in developments of organic food markets. Consumers, organic producers and industry.

Participating Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Norway

Participating countries from the adjacent areas: Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia

Other countries:

Co-operating partners:

Denmark: Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

Finland: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, FINFOOD-Luomi

Norway: Ministry of Agriculture, Debio

Sweden: NN (awaiting names on representatives)

Estonia: Estonian Organic Farming Foundation, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture Plant Production Inspectorate, Department of Organic Agriculture

Latvia: Ministry of Agriculture and Association of Latvian Organic Agriculture Organizations

Lithuania: NN (awaiting names on representatives)

Budget total: 1.038.000 DKK in 2004 (1.038.000 DKK total)

Adjacent area programme funds 2004: 200.000 DKK

Sector funds:

Eksternal funds: 732.000 DKK

Responsible sector/ department: Agriculture and Forestry

Responsible senior advisor NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Responsible manager: Directorate for Food, Fisheries and Agri Business
Ministry of Food, Fisheries and Agriculture, Denmark

Duration: 2004-2005

Nordic Baltic co-operation on plant genetic resources conservation and utilisation

Objectives: To ensure the conservation of plant genetic resources (PGR) and to promote sustainable utilisation of PGR as well as to enhance institutional capacity and raise public awareness. Strengthen national programmes and regional collaboration on PGR. All objectives are closely linked to the Nordic Strategy for Sustainable Development

Activities: The main objective of the project is to maintain and strengthen the regional network between the Nordic countries, Baltic countries and the Vavilov institute in St. Petersburg through a number of activities within PGR.

Target group: Policymakers, officials and experts within plant genetic resources. An extensive Nordic Baltic network on plant genetic resources has during the later years been established. In order to hold all partners together, co-ordinate the activities and maintain the relations and activities established so far there is a need for a project platform.

Participating Nordic countries: All five Nordic countries are involved in the project

Participating countries from the adjacent areas: Ru, E, La, Li

Other countries:

Co-operating partners: All five Nordic countries, the Nordic Genebank, the Vavilov Institute and partners from the baltic countries form a network and set of values that are important elements in the project. This contributes to strengthen the links between the individual actors in the network.

Budget total: 880.000 DKK in 2004 (2.640.000 DKK total)

Adjacent area programme funds 2004: 300.000 DKK

Sector funds:

Eksternal funds: 560.000 DKK

Responsible sector/ department: Agriculture and Forestry

Responsible senior advisor NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel +45 33 93 02 56, ljs@norden.org

Responsible manager: Nordic Gene Bank, Box 41, 230 53 Alnarp, Sweden

Duration: 2004-2006

Development of Nordic/Baltic co-operation on official seed testing and certification

Objectives: To extend and improve the Nordic/Baltic network within official seed testing and seed certification. Strengthen the Baltic countries' international capacity building and experience in official seed testing and production control

Activities: The project supports the development of the Baltic-Nordic co-operation in seed production and control. Through joint meetings where national and international problems within EU and other organisations are discussed. Through the period a delegation with specialists in seed testing and seed certification will visit each of the Baltic countries with the aim of exchanging information and planning common activities. A ring test will be arranged between the Baltic and the Nordic countries covering purity, germination and number count tests of important species ending with a workshop.

It will have a substantial impact on the agriculture and horticulture in the Baltic-Nordic countries and include highly political subjects such as GMO and organic seeds. The Baltic-Nordic co-operation will increase the influence within EU, ISTA, OECD, and other international organisations.

Target group: Decision makers at all levels engaged in seeds legislation and seed testing, seed testing officials, managers and controlpersonel and seed producers,

Participating countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Participating countries from the adjacent areas: Lithuania: Danute Makeliene, Eduardas Lemezis, Masiuniene Ramune; Latvia: Velta Evelone, Benita Derilo and Estonia: Roland Nymann, Mari Jürman

Other countries:

Co-operating partners: Denmark: Jette Nydam, Gerthe Tarp
Estonia: Roland Nymann, Mari Jürman
Finland: Marti Poulimatka, Sinikka Köylijärvi
Latvia: Velta Evelone, Benita Derilo
Lithuania: Danute Makeliene, Eduardas Lemezis, Masiuniene Ramune
Norway: Jon Mjaerum, Håkon Tangerås
Sweden: Jan Hyttring, Ulf Nyman

Budget total: 553.880 DKK (356.000 DKK in 2004)

Adjacent areas funds 2004: 150.000 DKK

Sector funds: 16.000 DKK

External funds: 190.000 DKK

Responsible sector/ department: Agriculture and Forestry

Responsible senior advisor NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Responsible manager: The Danish Plantdirektorat

Duration: 2004-2006

Advanced training in agriculture and forestry within the Nordic-Baltic space of higher education (Training Space)

Objectives: Drawing from the previous successes of collaboration between Nordic and Baltic universities in forestry, veterinary and agricultural sciences, the project will aim at further strengthening the cooperation in education/training and expand forms and geography of activities. At least 6 joint Nordic-Baltic courses at advanced (MSc and PhD) level will be arranged annually. Special effort will be made to create partnerships with universities in North West Russia.

Activities: The distance learning component will be furthered, including PhD students as well as students from the Nordic countries. Selected courses and seminars will suit needs of practitioners, being open for representatives from the state administration, advisory centres, etc. Project will also include special seminars on teaching methodology and contribute to development of pedagogical units at the Baltic universities. Relying on the strong platform for cooperation in Nordic and Baltic countries, Training Space will also create partnerships with universities in NW Russia.

Target group: Universities, researchers, students in the Nordic countries, Baltic states and Russia

Participants from the Nordic countries: The NOVA University (secretariat): Prof. Paul Jensén, Ass. Prof. Knut Wålstedt, Ina Skanung

The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, KVL: Assoc. Prof. P. E. Hansen

Agricultural University of Norway, NLH: Prof. O.Gjølberg

Norwegian College of Veterinary Medicine, NVH: Prof. E.Ropstad,

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU: Mr. L.Prage

Helsinki University, HU: Prof. E.Poullanne

Participating countries from the adjacent areas: The BOVA University (secretariat): Dr. A.Sarlauskas

Lithuanian University of Agriculture, LZUU: Prof. A.Kusta, Mr. M.Liegus, Prof. R. Deltuvas

Lithuanian Veterinary Academy, LVA: Prof. H.Zilinskas, Ms. R.Skinkyte

Latvia University of Agriculture, LLU: Prof. H.Tuherm, Ms. R.Zaleckyte

Estonian Agricultural University, EPMU: Dr. A.Vooremäe, Ms. K.Korgesaar, Ms. L.Michelson

Petrozavodsk State University, PGU: Prof. Nikolai Toivonen²

Other Countries:

Cooperating partners: See above

Total budget: 2.909.200 DKK (2004 applied for 739.000 DKK)

Adjacent areas funds 2004: 300.000 DKK

Sektormidler:

Eksterne midler: 324.000 DKK

Responsible sector/ department: Agriculture and Forestry

Responsible senior advisor NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel. +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Responsible manager: Paul Jensén, Prof., NOVA Rector

Duration: 2004-2006

New challenges for micro credit

Objectives: The encouraging results of the micro credit project financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers 2001-2003 shall be spread by the Nordic countries and the Baltic countries to Poland, Belarus and Kaliningrad. Organisations/partnerships shall be created in these countries to the effect that these organisations/partnerships shall be a vital part in the preparation of a larger Interreg III B project, which the Nordic and Baltic countries together with Kaliningrad, Belarus, Poland and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will apply money for in February 2004.

So to say the micro credit project shall be extended to more countries and the partnerships shall be prepared to also include training for advisory services, mentorship and resource centres for women entrepreneurship

Activities: The Baltic-Nordic network for women in rural areas - micro credit - has been successfully concluded. The results shall be spread to Belarus and Kaliningrad. A first step will be to find organisations/authorities on regional and local level which can be prepared to create a partnership for further actions in close collaboration with the Nordic and Baltic countries. The future activities will be extended from "micro credit networking" to the building up of resource centres for women entrepreneurs. These resource centres and their activities shall besides micro credit networking cover training for advisory service personnel, mentorship, building up of export and import contacts and networks. Entrepreneurship based on the co-operative ideas can be one way to form strong groups of entrepreneurship. All these activities shall be to the advantage of women entrepreneurs, creating new business based on women's ideas.

Target group: Female entrepreneurs, decision makers.

Participating Nordic countries: All the Nordic countries

Participating countries from the adjacent areas: Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia

Other countries: Poland and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Co-operating partners: All the Nordic and Baltic countries, northwest Russia and Kaliningrad from the existing network.

Budget total: 275.000 DKK in 2004 (275.000 DKK total)

Adjacent area programme funds 2004: 245.000 DKK

Sector funds:

External funds: 25.000 DKK

Responsible sector/ department: Agriculture and Forestry

Responsible senior advisor NCM: Lise Lykke Steffensen, tel. +45 33 93 02 56, lls@norden.org

Responsible manager: Directorate for Food, Fisheries and Agri Business
Ministry of Food, Fisheries and Agriculture, Denmark

Duration: 2004

Spatial Planning and Development: The Baltic Sea Region Course for experienced planners

Objective: To bring experienced planners from the Baltic Sea countries together and communicate knowledge about the present international discussion concerning spatial planning and the specific conditions for the Baltic Sea states, especially the Baltic countries and Northwest Russia. The objective is also through courses to create existing networks inside the whole region and to profile Norden as promoter and active partner in the field of spatial development and sustainability.

Activities: Courses

Target Group: Persons in public administration on different levels, in education systems and in research institutions. The recruitment for the courses is done through contacts to ministries in all the Baltic countries and Poland, and through contact with former participants.

Participating Nordic Countries: Finland, Sweden and Norway

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Northwest Russia

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: -

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 200.000

Sector Funds: DKK 200.000

External Funds: DKK 72.000

Responsible Sector / Department: The Regional Sector / Dept for Environment and Resources

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Helena Wallin, tel. +45 33 96 03 51, hw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Nordregio, Stockholm

Duration of Project: 2 years

PIPE (Participation, Identity, Planning, Entrepreneurship)

Objective: To strengthen the development of competitive and sustainable regions by involving young people in local and regional planning and decision making process, and economic entrepreneurship

Activities: Festival 10-12.11.2003, seminar 19.-22.2.2004, report and creating networks

Target Group: Young people in general and students

Participating Nordic Countries: Norway, Sweden and Finland

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Barents secretariat

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: DKK 12.000

Sector Funds: 0

External Funds: DKK 46.124

Responsible Sector / Department: Dep. for Environment and Resources / The Regional sector

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Helena Wallin, tel. +45 33 96 03 51, hw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Committee of Youth Affairs of Murmansk Region

Duration of Project: 1.11.03-31.12.2004

Cost-effective reduction of the nutrient load to a baltic sea sub-basin – combining economics and ecology

Objective: : To improve the state of the Baltic Sea, targeted measures to reduce the nutrient loading from the surrounding countries

Activities: To provide accurate information on the anthropogenic nutrient load
To give better insight on the dose-effects relationships in the eutrophication
To compare the costs and effectiveness of different load reduction measures
To catalyze co-operation between Nordic, Estonian and Russian environmental research institutions

Target Group: Decisions makers, Governments

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, NW Russia

Any other countries:

Co-operation Partners:

Total budget: 1.564.700 DKK for 2004 (the whole period 4.000.600 DKK)

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: 250.000 DKK

Sector Funds: 150.000 DKK

External Funds: 1.099.000 DKK

Responsible Sector / Department: Environment

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Birgitte Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82, bsw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Finnish Environment Institute

Duration of Project: 2004-2006

Development of waterfowl management planning and conservation coordination at the Baltic – White Sea Flyway

Objective: To improve coordination in conservation and management bodies of all state and NGO agencies involved in decision making on habitat use and regulation of hunting and conservation of waterfowl in the Russian part of the flyway

To compile the knowledge on status, conservation needs and management problems within the Russian part of the Baltic-White Sea Flyway

To prepare the background for the application for the bigger long-term project

Activities: Compilation of information on the list of the species of the flyway and their status within study area

Inventory of key stopover sites and creation of GIS based data base on these sites

Review of waterfowl hunting legislation and regulation, open seasons and hunting bag in the area

Creation of the address database of the key organizations and individuals involved

Detailed compilation of status, distribution, trends management problems and conservation priorities for 5 model species

Development of pilot field project

Organization of a workshop for discussion of the results

Creation of an overview report with recommendations and step-by-step action planning

Target Group: Regional and federal management planners (Government)

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, NW Russia

Any Other Countries:

Co-operation Partners:

Total budget: 107.500 DKK

Adjacent Areas Funds 2004: 50.000 DKK

Sector Funds:

External Funds: 57.500 DKK

Responsible Sector / Department: Environment, MoR

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Birgitte Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82, bsw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Institute of Biology, Karelian Research Centre of RAS, Petrozavodsk

Duration of Project: 2004

A simple forest bioenergy decision support tool for the forest extension in the Nordic and Baltic countries (BIODST-BSR)

Objectives: To integrate knowledge about economic, socioeconomic, and ecological aspects of forest bioenergy use into a decision support tool especially for the forest extension.

Activities: Developing a decision support tool for the individual forest owner to be able to evaluate both economic, socio-economic, and ecological consequences of harvesting wood for energy.

Improved adaptation of the model to all countries within the region, including translations and dissemination of the results.

Target group: Individual forest owners, policy makers within bioenergy and forestry, forest managers, officials involved in forest management, forest owners and energy producers, scientific and university engaged people

Participating countries: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

Participating countries within the adjacent areas: E, La, Li. Contacts has been taken to involve Russia in the project. So far a positive responds

Other countries:

Cooperating partners:

Finnish Forest Research Institute (METLA) Finland
Danish Forest and Landscape Research Institute, Denmark
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). Sweden,
Norwegian Forest Research Institute (NISK), Norway
Lithuanian Forest Research Institute (LFRI); Lithuania
Latvian Forestry Research Institute (SILAVA), Latvia
Forest Research Institute, Estonian Agricultural University (FRI-EAU), Estonia

Budget total: 2.319 MDKK applied for 1.145 MDKK in 2004

Adjacent area programme funding 2004: 400.000 DKK

Sector funding: 300.000 DKK

External funding: 325.000 DKK

Responsible sectors / department: Agriculture and forestry/Energy/ Department for environment and resources.

Responsible senior advisors in NCM:

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Manager: Danish Forest and Landscape Research Institute, Denmark

Duration: 2004-2006

Project Applications (29) Not Recommended to be financed

- NGOs – development in Lithuania
- Open future for Children at Risk
- Municipality planning in Komi
- Nordic distant education platform
- Adult education in Karelia
- Teaching european languages and culture
- Baltic Tour 21 (turisme)
- International Forest mulle
- IKED – Effective policies for innov. & enterpr.
- Working together against violence disa.wom.
- Young women network for peace, democ. & HR
- Nordic-Baltic association for sports for the audially impaired
- Baltic Partnership Primary Health
- Travel grant for journalists - Latvia
- Norden 2004 – Travel grant for journalists Litauen
- Drawings on the stone
- Nordic marginal
- Culture study of popular tradition N & NVR
- Vestnorden Arts and crafts 2004
- The role of foreigners in Kronstadt
- Video bridges for Youth Dialogue
- Evaluation of climate change influence
- Climate change and forest fire risk
- Journey with Ecoteam
- Cold resistance – DROP in Fennoscandia
- Follow-up to Tood Ministers' Meeting
- Barents Energy Focal Points Newsletter
- Establishment of barnacle goose population in enclosure
- Information Displays Waste market

Appendix 1

PROJECTS IN THE ADJACENT AREAS FINANCED BY THE SECTORS

Institutional Capacity Building for Integrated Product Policy in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia

Project no.:

Aim of the project: To support the Baltic countries in creating institutional capacity in the area product-oriented environmental strategy (integrated product policy)

Activities: Disseminate information and offer training regarding integrated product policy by arranging three seminars

Target group: Policy-makers in the Baltic States

Participating Nordic countries: Sweden; Denmark or Finland is expected to be linked with the project

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia

Other countries:

Partners: University of Lund, Kaunas University, Stockholm Environmental Institute, Latvian Pollution Prevention Centre

Total budget: DKK 330,000

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 0

NCM's sectors account:

External funding:

Responsible sector/department: Environment

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Birgitte Wøhlk, tel +45 33 96 02 82, bsw@norden.org

Project management: University of Lund

Project duration: 2003–2004

Action for Sustainability and Integration in Coastal Management

Project no.: 331080-30212

Aim of the project: To establish co-operation between the public and private sector and NGOs with regard to integrated coastal planning in Estonia with a view to securing sustainability in the coastal areas

Activities: Analyze coastal management schemes and create greater public interest and participation in coastal protection

Target group: The population in Saaremaa, local organisations and municipal authorities

Participating Nordic countries: Finland and Sweden

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia

Other countries:

Partners: University of Stockholm, WWF Sverige, University of Tartu, Stockholm Environmental Institute

Total budget: DKK 316,000

NCM's Adjacent Areas account 2004: 0

NCM's sectors account:

External funding: DKK 66,000

Responsible sector/department: Environment

Responsible adviser in the NCM: Birgitte Wøhlk, tel. +45 33 96 02 82, bsw@norden.org

Project management: Stockholm Environmental Institute

Project duration: 2003–2204

The Baltic Sea Region as a testing ground for the Kyoto mechanism

Project No.:

Objective: creating a common understanding and enhanced capacity for handling the Kyoto mechanisms and, in this way, contribute to specific actions aiming at sustainable energy management in the Baltic Sea Region.

Activities: seminars, competence building, preparing a manual and a standard contract and actual joint investments in climate improving measures that should also lead to local environmental improvements.

Target group: stakeholders and authorities

Participating Nordic countries: All

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Poland

Other countries: Germany

Co-operation partners:

Total budget: 200,000 DKK

Adjacent Areas funds:

Sector funds: 200,000 DKK

External funds:

Responsible sector / Department: Energy and Environment

Responsible consultant in the NCM: Danfríður Skarphéðinsdóttir, tel +45 33 96 02 81,
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Administrative body: NCM/BASREC

Duration of project : up to and including 2005

Traditional and Rural Biotopes in Landscapes in the Nordic and Baltic Countries

Project No.:

Objective: The main objective of the project is to identify, compare, and develop methods for consultancy and maintenance of protected biotopes (meadow and pasture land)

Activities: In each country pilot areas will be designated, areas that are already in the Natura 2000 network or are likely to be proposed for inclusion, or other landscape areas that are considered valuable either nationally or internationally.

In 2002 an international seminar was held in Ösel, Estonia.

In the course of the project, websites have been set up, and an international co-operation network has been created. To a limited extent, the project participates in the planning of certain other projects financed by the EU such as LIFE and Interreg projects concentrating on issues in relation to the protection of landscapes. In the final report to be published in 2003, the methods used in the pilot areas of the individual countries will be presented as well as recommendations for the continuing activities.

Target group: central and regional nature protection agencies and agricultural authorities, interest organisations, researchers

Participating Nordic countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland

Participating countries in the Adjacent Areas: Estonia, Lithuania

Other countries:

Co-operation partners:

Total budget: 1,450,000 DKK

Adjacent Areas funds: -

Sector funds:

Environment-Nature, outdoor activities and the culture group:

Environment- agriculture & forestry:

External funds:

Responsible sector / Department:

Environment

Agriculture-Forestry

Responsible consultant in the NCM:

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Administrative body: The Environment Centre of South-western Finland, Finland

Duration of project : 2001-2004

Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation (BASREC) 2003-2005

Objective: Supporting energy policy co-operation in the *Baltic Sea Region Energy Co-operation (BASREC)* between 11 countries and the European Commission. The energy ministers of the countries of the Baltic Sea Region, at the ministers' conference in Vilnius 19 to 20 November 2002, resolved to continue co-operation in BASREC for another 3-year period (2003-2005). The Nordic Council of Ministers (energy) on its part decided to support BASREC by means of human and financial resources during the period 2003-2005.

Activities: Co-operation includes a) a ministers' conference planned for the final year of the action period 2005; and b) seminars, workshops and conferences on various themes; c) meetings in Group of Senior Energy Officials (GSEO) four to six times annually; d) work in ad hoc-working groups in the fields of electricity markets, gas markets, climate, energy efficiency and bio-energy; e) executing various projects, studies, and analyses; and f) maintaining a co-operation secretariat under the secretariat of the Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS) in Stockholm.

Target Group: The energy authorities of the Nordic countries, the European Commission as well as other energy related authorities, organisations, companies, and institutions.

Participating Nordic Countries: All the Nordic countries.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: All the countries adjacent to the Nordic Region.

Any Other Countries: Poland, Germany, and the European Commission.

Co-operation Partners: The Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), the Barents Euro Arctic Council (BEAC), the Baltic Council of Ministers (BCoM), Energy Charter, the International Energy Agency (IEA), BalticGas, Baltrel, Baltic 21, the Nordic Environment Financing Company (Nefco), other energy related institutions, organisations, and companies.

Total Budget: For the period 2003-2005, the overall budget for BASREC activities has yet to be established.

Sector Funds: DKK 3,800,000, of which DKK 500,000 to be taken from the strategic fund. The money will mainly go towards financing the secretarial function of BASREC at the secretariat of the CBSS in Stockholm as well as a certain amount of information activities. Additional sectoral funding may become topical by way of co-financing of specific projects.

External Funds: The participating countries, the European Commission and the other partners are possible co-financers, both acting on their own and through cash contributions.

Responsible Sector / Department: Environment and Resources Department (EaR).

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Karin Widegren, tel. +45 33 96 02 85, kw@norden.org

Administrative Body: Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), Stockholm.

Duration of Project: 2003-2005

The Labour Market in the Baltic Countries and Mobility towards the Nordic Countries - Knowledge Building

Project No.: 411070-10465

Objective: The objective of the project is to make use of the study carried out by research foundation Fafo of living conditions in the Baltic countries to provide insight into the Baltic labour markets, and on this basis discuss the potential for migration to the Nordic countries.

Activities: Meetings and project reports.

Target Group: Researchers/experts.

Participating Nordic Countries: All.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: -

Total Budget: DKK 571,000

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: 500,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Labour Market

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60, rhj@norden.org

Administrative Body: The research institution Fafo.

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2004

Support to the Baltic countries

Project no.: 411040-30173

Goals: To improve the effectiveness of the occupational safety and health system in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as one element of an integrated package of Nordic countries' support

One of the main purposes of the project operations in general is the sustainable development of activities. Therefore, it is important to provide with sufficient knowledge and practical advice to labour inspectors, experts etc. The aim is to strengthen functions and elements that are important from the viewpoint of the Baltic countries' cultures and way of life.

The aim of the project is to further develop the prerequisites in Estonia to improve the health of the workers, enterprises and the nation.

Activities: Seminars

Target Group: labour inspectors, experts

Participating Nordic Countries: All

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries

Any Other Countries:

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: 500.000

Sector Funds: 250.000

External Funds: 0

Responsible Sector / Department: Labour Market

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Rene Højer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60,
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Administrative Body: National Labour Inspection Board, Estonia

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2004

Social Dialogue and the Development of the Vocational Education and Training System.

Project No.: 411070-20671

Objective: The objective of the project is to develop and co-ordinate the social dialogue in the Baltic Sea Region as a co-operation process in connection with the development of educational training in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

This process is to ensure modernised and improved vocational training in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Activities: Meetings and project reports.

Target Group: Those responsible for education and training, for instance, ministries of education.

Participating Nordic Countries: All.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: -

Total Budget: DKK 1,143,000

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: 450,000

External Funds : -

Responsible Sector / Department: Labour Market

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Rene Høyer Jørgensen, tel. +45 33 96 03 60,
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Administrative Body: Council of Nordic Trade Unions.

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2004

Minimization of HIV-risks among young drug users in St Petersburg.

Project No.: 451040-10431

Objective: The objective is to develop treatment services for young Russian-speaking drug users in St Petersburg.

Activities: Treatment services

Target Group: Young drug users in St Petersburg.

Participating Nordic Countries: Finland, Sweden.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Russia.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 1,200.000

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: DKK 735,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Gudrun Ahlin, tel. +45 33 96 02 90, ga@norden.org

Administrative Body: A-Clinique Foundation.

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2005

Development of the LINAS Program Network in Lithuania

Project No.: 451040-20163

- **Objective:** Continuation of the project under the same name started in 2000, to train social and public education workers that would be able to educate children of alcoholics and drug addicts according to the special method LINAS, and with the support and under supervision of Swedish specialists to prepare Lithuanian instructors to teach this method to other workers.
- To include the experience and authorized programs of the participants of the LINAS network in Lithuania into further steps of the Project.
- To stimulate activities of creative workers applying the method.
- To prepare Lithuanian instructors for the work in one's own right without Swedish supervision.
- To organize and develop in Lithuania a network of prevention of alcohol and other drug addiction, rendering aid to vulnerable children according to the LINAS method.
- To introduce to the participants of the project system of adult education in Nordic Countries (Vuxendialog) ensuring possibilities for life-long learning and constantly improving one's skills.
- To improve and prepare methodical materials for further publication on a larger scale in 2003.

Activities: The results will be used immediately after seminars are organized. Methodical materials will be improved after the participants of the seminars evaluate them, and after the program is evaluated by the Appraiser (Dr. L.Bulotaitė).

Target Group: Experts

Participating Nordic Countries: Sweden.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Lithuania.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 371,101

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: DKK 109,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Gudrun Ahlin, tel. +45 33 96 02 90, ga@norden.org

Administrative Body: Lithuanian Temperance Foundation.

Duration of Project: Project ends: 31.12.2004

Choose the world without violence

Project No.: 451040-20167

Objective: To change attitude of children, teens, their parents and teachers to the value of people's lives. Attracting society's attention to the problem of violence.

Activities: The activities of the project and its results are to be published in local newspapers. It will also be used in the programs of local TV companies.

Two brochures with the results of the project are to be published: a) for teachers, parents and social workers; b) for teenagers.

Target Group: Teachers, parents, social workers and teenagers

Participating Nordic Countries: Norway and Sweden

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia, Latvia.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 269,500

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: DKK 200,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

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Administrative Body: The Archangel Regional Public Charitable Organization 'RASSVET'.

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2004

Elaboration of Drug Information, Prevention and Treatment Networking

Project No.: 451040-10434

Objective: To prevent drug problems in Estonia and the Nordic countries.

Activities: Meetings, analysis, articles, Internet, web-page.

Target Group: Experts/ Young people.

Participating Nordic Countries: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 291,468

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: 73,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

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Administrative Body: Estonia Foundation for Prevention of Drug Addiction.

Duration of Project: Project ends: 31.12.2004

Drugs, Prostitution Trafficking

Project No.: 451040-30615

Objective: The objective of the project is to map the situation of the connections between drugs, prostitution and trafficking in women from a gender perspective.

Activities: Joint seminars at which themes related to drugs, prostitution and trafficking will be discussed based on lectures given by Nordic, Baltic and Russian experts. In addition, five seminars on the same issues will be held in St Petersburg, Narva, Liepaja, Klaipeda and Kaliningrad, respectively.

The results of the project will be presented in a report, and disseminated to media, the Nordic Council of Ministers and relevant institutions working with drugs, prostitution or trafficking in women.

Target Group: Specialists and relevant organisations.

Participating Nordic Countries: All.

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries and Northwest Russia

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners: Experts, relevant organisations

Total Budget: DKK 550,000

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: 450,000

External Funds: -

Own Funds: DKK 100,000

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

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Administrative Body: Kalli Klement, Nordic Council of Ministers Information Office in Tallinn

Duration of Project: 2003-2004

The programme of Rehabilitation Psycho at the Complex of therapeutic support for drug addicted adolescents serving punishment at the Young Offenders Centre (Educational Colony)

Projectnr.: 451040-20162

Goals:

The main outcome of the project realisation should be expansion of rehabilitation narcological branches with a psychotherapeutic consulting ward. They would provide realisation of high-grade complex special therapy to drug addicted teenagers who are serving time at the Young Offenders Centre (educational colony) of the Central Administrative Board of Execution of Punishments of St. Petersburg.

Activities:

There are planned publications in medical scientific and popular scientific magazines in terms of the project realisation. Articles will draw attention of the public to problems of rendering of narcological help to drug addicted teenagers in places of imprisonment and, probably, will promote preventive maintenance of spread of drug addiction and growth of offences among minors.

The aim of the project is work carried out with the teenagers contained in a YOC (educational colony).

Participating Nordic Countries: -

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: Northwest Russia, Lithuania, Laltvia

Any Other Countries:

Co-operation Partners:

Total budget: 520.000 USD

Adjacent Areas Funds: 0

Sector Funds: 50.000

External Funds:

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Gudrun Ahlin, tel.+45 33 96 02 90, ga@norden.org

Administrative Body: Medical department of GUIN MU RF for St.-Petersburg, Russia

Duration of Project: 31.12.2004

Together is better – preventive educational net in the work against drug abuse in Vyborg region

Project No.: 451040-30184

Objective: In 2002 in the Vyborg Area of Leningrad Region, at support of Council of Ministers of Northern countries, the project of initial education program on preventive maintenance of consumption of narcotics and psychotropic substances «Future» (participants of the project – Helsinki the Koti - project (Finland), Drug Enforcement Fund VR LO (Russia), the Department on affairs of youth of administration of Vyborg (Russia)) was carried out.

This program has received comprehensive support of the state and not state organizations of Finland and Vyborg Area of Leningrad Region Russia

In 2003 this project further develops.

Activities: The project presented by us call attention to get more trained persons including young activist. Project includes in itself:

- 1) Training summer camp for activists – teenagers through the questions of preventing measures against drugs and healthy way of life, life without alcohol and drugs
- 2) Realization of actions directed to the popularization of healthy life and to the resistance of non-medical use of PEAHENS
- 3) Development preventive measures and practical recommendations for preventive maintenance of consumption of drugs among youth for experts of social sphere of the Vyborg area of Leningrad Region
- 4) Publications of practical recommendations of the organization of a healthy way of life and to counteraction not medical consumption of peahens.

Realization of the given project will result in reduction of consumption of drugs and their consequences. Transfer of experience, by an exchange of knowledge, will promote growth of authority and influence of Northern Countries bordering to Russia.

Project first of all is directed on the teenagers and youth.

As a result of this project youth active, specialists in education sphere in, youth politics and in social sphere will get all necessary knowledge in sphere of initial preventive measures against drugs among teenagers and youth.

Target Group: Instructors, health carers, and others. Information aimed at the 14 to 24-year-olds.

Participating Nordic Countries: Finland

Participating Countries in the Adjacent Areas: The Baltic countries & Northwest Russia, Latvia.

Any Other Countries: -

Co-operation Partners:

Total Budget: DKK 60,000

Adjacent Areas Funds:

Sector Funds: DKK 50,000

External Funds: -

Responsible Sector / Department: Narcotics

Responsible Consultant in the NCM: Gudrun Ahlin, tel.+45 33 96 02 90, ga@norden.org

Administrative Body: The Information Offices in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, and Northwest Russia.

Duration of Project: End date: 31.12.2004