

Questions received

Question:

Is there any template or explanation what the actual application should look like – e.g. number of pages, headings, format etc.?

Answer:

Regarding templates the only requirement is that you fill out the budget form where relevant, that is attached to the announcement on Keyportalur.

Question:

It says that “Coordination with NordGen on their work on crop-wild relatives is required” does this mean that they should preferably be partners in an application or is it more that through coordination make sure that knowledge and synergies are taking into account for both NordGen and the NBS synthesis project?

Answer:

The coordination with NordGen is to make sure that knowledge and synergies are taking into account for both NordGen and the Nature-Based Solution synthesis project. It is not expected that they should be partners in the application.

Question:

Is it possible to get access to some earlier application that is official and was successful?

Answer:

As this is a new program, unfortunately, we do not have any previous applications.

Question:

Is there an option for non-Nordic countries to lead/be involved in the call?

Answer:

Yes it is possible for non-Nordic countries to lead/be involved in the call. As long as there is co-operation with the Nordic countries, and the focus is on nature-based solution in these countries, there is nothing to prevent a non-Nordic country to lead the project.

Question:

Would there be an opportunity to receive the reports and synthesis about Nature-based Solutions so we can see what work has already taken place?

Answer:

Here are some reports about nature-based solutions, that might be useful::

UNCCD (2017): [GLO Full Report_low_res.pdf \(unccd.int\)](https://www.unccd.int/sites/default/files/2017/05/GLO-Full-Report-low-res.pdf)

IPBES (2019): [Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services | IPBES](https://www.ipbes.org/global-assessment-report)

IPCC (2019): [SRCCL-Full-Report-Compiled-191128.pdf \(ipcc.ch\)](https://www.ipcc.ch/report/srcccl/)

Question:

Regarding budgets – is there a general description of the rules regarding economy for the project (e.g. types of costs that are eligible, rules regarding subcontracting etc)

Answer:

We do not engage in subcontracting. You will find the requirements regarding economy for the project in the budget template, that goes with the call. And you will find general information regarding NCM-projects, including financial statements and audit, here:

<https://www.norden.org/no/information/om-stotte-fra-nordisk-ministerrad>

Question:

Is there a programme reference group also decided for the NBS programme at the NCM level – the call text seems to imply this?

Answer:

There is a steering group and a reference group for the NBS programme.

Question:

Is says in the call text: "The Nordic project coordinator also coordinates the project's communication plan." Is that a communication plan that we will develop in this project (in this case then me being project coordinator) or will there be a communication plan for the NBS programme?

Answer:

It is a communication plan, that you will develop in the project. In addition there is also a communication plan for the programme in general.

Question:

Can a Department from a University apply for this bid?

Answer:

Universities are welcome to apply.