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PROJECT ON SYNERGIES BETWEEN CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY OBJECTIVES IN LAWS, POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. Summary of the Project

In recent years, national policy makers have increased their focus on holistic development in order to uncover synergies between measures to address climate change (both mitigation and adaptation), pollution of air and water, and biodiversity. If the Nordic countries are to increase carbon uptake in ecosystems, there is a need to further develop existing good policy measures whilst simultaneously thinking in new ways to create additional effective measures. Climate change, pollution and biodiversity are complex issues, but present substantial gains if the development of laws and regulations leads to synergetic results instead of creating policy tools in silos, which overlooks potential interactions. This task is to compile Nordic examples of laws, policies and administrative practices that synergise efforts to address biodiversity, climate change and pollution. In doing so, it aims to support the exchange of knowledge and experience to further develop effective nature-based solutions for the climate and the environment. It will also identify barriers and propose further joint Nordic initiatives for increased co-operation in this field. The Nordic Council of Ministers has recently started a four-year program on nature-based solutions and we expect the winning tender to coordinate with the program's leader in order to ensure best delivery and minimise potential overlap between the projects.

2. Commission

Objectives

To support the exchange of knowledge and experience to further develop effective policy and management tools for nature-based solutions for the climate and the environment. The project will also propose further joint Nordic initiatives for increased co-operation and facilitate policy development in this field.

Target group

Policy makers and civil servants in the Nordic countries at all levels (i.e. national, regional and local/municipal) as well as internationally

Tasks

1. Compile good examples which shed light on how the Nordic countries have been successful in implementing measures to simultaneously address climate change, pollution and biodiversity objectives in laws, policies and administrative practices, including highlighting potential barriers for implementing integrated policy solutions. A starting point for this task are the numerous recent Nordic examples of such win-win measures, such as:
 - a. Policies for preserving, restoring and managing important ecosystems such as bogs, forests, grazing land and coastal areas.
 - b. Governance for good soil health in agriculture



- c. Laws and policies for better management of fertilisers to improve the aquatic environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 - d. Development of peat-free soil products (in accordance with objectives for circular economy, the environment and the climate)
 - e. Planning processes that ensure a good balance between biodiversity and climate with other sustainability goals?
2. Provide recommendations for screening methods of laws, policies and management practices to reveal untapped synergies between climate change, pollution and biodiversity measures.
 - a. How are existing environmental criteria assessed, eg IUCN principles for nature-based solutions or other safeguards to ensure that management practices provide good synergies?
 3. Proposals for joint Nordic initiatives that can maximise synergies between biodiversity, climate and pollution initiatives in the Nordic region and globally

Output and communication of results (deliverables)

- A project report for publication delivered electronically detailing the results of the project, with the aim to inspire readers about potential synergies between action on biodiversity, climate and air pollution. This should include a summary for policy makers with relevant recommendations. The summary should be both in English and a Scandinavian language. This should be structured according to the Nordic Council of Ministers' publishing guidelines for a TemaNord report. For more detailed technical information see the guide for publication (<https://www.norden.org/en/information/due-release-publication>).
- Standalone dissemination material (preferably visual material, for example story map, video etc.) with the aim to summarise the projects results and creatively engage the audience's attention in the project.
- A webinar presentation of results including possible suggestions for joint Nordic actions to be delivered by the supplier. The webinar should be recorded and converted into a publishable video format. The supplier should also provide a copy of the powerpoint presentation for future use by the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- A fact sheet with main project information and conclusions.

Budget:

Total budget 730,000.00 DKK excluding Value Added Tax

The project is financed with funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers and must have relevance and value for at least three of the Nordic countries and autonomous regions (Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland).

Tender submission:

There is no specific format required for the tender. Nevertheless, it shall include:

- A tender no longer than 20 pages. The page limit does not include CVs for main project group members, though CVs should regardless be kept short. Please also avoid the inclusion of sensitive information.
- Relevant project references (maximum 5).
- Project budget including the time spent for each task should be indicated by hours and include an hourly wage.

Tenders shall be sent to SiggaJ@us.fo

Questions regarding tender submission may be sent during within 14 days of the publication of this call.

**Project organisation:**

The project executors are expected to have expertise in both biodiversity and climate change (CV to be attached). A steering group (consisting of Nordic national experts) will be appointed to approve milestones, directions, plans of the project and to evaluate and approve status and the final report. The project manager provided by the winning tenderer will support the steering group by arranging 3-5 online meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes etc.

Language:

English with Scandinavian summary

3. Eligibility Requirements

These are absolute requirements that must be met in order to proceed in the tendering process.

- The supplier must be a legally established company (CVR / VAT or organisation number required) and have experience in carrying out projects.
- The supplier should have experience from similar projects of relevance and value.

4. Assessment Criteria

The assessment will be based on a holistic evaluation in which the offers are assessed based on the following objective criteria:

- 1) Understanding of the assignment, the coherence of the work plan, objectives and methods and the proposed activities, expected results and activities in relation to the allocation of budget. (30%)
- 2) Competence and experience working with policy development and/or measures for biodiversity, environment and climate, specifically within the Nordic context (including quality and spread of the proposed Nordic network in the proposal). (20%)
- 3) Offered price. (50%)

5. Schedule

Application deadline:	3 rd of November 2021
Project start:	3 rd of December 2021
Status of the project:	1 st of April 2022
Project completion:	1 st of November 2022

6. Background documents

- Considerations from the Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers on Synergies between biodiversity and climate - uploaded on webpage for project call
- CBD Decision 14/5 on Climate and Biodiversity – Voluntary Guidelines <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-05-en.pdf>
- IPCC: Land is a Critical Resource, IPCC report says https://www.ipcc.ch/2019/08/08/land-is-a-critical-resource_srccl/
- IPBES: Science and policy for people and nature <https://ipbes.net/ipbes-science-policy-people-nature>
- IUCN webpage on nature-based solutions - <https://www.iucn.org/theme/nature-based-solutions>
- Nature-based solutions in the Nordic www.us.fo/nbs



- Nordic Council of Minister's project website on nature-based solutions <https://www.norden.org/da/projekt/naturbaserede-loesninger>
- Reports and background information from United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
 - UNECE Air Convention: Towards Cleaner Air Scientific Assessment Report 2016 <https://unece.org/info/Environment-Policy/Air-Convention/pub/21553>
 - Air pollution and climate change <https://unece.org/air-pollution-and-climate-change>
 - Air pollution, ecosystems and biodiversity <https://unece.org/air-pollution-ecosystems-and-biodiversity>