

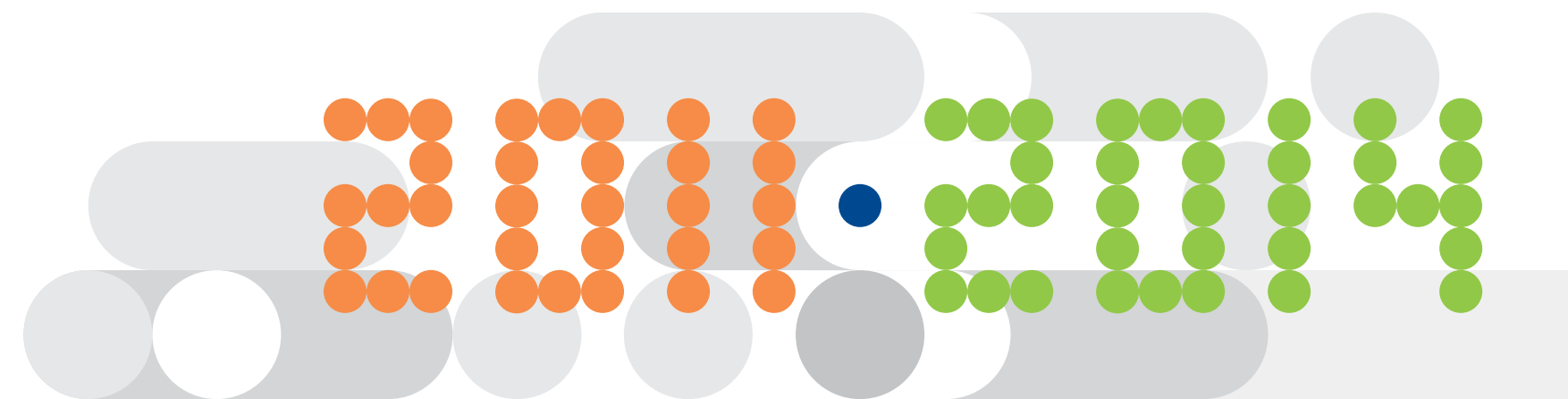


## Vision

The Nordic Region shall consolidate and develop its position as a leading region for new sustainable energy solutions and efficient and well-functioning energy markets.

## Mission

The aim of Nordic Energy Research is to fund and promote Nordic cooperation within energy research and make a significant contribution to energy policymaking.



# Bridging Sustainable Solutions



## Strategic Goals

- 1 Strengthen research within sustainable energy solutions in areas of joint Nordic interest.
- 2 Increase the competitiveness of Nordic sustainable energy solutions in a globalised market.
- 3 Provide research-based policy advice for a sustainable energy future.
- 4 Develop communication activities that increase the interplay between research, industry and policy.

## Grand challenges of climate change defines our strategy

The global community is facing Grand Challenges within energy and climate. To respond effectively, research and policy efforts must be prioritised to provide sustainable solutions that can assist in the development of carbon-neutral societies.

All five Nordic countries have forward-looking political agendas to achieve sustainable energy systems. Many aim for carbon-neutral societies by 2050. These agendas imply substantial changes in all aspects of the Nordic energy and transport systems over the next years, and create considerable potential for economic growth through the development and implementation of the necessary solutions. Energy issues cannot be tackled in isolation – the European Strategic Energy Technology

Plan (SET-plan) sees climate protection, technological innovation, policy and competitive economic development as integrated elements in the broader energy challenge.

There is a huge potential for integrating and aligning technical developments and public policies in order to reach climate goals, and this constitutes a tremendous strategic opportunity for the Nordic countries as a region.

On this basis, Nordic Energy Research has developed a strategy providing the direction and priorities for the period 2011 to 2014. The strategy has a strong focus, limiting the thematic area to one overruling theme of Sustainable Energy Systems.