

Bioenergy Value Chain Programme Webinar 1

Welcome and meeting framework

- **Introduction of meeting rules**

- Video on, sound on and off, speak up
- We will now start the recording. The video will be made available on the call page, together with the presentation

- **Next webinar on 7. January 2025 from 13:00–15:00 (CET) [Teams link here](#)**
Practical questions – a “how to guide” for filling in the application



Relevant links and ressources

- **Call homepage:** <https://www.nordicenergy.org/call/call-for-proposals-bioenergy-value-chain-programme/>
- **The INSIGHTS application portal:** <https://funding.nordforsk.org/portal/#home/opencalls>
- **Direct link to the application start page:**
<https://funding.nordforsk.org/portal/#call/3525/details>
- **The Bioenergy report:** <https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Bioenergy-rapport.pdf>



Agenda

- Presentation round
- Call purpose
 - Background for the call
 - Purpose, expectations for outcomes of the projects
 - Scope, thematics of the call
 - Mentimeter exercise
- SHORT BREAK
- Framework and rules
 - Partnership - Pentahelix and Mentimeter exercise
 - Nordic Added Value, facts about the call
 - Eligibility requirements, cross-cutting topics
 - Budget rules
- Timeline for 2025
- Other opportunities in 2025



Check in guide

- What is your name?
- Where are you located today? At work, at your institute, country?



Nordic Energy Research

Nordic Energy Research is an institution under The Nordic Council of Ministers. A central task of Nordic Energy research is to provide knowledge bases, analyses, and studies that can be used as a basis for political decision-making processes and government cooperation.

Together with Nordic research funders, we fund collaborative energy research, researcher mobility and networks, and facilitate intergovernmental energy cooperation that strengthens nation energy initiatives.



Nordic Forest Research and the Bioeconomy programme

Nordic Forest Research (SNS) is a co-operative body under the Nordic Council of Ministers that strives to enhance benefits for the Nordic region and contribute to the development of a sustainable society. SNS works to promote, coordinate and enhance joint Nordic forest research efforts to increase synergy at a Nordic level and to link research with policy by providing sound, evidence-based, policy relevant information.

The Bioeconomy programme, which is coordinated by SNS and financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers, aims to increase economic growth and green transition in the rural areas of the Nordic and Baltic region using bioeconomy as a driver.

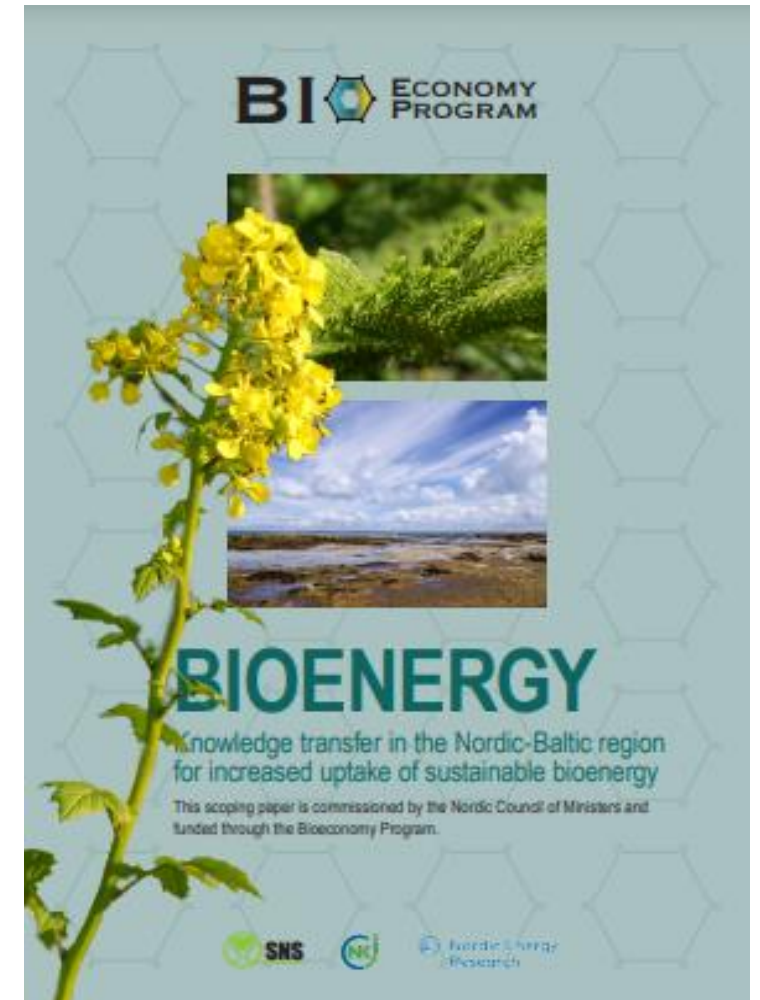


The Bioenergy Value Chain Programme

- The background and idea behind the programme

«The programme will promote green growth in the Nordic-Baltic region based on knowledge, innovation, mobility, and digital integration, in line with the Nordic Council of Minister's vision of a sustainable and competitive Nordic region».

- We wish to fund strong partnerships that cooperate on solutions for common challenges and clear recommendations for sustainable use of biomass for energy purposes.

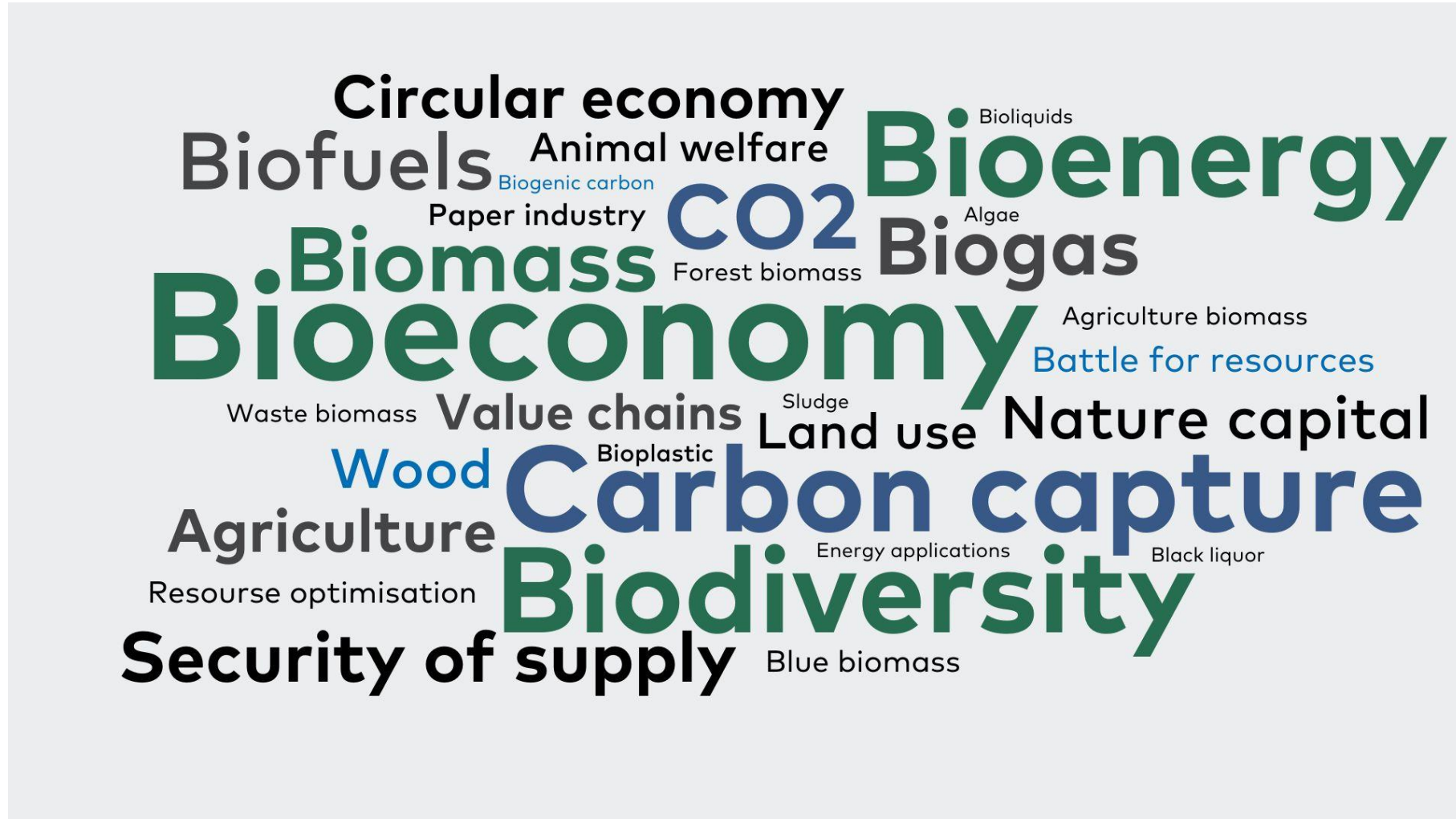


The Bioenergy Value Chain Programme

- Facilitate Nordic and national added value by creating an overview of recommendations for improved uptake of local and regional **biogenic carbon for energy purposes**, stemming from the **waste** streams of bioeconomic value chains.
- Creating a meeting ground for Nordic research competence and cooperation in the field of **biomass-based value chains** and energy from biogenic carbon sources, by fostering dialogue within the many faceted stakeholder groups.
- Bring together national research groups with specific knowledge of sub-sectors within the field to investigate similar research questions, providing further insight into which methodologies, models, and assumptions will impact results.
- Contribute to **building stronger Nordic models and data sets**, and technical as well as non-technical **recommendations**, which can be utilized by authorities and decision-makers.



Examples of partnership starting points



What kind of words represents your interest in bioenergy value chains?

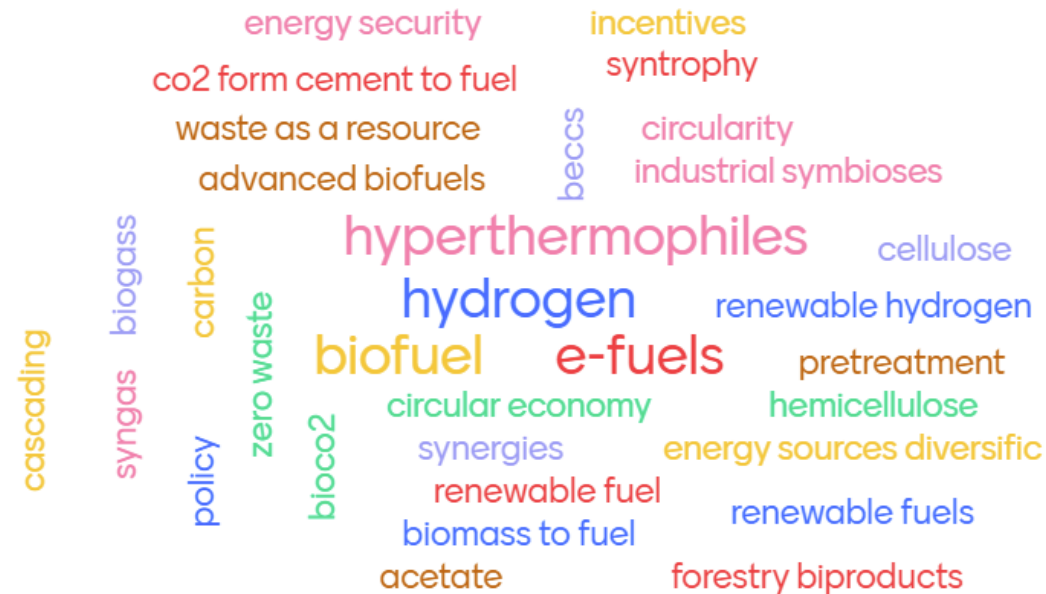
— [Menti.com](https://www.menti.com) with the code: 7258655



The answers:

What kind of words represents your interest in bioenergy value chains?

36 responses



Coffee break – 5 min.



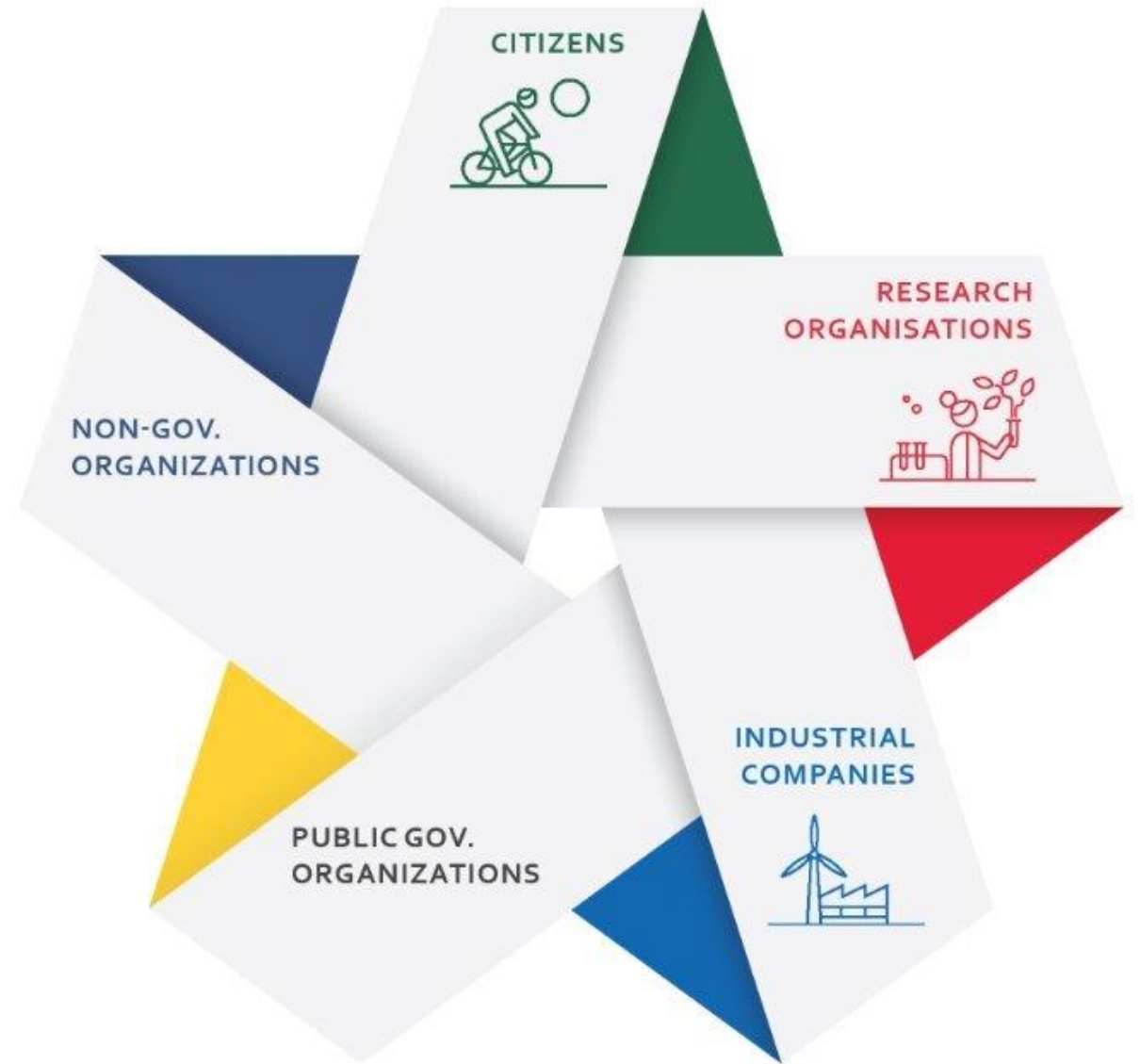
Expectations for the project partnerships

- Meaningful roles relative to the aims of the proposal – even if the roles overlap
- Broad is better than lean – don't let the evaluators wonder why some obvious value chain actor is not in the partnership
- If a relevant partner is not inside the partnership, maybe engage them in the planned efforts, such as in workshops or interviews
- Engage your frenemies

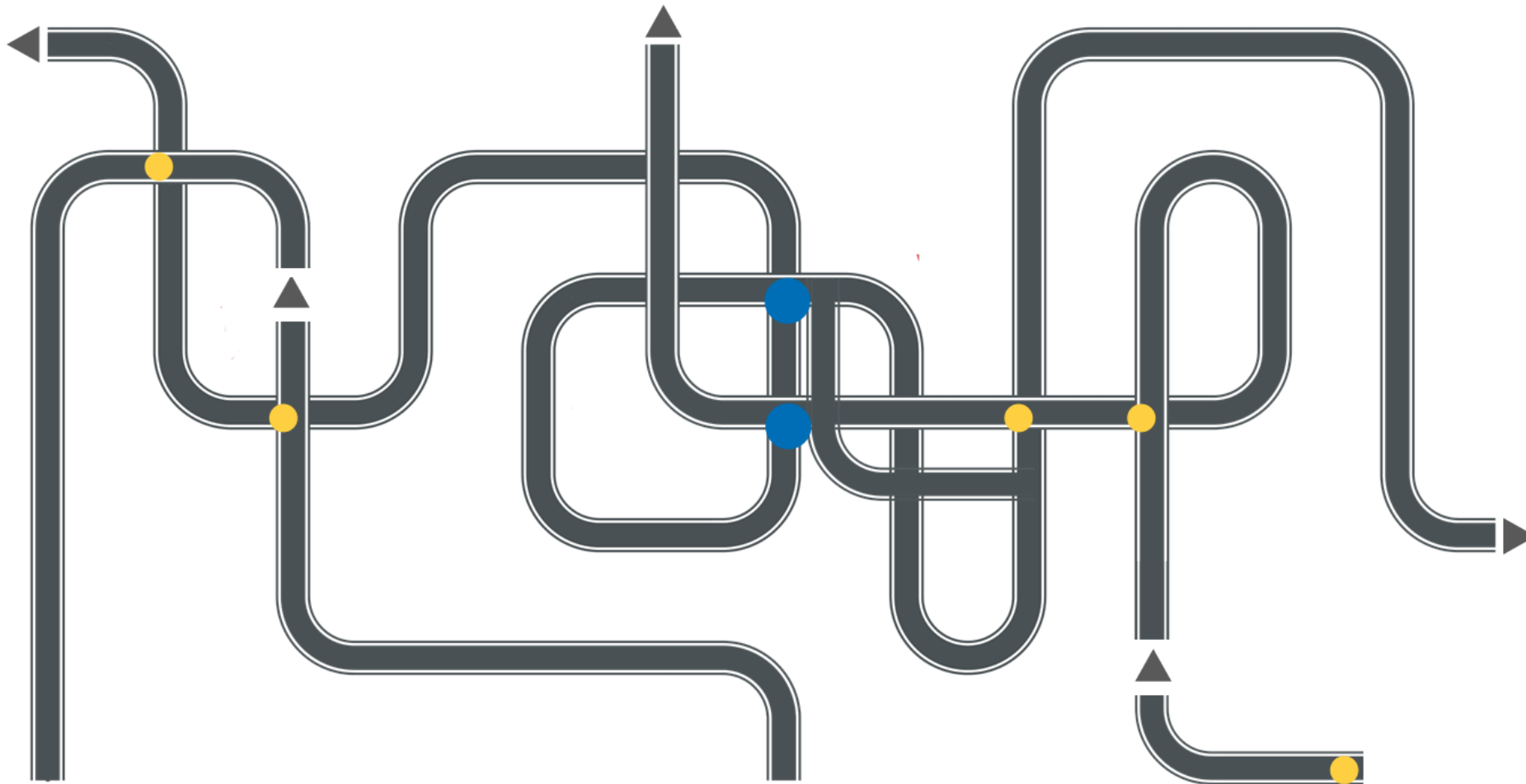


Pentahelix

- Research organisations
 - Universities and others
- Industrial companies
 - Private businesses
 - Consultancies
- Public governance organisations
 - Municipalities
 - Government departments
 - Publicly owned organisations
- Non-Governmental Organisations
 - Industry organisations
 - Interest group organisations
- Citizens
 - Neighbours
 - Local stakeholders



Value chains and partnerships



- Recommendations or themes that apply to many value chains
- Partnership specific challenge or recommendation

Opportunity to connect

- Use the pentahelix approach to describe your interest in the call
- Write in the chat if you wish to share your information (examples here):
 - Industry association, "Organisation Name", "we work with policy"
 - Private business, "Green Kale Productions", "biogas"
 - Research institution, "University of Farming", "farming technology"
 - Governmental organisation, "Municipality of Green Town", "local heat planning"
 - Citizens, "Delenko.dk", "share a cow on our green pasture"
- Remember to add you email for easy contact
- By writing in the chat, you accept that we share your information as long as the video is available online.



What kind of partners do you seek? - what are your needs and concerns?

— Join us at menti.com and use the code: 8829982



The answers:

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6 responses

industry partners

Hydrogen and biocarbon offtakers to produce e-fuels

Industries interested in forest biomass for new value chains

Policy expertise relevant to Nordic bioenergy

Biogas research institute in Denmark

Looking for partners to investigate biogas by-products. Ongoing scandinavian research and connect them with the industry. Project is prepared but we need a research institution to take lead.



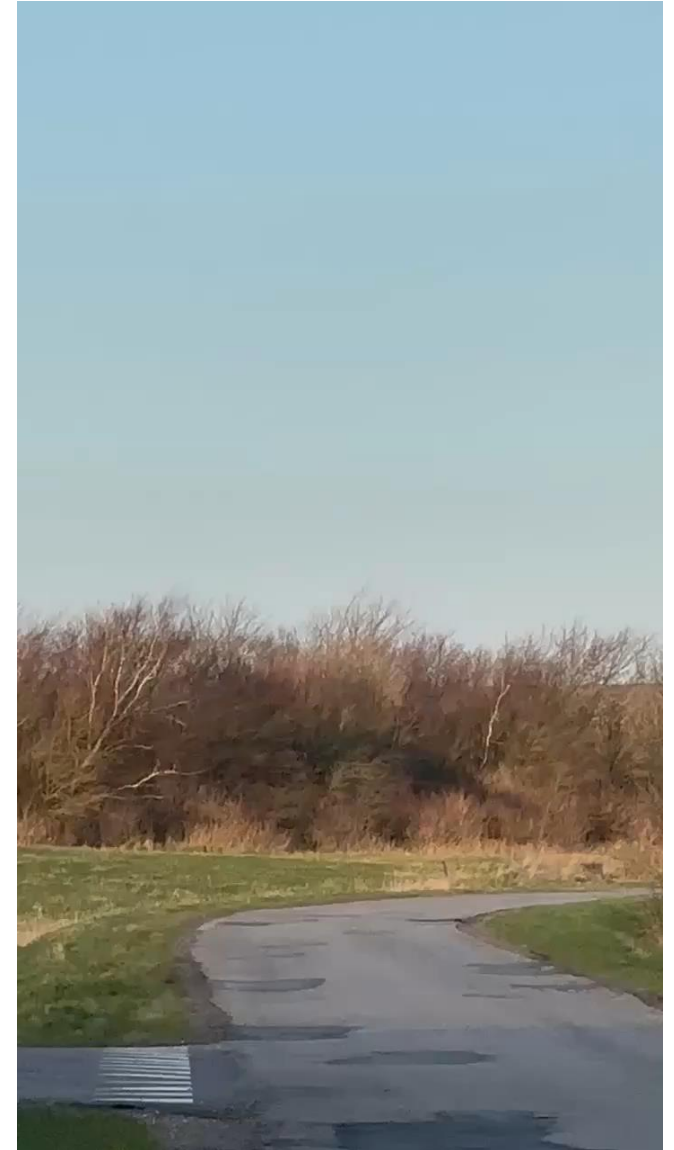
Nordic-Baltic Added Value

In the application:

- “Nordic added value” points us in the direction of what we are looking for: Solutions that will work better, if implemented together, between neighbouring Nordic countries and across our borders. Projects should create outcomes and impact of greater value for the countries involved than could be achieved through national activities alone.

Please describe the main characteristics of the Nordic added value to result from your project.

- Nordic added value (short version in one Scandinavian language)
 - Please write the public summary in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish.



Facts about the call

- Open now at <https://www.nordicenergy.org/call/call-for-proposals-bioenergy-value-chain-programme/>
- Closes 29th January 2025
- Application portal INSIGHTS at <https://funding.nordforsk.org/>

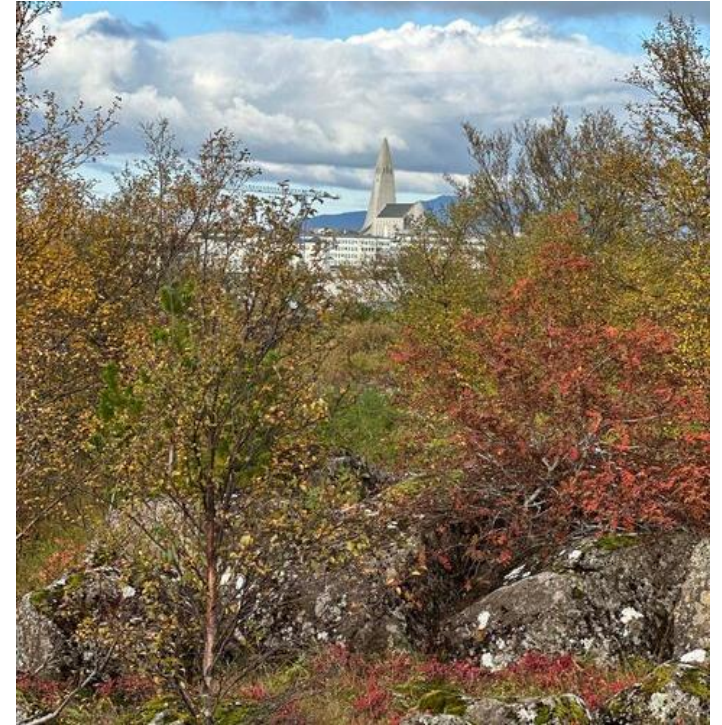
- 8 month project duration
- 1.000.000 NOK max., true common pot of 4 MNOK available
- Minimum 3 countries in the consortium: Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, Åland
- Mandatory workshop in October 2025
- Be aware of specific eligibility criteria



Eligibility rules

The application portal will guide you to fulfil the eligibility rules

- Number of countries
- Research Performing Organisation as Project Leader
- Scope
- Pentahelix
- De Minimis declaration
- Preliminary Consortium Agreement – more info [Research Contracts & Reporting](#).
- ↓ Gender equality in the partnership is a requirement of the call. An acceptable balance is defined as a minimum of 40 percent points of both female and male representation in the listed project participants.
- ↓ [Läs Nordisk Energiforsknings policy för integrering av hållbar utveckling, jämställdhet och ett barnrätts- och ungdomsperspektiv](#)



Budget rules

— What can the money be used for?

- Wages (including social costs and overhead) for participants
- Arrange seminars, webinars, workshops, hackatons, courses, or other activities suitable to spread and build knowledge and awareness related to biomass-based energy. Make sure the activity brings feedback and results into your project
- Coffee
- Travel costs, remember costs to participate in the October workshop

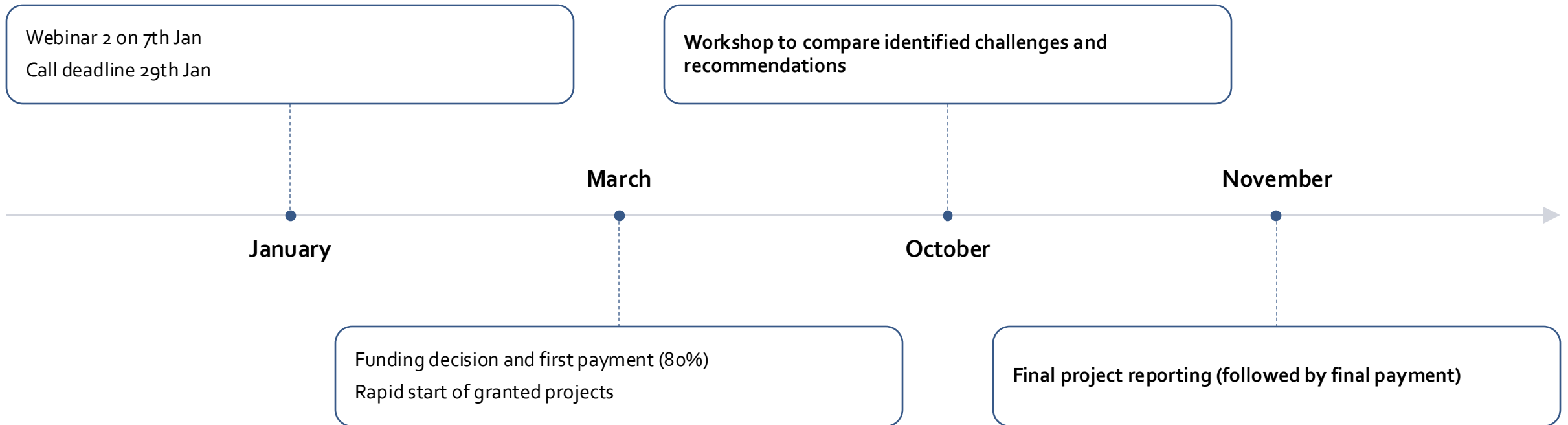
— Minimum 10% in-kind contribution

— Research partners may claim 100% funding

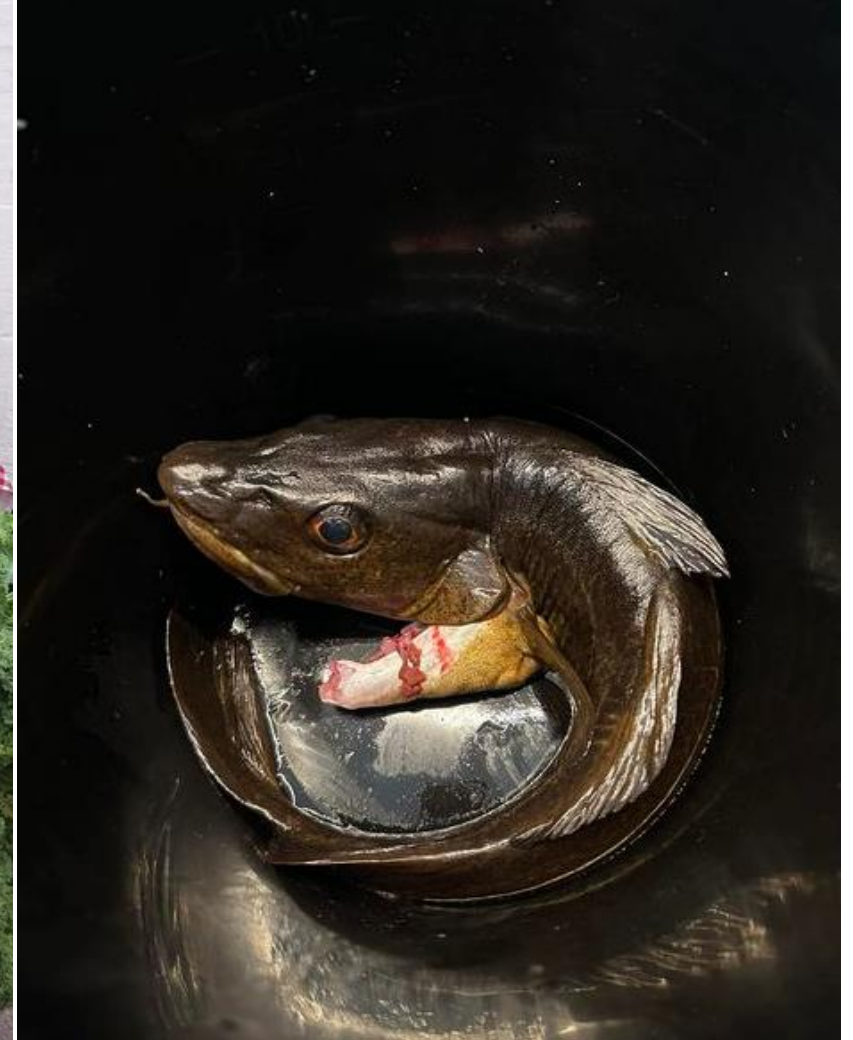
— De Minimis for all other partners [EU General Block Exemption Regulation for State Aid](#)



Timeline 2025



Questions?



Check out

— What will be my next step?



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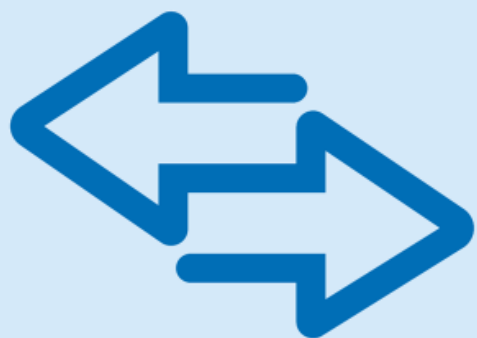


Don't forget to check these opportunities in 2025

- Mobility programme funding opportunity
- NEOs call
- H2 Mapping tool and report
- Hydrogen Valleys Luleå conference

And of course study the Bioenergy report <https://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Bioenergy-rapport.pdf>






Nordic Energy Research Mobility Programme


Three open calls from January, 2025:

- 1. Call 2025: Nordic Mobility, Exchange, and Networking**
Submission deadline: May 30, 13:00 (CEST)
- 2. Individual Exchange Support**
Submission deadline: Ongoing
- 3. Networking & Event Support**
Submission deadline: Ongoing

<https://www.nordicenergy.org/programme/nordic-energy-outlooks/>

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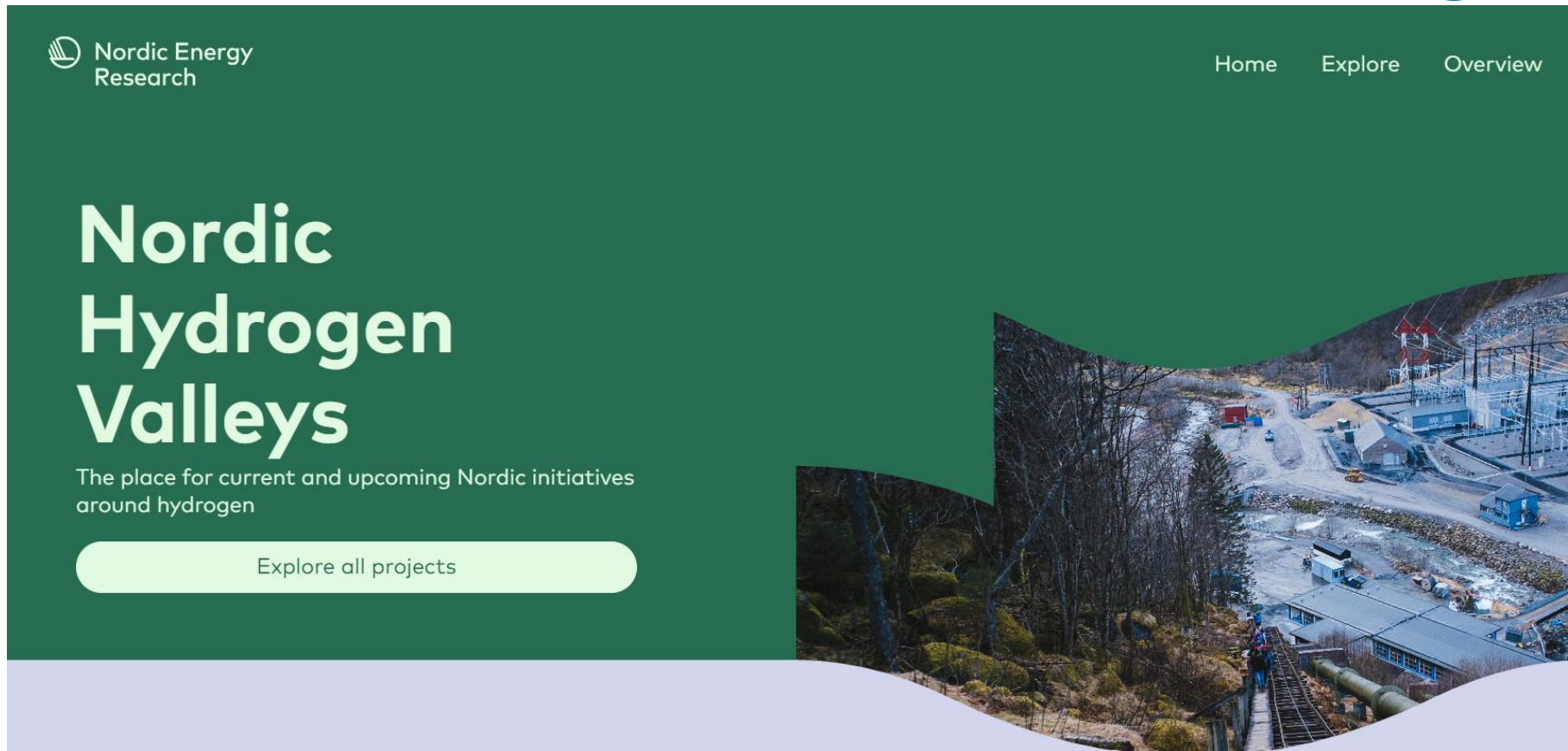
Nordic Energy Outlooks

Nordic Energy Outlooks – The Nordic Energy System Research Programme is a forum for collaboration between different Nordic institutions researching energy systems.

New call
to be
announced
in 2025



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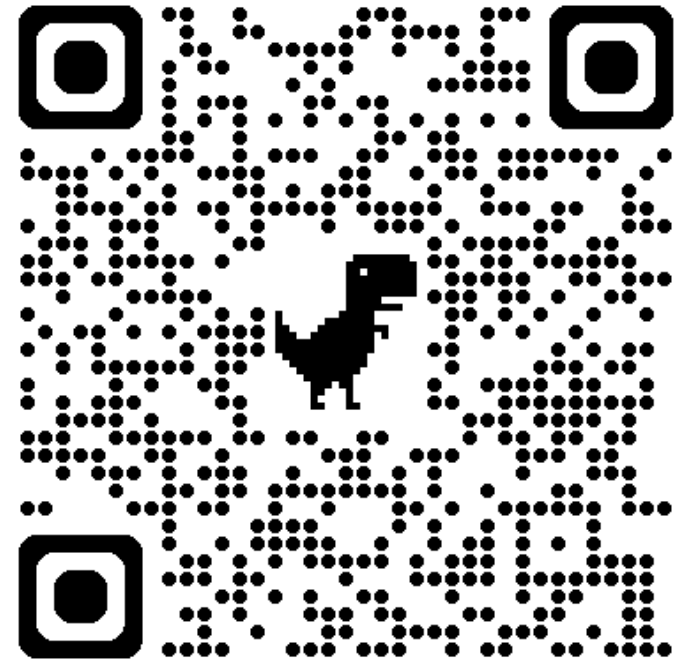
Join us!



The Nordic Hydrogen Valleys Conference

22–23 January 2025
Luleå, Sweden

*Explore the conference
programme*



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Thanks.

