

NordForsk

A platform for Nordic research co-operation

The webinar will start at 13:17

Thomas Jacobsson

The Nordic region

- Five countries and three autonomous areas
- 27 million inhabitants
- 10-12th largest economy in the world
- High level of education
- Welfare – fair distribution
- The most integrated region in the world



Antagonistic threats challenging societal security in the Nordic and Baltic countries



Funding partners



Myndigheten för
samhällsskydd
och beredskap



The Research
Council of Norway



Research Council of Finland

novo nordisk
foundation
improving people and society



rannís



Eesti Teadusagentuur
Estonian Research Council



RCL

Research Council of Lithuania



Access all relevant information

Please read the **instructions in the application form** as well as the **call text** to access all the necessary information to write your proposal. You can use the preview form function to see the instructions in the application form.



The basics

- Deadline: 12th of June 2025 **13:00 CEST**
- Intention to fund a minimum of 7 research projects
- Projects can run for 3-4 years and must start in Q1 2026
- Available call budget:
- Nordic partners: up to 86 million NOK
- Estonian partners: up to 450 000 EUR
- Lithuanian partners: up to 300 000 EUR



Budget per proposal

For Nordic partners, 12.3 MNOK

Consortia with Baltic partners can apply for additional funding in addition to the Nordic funding. The funding of Baltic partners must comply with the respective national funding rules as specified in Annex 1.



Funding may be used for costs that are necessary for the implementation of the project, such as:

- Salaries of researchers corresponding to the person's activity level in the project
- PhD and post-doctoral positions corresponding to the person's activity level in the project, and not covering salary during teaching or other departmental duties
- Running costs (data collection and analysis, consumables, minor equipment, premises)
- Mobility and research stays, travels
- Dissemination, outreach, and knowledge exchange activities (including open access charges)
- Stakeholder involvement and activities
- Indirect costs and overhead



Overhead

Indirect costs and overhead may be included. NordForsk does not apply any fixed rate or model for calculating indirect costs for research projects. **Such costs should be determined by the participating institutions according to their own rules and models**, and applicants are advised to consult these for further guidelines. The rate for overhead should be explained under the budget section on justification of resources. The feasibility of the budget will be assessed.



Eligibility criteria

- A researcher may only serve as project leader for one application under this call. However, research institutions may be affiliated with more than one application.
- The research consortium must include research performing organisations* in at **least three Nordic countries or research performing organisations in at least two Nordic countries and one research performing institution in Lithuania or Estonia**. Nordic countries are defined here as Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and Åland Islands.



Eligibility criteria

- The host institution (Project Owner) for the research project must be an established research performing organisation based in one of the countries co-funding the call: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Estonia or Lithuania.
- The project leader (and Nordic contact person) must be a qualified researcher (PhD) employed by the host institution (Project Owner) during the duration of the project.



Eligible partners

- Eligible partners are research performing organisations
- Sub-contractors when necessary and reasonable. They cannot be project partners but provide services to the project based on an order specification. Sub-contractors cannot shape the project plans or be granted rights to project results.



What is a research performing organisation?

A research performing organisation is a legal entity which is a university, university college or a research institute, and is characterised by the following:

- A primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research and/or applied research and/or research-based innovation where results are published.
- The entity may be private or public but must not pay out dividends from its activities. Research organisations with both non-economic and economic activity, must have in place a formal separation between economic and non-economic activities.
- The entity must have significant production of academic, peer-reviewed and published research.



Aims

The aim of the call is to fund research projects in the societal security field that will contribute to increased knowledge about antagonistic threats and societal security in the Nordic-Baltic region.

The research should contribute to supporting societal security and resilience in the region through new knowledge and the formulation of solutions, possible improvements and actionable measures.

In addition, the funding should help strengthen Nordic and Nordic-Baltic research in the field and foster a new generation of researchers with experience of Nordic and Nordic-Baltic collaboration.



How did we define antagonistic threats?

Antagonistic threats are human initiated and carried out by individuals, groups, organisations or governments and range from hybrid attacks, cyber-attacks, information manipulation, hybrid threats and armed actions from states to gang-related violence, youth violence, organised crime and terrorism.



Delimitation

This call will not fund research with a primarily military defence focus.



Thematic framework

- **Applicants should address one or more of the following aspects in proposals:**
- resilience, prevention and meeting internal and/or external antagonistic threats to societal security
- Nordic or Nordic-Baltic models for total defence
- governance, capacities and regulation at multiple levels within societal security
- relationships between aspects of societal/civil security, total defence and state security
- trade-offs between personal integrity and security



Proposals should consider the following aspects:

- early involvement of stakeholders in research
- participation of early career researchers
- research that can feed into policy and practice in Nordic and Baltic countries



Contact list

Would you like to connect with other researchers interested in the call? If so, you can join our contact list. Simply sign up and complete a brief form **before 12 May 2025**, and you will be added to a list where your information will be shared with other researchers.



Thank you for your attention

bodil.aurstad@nordforsk.org

thomas.Jacobsson@nordforsk.org

Sign up for our newsletter at nordforsk.org



@NordForsk