

The Nordic Energy Research Mobility Programme Welcome!



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Nordic Energy Research

The platform for cooperative energy research and policy development under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers



Funding Research



Analytical Function



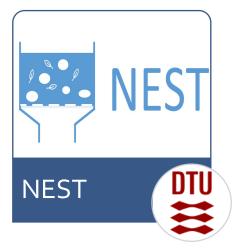
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Promoting Nordic Cooperation



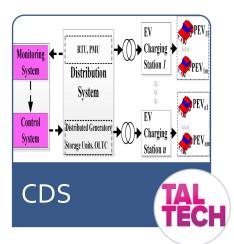
Nine Funded Research Consortia

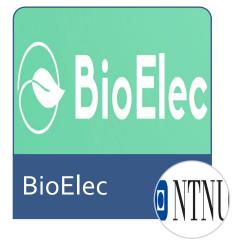


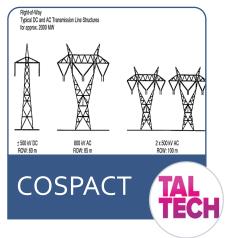


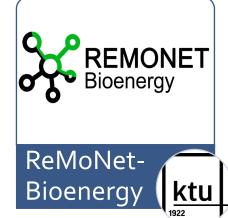
















Facilitate long-term institutional collaborations to build strategic capacities and networks

Networking and Event Support

Support conferences, workshops and summer schools

Call for Proposals: The Nordic Energy **Research Mobility Programme**

Annual Gathering Inspire intra-project collaborations and network building

Individual Exchange Support

Enables **mobility** within the Nordic countries for PhD students and researchers

Call for Proposals 2024: The Nordic Energy Research Mobility Programme



Aim and Objectives



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The aim of the call:

- Offer mobility support to PhDs and researchers to facilitate the creation of long-lasting networks to bring Nordic added value to national research
- Develop, facilitate, and create platforms for collaboration between research groups at research institutions in the Nordic countries
- Facilitate networks that bring PhDs and researchers in the Nordic region together with innovative industry partners, policymakers, the public, or consumers
- Offer an opportunity for PhDs and researchers to meet across different scientific disciplines or within highly specialised fields



Energy Research Topics

Smart Energy Systems

Several functions optimised simultaneously in the overall system of energy flows

Sustainable Energy

Sustainable use of resources and climate-responsible energy

Green Transport

Green transition of the transport sector value chain, including energy resource extraction, energy storage, transportation, and utilisation

Energy Markets

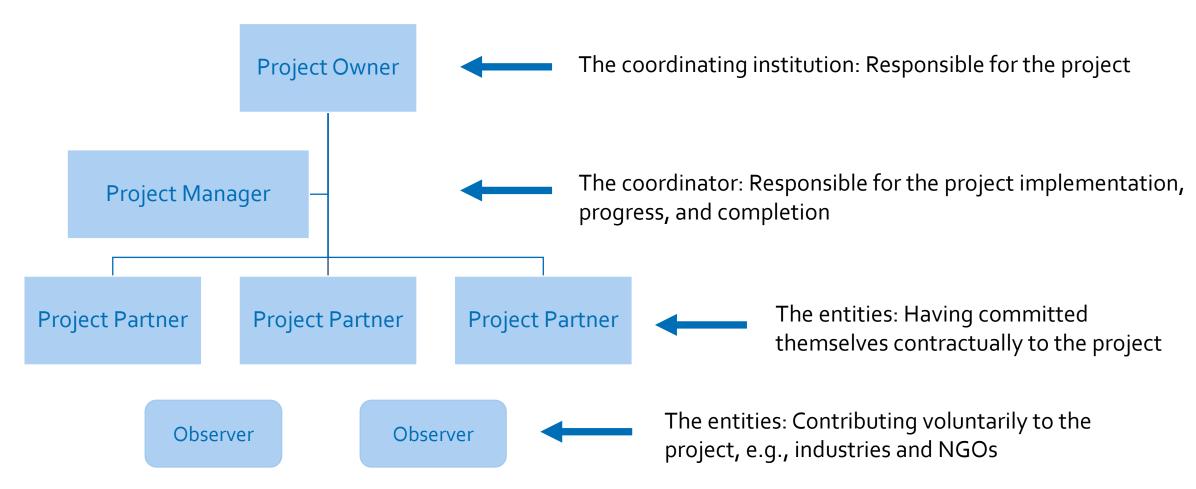
Design and development of future energy markets for efficient utilisation of resources across Nordic borders and energy systems

Energy & Society

Social sustainability, public acceptance, and fair distribution in the green transition



Consortia Design



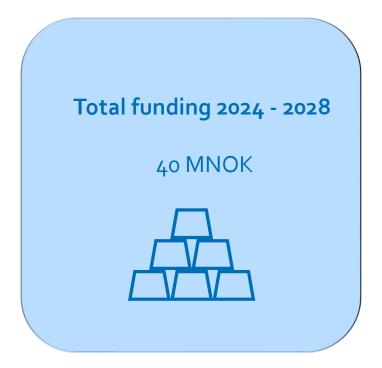


Financial Framework

Budget 2024

Call for Proposals 2024: Nordic Energy Research Mobility Programme

- Total: 13 MNOK
- Max. funding for the project period: 4.33 MNOK
- Project duration: Up to 4 years
- The aim is to finance three mobility project consortia





Eligibility Criteria



Some General Eligibility Criteria

- The project must be research-based and target one of the key areas of energy research as outlined under Aim of the call
- The consortium must include at least two Nordic HEI partners from two different Nordic countries, and all partners applying for funding must be legally based in a Nordic country or their autonomous areas
- The coordinating institution/applicant must be an approved HEI
- Letters of Commitment expressing each partner's institutional commitment to participate must be provided with the proposal
- The qualified projects must initiate at the latest 03.09.2024 and end no later than 01.09.2028
- The applicants are not required to be a part of an existing research project



Special Eligibility Criteria

- For applications that seek funding for <u>PhD student mobility</u>:
 - The project must comply with current national regulations to ensure that it meets the requirements for activities within a PhD student degree in the participating countries
 - The project must include a student mobility period of at least three months, per PhD student, in at least one other Nordic country or its autonomous area
- For applications that seek funding for **post-doctoral and researcher mobility**:
 - The project must include researcher mobility periods of up to three months in at least one other Nordic country or its autonomous area



Eligibility Criteria: Partners for Funding

Who can apply?

- PhDs, Postdocs, and researchers working at higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Nordic countries
 - The Project Owner must be a HEI
 - HEI's are formally recognised by national authorities and offer research-based education at the PhD student-level
- The applicants must have existing funding through salaries or scholarships
- Applicants are encouraged to invite industrial partners in the consortia
 - Funding to industrial partners are limited to the equivalent of EUR 200 000 per partner for a 3 fiscal year period in accordance with EU/EFTA regulations



A comprehensive explanation for costs for industry participation, as for other project partners, must be provided
in the application

Eligibility Criteria: Costs

Planning & Administration

Planning and preparatory measures while setting up and managing a project, e.g.,

Salaries

Travel and accommodation

Maximum 20% of total funding

Mobility and Events

PhDs:

- Short-term exchange (<3 months)
- Long-term exchange (>=3 months)

Postdocs & Researchers:

- Short-term exchange (<3 months)

Guidelines for rates 2024:

- Single: NOK 23 000 per month
- Family: NOK 39 000 per month

Indirect costs: Utilities, renting offices/laboratories, IT etc. (not procurement of equipment)

Events: Conferences, workshops, summer schools, etc.

Communication & Dissemination

Participation in the Annual Gathering

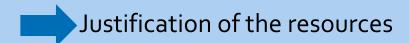
Salaries

Travel and accommodation for external dissemination



Budget Specifications

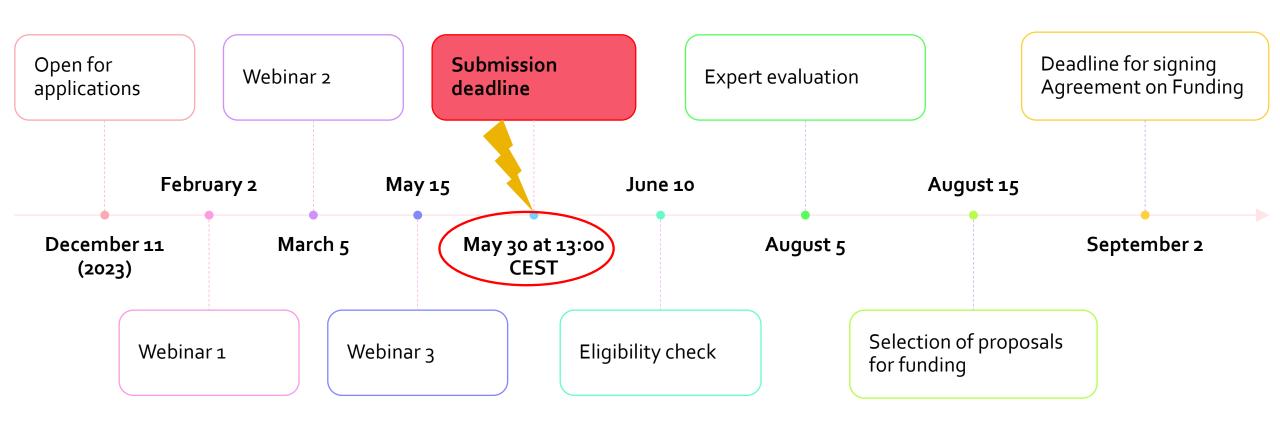
- 1. Requested Funding
- 2. Total Budget
 - Including requested funding, other external funding and own resources
- Budget divided among Project Owner and Partners
 - Including requested funding, other external funding and own resources



Budget Template

Mobility cost	
Long-term exchange (>3 months) PhD student	
Requested funding	
Other funding	
Own resources	
Total	0
Short-term exchange (<3 months) PhD student	
Requested funding	
Other funding	
Own resources	
Total	0
Short-term exchange (<3 months) post-doctorate	
Requested funding	
Other funding	
Own resources	
Total	0
Short-term exchange (<3 months) researcher	
Requested funding	
Other funding	
Own resources	
Total	0

Timeline 2024





Evaluation Process



Quality of CV and relevance (Score 1 - 5)

- 1 : Weak Inadequate quality, with very little national or international interest
- 2: Fair Only partly of good international standards of limited national & international interest
- 3: Good A good international level of national and international interest. The researchers have a good reputation within their sub-field
- 4: Very good High international level of large national and international interest with impact within its subfields. The researchers are among the leaders in their sub-field
- 5: Excellent Very high international level of great national and international interest with broad impact. The researchers are among the leaders in their field



Implementation: Feasibility of Deliverables and Milestones

- 1: Weak A project with an inadequate description of management and organisation.
- 2. Fair A project where only parts of the project are of good international standards regarding management and organisation
- 3. Good A project with a good international level with regard to management and organisation
- 4. Very good A project with a high international level with regard to management and organisation
- 5. Excellent A project with a very high international level with regard to management and organisation



The Application Form



Application Criteria and Content

Criteria:

- Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Application Portal by the call deadline
- All proposals must be written in English and follow the structure in the Application Form available on the Application Portal:

Call 1: Call for Proposals 2024

Application Content:

- 1. General Information
- 2. Consortium
- 3. Project Information
- 4. Letters of Commitment
- 5. Budget
- 6. Confirmation







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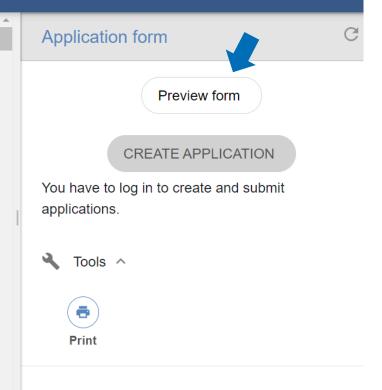
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The green transition is a process of changing our production, our way of thought, our investments, and our institutions for a sustainable future.

Energy research collaboration within the Nordic region can facilitate and create the knowledge base needed for a fast and optimal green transition. Nordic Energy Research wants to shape innovative research and promote research collaboration with exciting perspectives, which can bring Nordic added value to the region.

Furthermore, increased Nordic collaboration on energy research can help bridge the gap between researchers and civil society. This can contribute to increasing the public's understanding of, trust in, and acceptance of innovative technology. Nordic Energy Research encourages applicants to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration involving industry stakeholders, policymakers, and/or consumer advocates.

The ambition is that this PhD student, post-doctoral, and researcher mobility initiative will facilitate the creation of strong networks among the most promising early-career scholars and researchers within the Nordic region.







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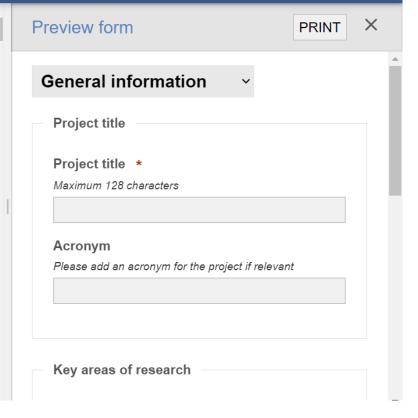
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Annual Gathering (Obligatory)



Annual Gathering (October 2-3 2024)

- Conference, workshop, site-visits
- Knowledge sharing and networking
- Participants are from ongoing or recently finished projects
- The project partners must have a budget and a plan for how to participate in the annual workshop







Status on the Two Other Calls



Individual Exchange Support

Open for applications!

Budget 2024

Individual Exchange Support: 1.38 MNOK

- Max. funding per month:
 - Individual: 24 000 NOK
 - Family: 39 000 NOK
- Max. duration: 12 months

Networking and Event Support

Closed for applications in 2024

Exhausted budget

Networking and Event Support: 500 000 NOK

- Max. funding per activity: 150 000 NOK
- Four funded events

Opens for new applications: 01/01/2025







Will a large number of diverse partners in a consortium be a plus?

- Only required to have two Nordic countries represented in a consortium
- Strengthens the application to have relevant partners and observers from more Nordic countries
- Appreciate consortia with a good gender balance



How to understand the salary mentioned in the call text?

- Cover time used by employees and the Project Owner or one of the Partners
 - managing, planning, and facilitating, e.g., summer schools, webinars, conferences, meetings, etc.
- These activities can be internal for the consortium participants or with the participation of external stakeholders



What is the allowed overhead cost?

- No predetermined ceiling on overhead costs for the project
- We strongly advise adhering to national regulations and the practices set forth by the applicant's institution.



Is there an obligation for any selffunding?

- No obligation for self-funding
- The PhD student, post-doctorate, or researcher receiving mobility funding must have existing funding through salaries/ scholarships
- The project itself must cover costs for <u>non-mobility activities</u>, such as the procurement of technical equipment for laboratory experiments

(Renting a laboratory/other direct cost related to the mobility can be funded as it comprises renting a location for performing the mobility activity)



How to understand a long stay and what is the limit?

- Researchers are only allowed for exchanges up to 3 months
- not settled a limit for long-term stays for PhDs, but a long stay is usually defined as 3–12 months
- Since the project period can be four years, there might be the need for stays (at least split into intervals) that exceed 12 months for a PhD in total



Participation from a country outside the Nordic region

- Only PhDs/researchers who are employed at, have a stipend, or are affiliated with a research performing organisation or higher education institution located in a Nordic country are eligible
- Open for PhDs/researchers from outside the Nordic region to attend activities, with expenses covered through in-kind support
- Do not finance visits to countries outside the Nordic countries
- Providing an honorarium to speakers with funding is allowed also to speakers outside the Nordic region. The size of the fee must be justified





Webinar 3

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Final Q&A



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Thank you for your participation

