

Nordplus Junior, December 4, 2023



WELCOME

Ask questions in the chat.

Mute your microphones when you don't speak.

Keep you camera on, we like to see your face.

If you want to find project partners ***please share your name, organisation and e-mail in the chat.***

Today's café

Welcome

Short introduction to Nordplus Junior by Karin Ericson and Anneli Lindberg

What's next? Short info

Nordplus New programme period



[Nordplus New programme period 2023-2027 - YouTube](#)



Nordplus Junior

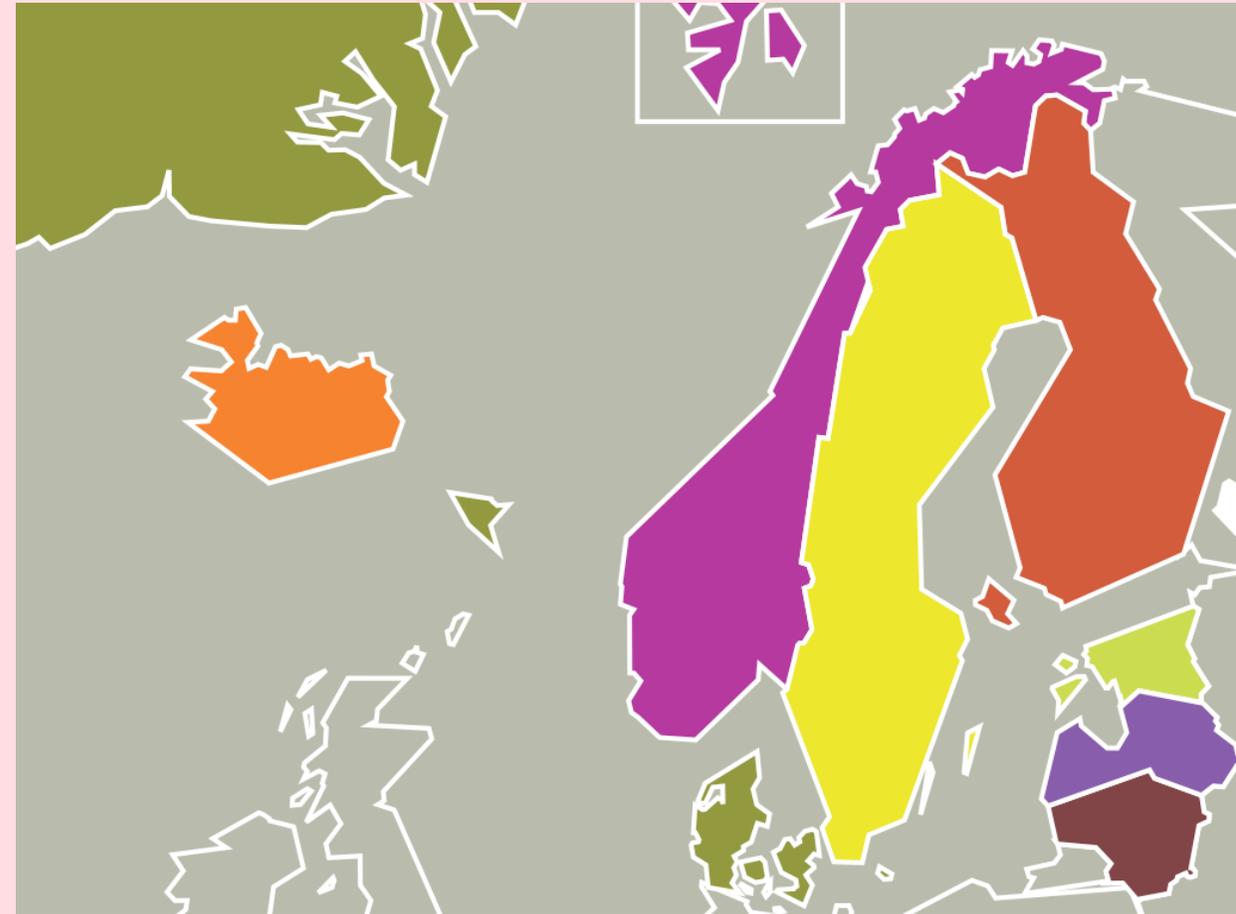
Nordplus Junior is one of 5 sub programmes.

Budget: appr. 2,8 million Eur

Nb. of participants: *appr. 5000 per year.*

Themes: Inclusion, Early childhood education, ICT and digitalization in education, Teacher education and teacher competences etc.

Highlight 2023-2024: “Enhancing Educational Cooperation for a Socially Sustainable Future”



What can you do within the programme?

Mobility projects:

- Preparatory visits
- Teacher exchanges
- Class exchanges
- Study visits

Development projects:

- quality assurance
- dissemination of project results
- development and improvement of pedagogical methods
- Improvement of curricula
- Administrative meetings to establish and develop networks. Information activities and dissemination of results.



Who can participate?

The following organisations can apply as coordinators:

- Preschools, Kindergartens
- Primary schools
- Upper secondary schools (both theoretical and vocational programmes)
- Vocational schools and apprenticeships
- Culture schools

The following organizations may participate as partners:

Other organizations or companies that work with or have strong interests in the field of school education.



Funding

MOBILITY PROJECTS

- At least 2 partners from 2 countries
- Fixed rates for the categories:
 - Travel costs.
 - Board and lodging (this applies only to teachers/pedagogical staff)

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- At least 3 partners from 3 countries
- Fixed rates for the categories:
 - Travel, food and accommodation (only for teachers / teaching staff) for meetings.
 - Project management, implementation and dissemination of results.

Some facts regarding Nordplus Junior

- Class exchanges dominate.
- Most applications regards **primary and secondary schools**.
- **Denmark** is the most frequent user.
- ***"Green growth, climate change and sustainable development"*** is the most popular theme.



Specifically for Nordplus

All 11 regions apply in Sweden, applications in Scandinavian and English.

Opportunity to combine activities in the same application. You can tailor your project.

Simple application and reporting system – Espresso

Simple regulations and a flexible program.

Decisions on the allocation of funds are made by the Program Committee

Why?

- Exchanging experience with other teachers and school leaders in preschools and schools abroad and engaging in **peer learning is developing** for the whole organisation.
- It gives positive effects and **continuing education**.
- The school will gain increased **attractiveness**.
- Increased **motivation**.
- **The Nordic/Baltic setting** gives certain values. The knowledge, experiences and methods you gain can easily be applied, in your own preschool or school.



Successfactors

- Connect the goals of the project to the participants schools' **development plans**.
- A longterm plan for international cooperation and continues education with schools in other countries.
- That school leaders have an active role in preparations and implementation of the project activities.
- Put togheter a control group at the schools for administration of the project.
- That school managment is active participants in projects.



Where do we find partners?

A partner search function is available at

- Register your organisation: [Become a partner in Nordplus](#)
- Search for partners in the database: [Nordplus partner-search](#)

Register on Facebook Nordplus Junior - Partnersearch and projects

eTwinning partner search function [eTwinning](#)

Contact seminars, International seminars, network of your own organisation, trade organisations or professional organisations, Twin towns or cooperation regions.



Get started !

Current situation

Needs



Prerequisites

Ideas



Project description, Preparatory Visit (questions to answer in the application form)

- Give a short outline of the future project you wish to prepare for
- Which development needs underlie this application and the future project? - What will be the subject and target group(s) of the future project and which type of project activity do you intend to apply for in the upcoming spring round? - Shortly describe each institution and with what capacity it will participate in the project – i.e. its particular expertise, role and contribution to the project.
- Present an agenda, day by day, for the preparatory visit meeting and indicate date and place. Describe the planned activities and their content. Explain why you chose these activities and how they will benefit the future project.



Preparatory visits

The aim of preparatory visits is to support the preparation and planning of projects and applications.

- Grants for travel and subsistence.
- Maximum five days (including travel time) with the participation of up to two representatives from each organisation.
- (Usually) to be carried out within a period of one year.

Fixed rates for subsistence– for teachers and pedagogical staff:

Fixed rates for subsistence (not for pupils/students)	DAY	WEEK	MONTH
Teachers and mentors	100 €	500 €	1350 €

If you apply for 6-7 days duration you must use the weekly rate.

Route	AMOUNT (RETURN JOURNEY)
To and from Greenland	1300 €
To and from Faroe Islands and Iceland	660 €
Between Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden and Åland	330 €
Domestic, more than 500 km, return trip	175 €

The amount for domestic travel can be applied if the distance between the school and the nearest international airport, train or bus station are above 500 km return trip. This concerns trips within your own country or/and the host country. In the Espresso application system, you apply for this contribution by selecting the same to- and from-country, and "0" in duration of stay. Accordingly, this contribution is applied for in addition to the other ordinary travel contributions between participating countries.

Fixed maximum travel rates for mobility projects

- A. Preparatory visits (teachers/pedagogical staff only)
- B. Teacher exchanges (and other pedagogical staff)
- C. Class exchanges
- D. Study visits (teachers/pedagogical staff only)

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Preparatory visits

- The partnership must consist of minimum two organisations
- One organisation is the coordinator, who is responsible for submitting the application on behalf of the partnership. The coordinator also receives the total grant and must distribute the grant among partners. The coordinator is also responsible for submitting the final report.
- One organisation in the partnership takes on the role as host. The host does not receive any grant from Nordplus. The grants are for the traveling partners.



Tips and tricks for the application

1. The evaluator must be able to understand the basic project idea. Be as concrete as possible about the future project.
2. The evaluator must be able to see that the application fits with the objectives and target groups of Nordplus Junior. Read about the target groups and possible activities in the Nordplus Handbook.
3. The programme of the visit/visits must correspond to the applied days.
4. Keep it simple!

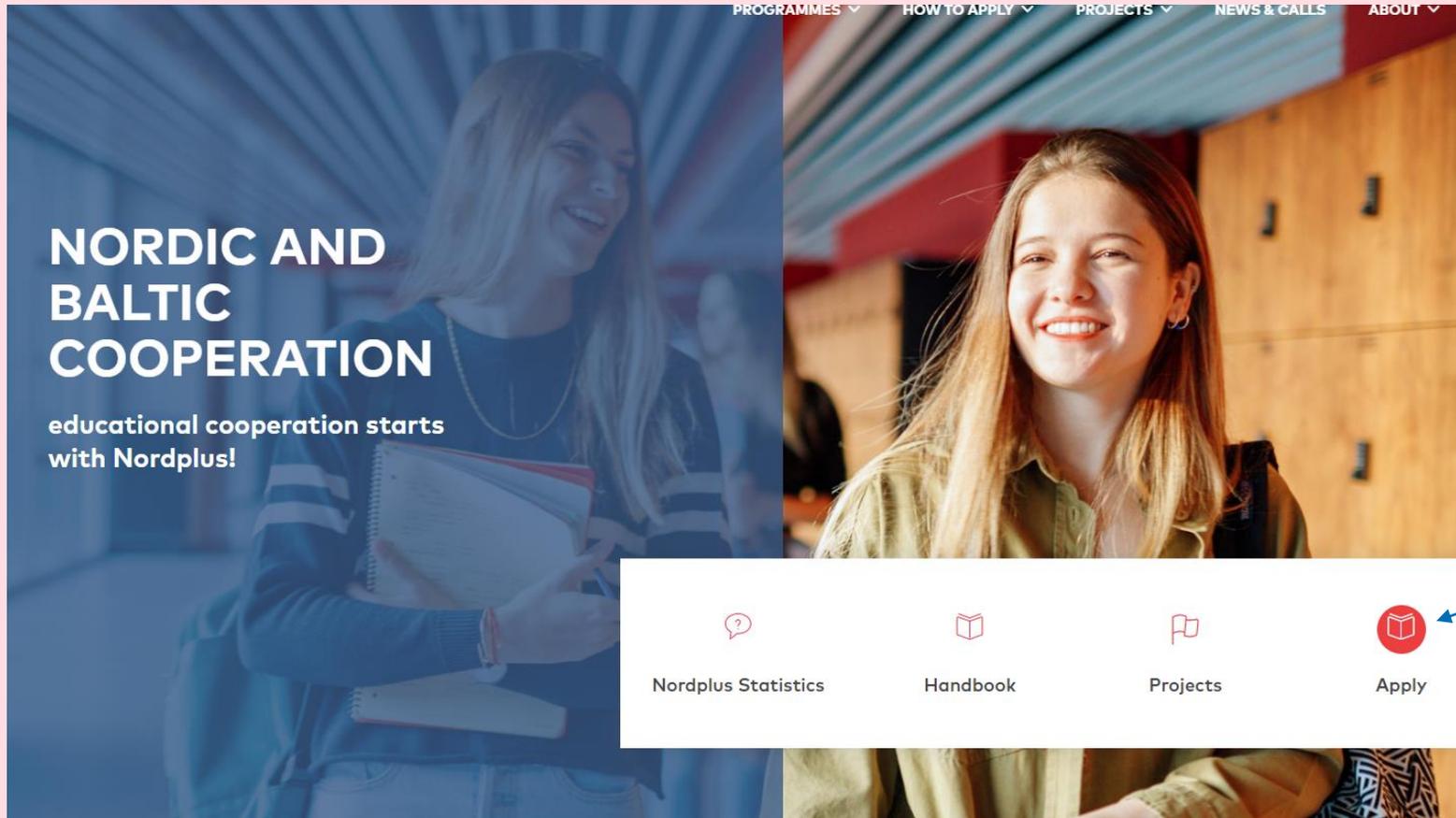


How to apply to Nordplus Junior

- Applications must be submitted electronically through the system Espresso
- You find Espresso on our website www.nordplusonline.org – click the button “Apply”
- Here is a direct link to Espresso:
<https://espresso.diku.no/espresso/login?1>
- You must create a user account in order to access the application forms – click “Register new user”
- The application form is available in English and Scandinavian language
- The application can be written in English, Danish, Norwegian or Swedish

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How to apply to Nordplus Junior

Create a user account or log into your account

Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills

Espresso
Application and Reporting

Login

Login

Please log in with user name (e-mail address) and password

If you have previously used HK-dir's online services, you can use the same user name and password as before.

If you experience technical problems with registration or login, please use our [support page](#).

Username

Password

Login

Register new user

Forgot password

Click "Register new user" if you do not have an account

How to apply to Nordplus Junior



Available application forms

This section lists available application forms for this programme.

Nordplus Adult 2023

This application form is available between **Nov 4, 2022 3:00 PM** and **Feb 1, 2023 11:59 PM**.
Use the link below to create a new application, or continue working with an existing application under "My Applications".
The call for application may be found [here](#).
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Nordplus Horizontal 2023

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Nordplus Nordic Languages 2023

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Nordplus Higher education 2023

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The call for application may be found [here](#).

It is important to choose the correct application form. Applications submitted to the wrong programme will be rejected

How to apply to Nordplus Junior



Norwegian Directorate
for Higher Education
and Skills



Espresso
Application and Reporting

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Help Logout

Home > Calls for proposals > Document editor

Nordplus Junior - Application 2023

NPJR-2023/10001 - Test application - do not submit

1. Start
2. Institutions
3. General info
4. Project description
5. Mobility
6. Budget
7. Check list
8. Submission

Basic information

1.1. Project information

Name on project *

Project number

1.2. Project access

Here you can choose who should have access to the application. The person who should have access to the application needs to register/create an account in Espresso. Then you can choose this person from the list of registered users.

Project read access

Read only access means that the person that you give access can read everything in the application, but not make changes.

Search among registered users

Project editor access

Project editor access means that the person that you give access can alter the application

Search among registered users

Tab 1: Start

1.2. Project access

Here you can choose who will have access to the application. The person who is allowed access to the application needs to register/create an account in Espresso. Following the registration you can choose the person from the list of registered users.

Editor access

Editor access means that the person you give access can make changes in the application.

Search among registered users

Tip: You can give your partners/colleagues reading or editor access so that you can fill in the application form together. Your partner/colleague must create a user account in Espresso so that you can search for him/her in the list.

Read only access

Read only access means that the person you give access can read everything in the application, but not make changes.

Search among registered users



Tab 2 – Institutions: Coordinator

Login > Nordplus > Document editor

1.Start 2.Institutions 3.General info. 4.Project description 6.Budget 7. Check list 8.Submit

Institutions

2.1.Coordinating institution 2.2. Partner institutions 2.3.Letter of Intent (LOI)

Coordinating institution

2.1.1. Coordinating institution

Register the coordinating institution. Please search among the registered institutions to check if your institution is already in the system. (You can search by part of the institution name). If you do not find your institution, you can register your institution by pressing "Add institution".

Coordinating institution
Add institution **Add institution**

Coordinating institution: *

Here, you must insert the coordinating organisation. Click "Add institution".



Tab 2: Institutions: Coordinator

2.1.3. Legal representative

Press "edit" to register legal person for your institution. Legal person means the person at your institution that can sign a contract on behalf of the institution.

Name		Action(s)
!		Edit

Fill in the details about the contact person and legal representative of the coordinating organisation. The legal representative is the person who is allowed to sign contracts on behalf of the coordinating organisation. The contact person will receive all information about the project from the Nordplus administration. Click "Edit" in order to fill in the details

2.1.4. Contact person

Press "edit" to register the contact person for the project. The contact person is the person at the coordinating institution who will receive information from Nordplus regarding the project/application.

Name		E-mail	Action(s)
!			Edit

Save Save and Close Cancel



Letter of intent – LOI

It is the responsibility of the coordinator to send the letter of intent to each participating organisation.

The coordinating organisation and each partner organisation must do the following with the letter of intent:

- Print the document
- The document must be signed by the legal representative and the contact person by hand (not electronically)
- The signed document must be scanned and sent to the coordinator
- The coordinator attaches all letters of intent to the application in tab 6 "Budget"

NB! If you encounter any problems with the LOIs, please contact us: nordplus@uhr.se



Letter of Intent

The Letter of Intent (LOI) must be **signed** by all participating institutions in the project. The partner institution(s) need to print, sign and return the LOI to the coordinating institution, who then uploads the **signed** LOI:s in the application.

The coordinating institution must also print, sign and upload the LOI for its own institution.

The LOIs are uploaded under the section "Budget"

A Letter of Intent (often called just LOI) is a written agreement where each partner agrees to the participation in the collaboration and to the consequences this entails. These letters are required from each institution in order for the application to be eligible. The person writing the application, most often the project coordinator, sends e-mails with enclosed Letters of Intent to the partners asking them to print and sign their specific Letter of Intent. After printing and signing them, the partners must then return the letters to the coordinator who then uploads them in the application. The Letters of Intent must be uploaded from all the partners and the coordinating institution; furthermore, they must be signed by both the legal representative and contact person of each participating institution

Sending of Letter of Intent

Mark the institutions you want to send the Letters of Intent to. The Letter of Intent will be sent by e-mail to the contact person at the partner institution. (If you want to give individual comments alongside the Letter of Intent, send the Letter of Intent singly to each partner institution).

You can also download the Letter of Intent to your computer by pressing the institution name, and then save it.

Institution	Contact person	<input type="checkbox"/>
 [redacted] (SE)	Lindberg, Anneli (anneli.lindberg@uhr.se)	<input type="checkbox"/>
 [redacted]	hagstrom, susanne (susanne.hagstrom@uhr.se)	<input type="checkbox"/>
 [redacted] (SE)	Larsson, Susanne (hagssu@live.se)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide a custom message with the Letter of Intent

[Send Letter\(s\) of Intent](#)



Letter of intent / *Intensjonserklæring* – Nordplus

Coordinating institution / *Koordinatorinstitusjon*

I/we hereby confirm my/our participation in
Jeg/vi bekrefter med dette min/vår deltakelse i:
Nordplus Junior

Project entitled / *Prosjekttittel:*
NPJR-2023/10002 - Test application I

Coordinated by Institution/Organization
Koordinert av institusjon/organisasjon:
Armbandet preschool

Unit / *Enhet:*

Contact person / *Kontaktperson:*
Lindberg, Anneli

Legal representative / *Juridisk ansvarlig:*
Larsson, Susanne

I/We have familiarised myself/ourselves with the application and the Guidelines on Nordplus and agree that I/we will coordinate this project.
Jeg/vi har gjort meg/oss kjent med retningslinjene for Nordplus og samtykker i at jeg/vi vil koordinere dette prosjektet.

Signatures / *Signaturer*

Place and date - *Sted og dato:*

Place and date - *Sted og dato:*

Signature of contact person at coordinating institution
Signatur kontaktperson på koordinatorinstitusjon:

Signature of legal representative
Signatur juridisk ansvarlig:

Lindberg, Anneli

Larsson, Susanne

4. Project description - Project description

4.1. Relevance Relevance

This is where you present the specific aims of the project. What do you want to achieve with the project? The aims may be described on different levels, e.g. participant level, and organization level.

Which of the specific goal(s) of the Nordplus programme does your project target? Describe how the planned actions within the project address the chosen Nordplus programme goal(s).

Who is your target group and why is the project suited for this group?

Also, present the background and motivation for the project? The project can relate to e.g. specific needs or challenges of participants, be motivated by previous initiatives or specific priorities and focus areas of the organizations.

Explain how each partner in the project benefits and gains from the cooperation and will achieve positive changes in terms of development. All collaboration projects should be based on a reciprocal attitude and understanding.

Present how the project is anchored with management. Do you have support in means of extra time and resources by the headmasters/managements? Are your institutions' managements supportive of the project – how?

Explain what you can gain by cooperating with other Nordic/Baltic countries that you cannot gain on a national level. What is this added value? Why have you chosen each other?

4.1.1. Project aim

Shortly and as clearly as possible describe the aim of the intended project. Explain in which ways the project corresponds with:

- the overall objectives of Nordplus.**
- Nordplus Junior's target groups and type of activities.**

Which school years/age group/type of school programme does the project involve?

The overall objectives

- Strengthen and develop Nordic education cooperation and contribute to creating a Nordic-Baltic education arena.
- Contribute to the development of quality and innovation in education systems for lifelong learning in the participating countries, through cooperation in the education system and in cooperation with the business community.
- Promote and strengthen the understanding of Nordic languages, primarily Danish, Swedish and Norwegian, and promote cultural understanding of a common Nordic- Baltic culture.



What happens after submission of the application?

You will receive an e-mail from the Nordplus administration when the deadline has been passed.

Your application will be assessed by at least 2 evaluators and be recommended for funding or rejection.

The Nordplus Programme Committee formally concludes on the grant proposal of the Nordplus administration on its meeting at the end of April.

During the first week of May, you will receive an answer to your application from the Nordplus administration.

If your project is funded, you will receive a contract, which must be signed before the payment can be transferred. The payment of grants above 15.000 EUR happens in two installments: 80% by receipt of signed contract and 20% by approval of final report.

Coming events

Nordplus cafe's

January 9

Calls:

Big application round: Deadline; 1 of February 2024



More information:

Website:

www.nordplusonline.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wearenordplus>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/wearenordplus/>



Contact details

- Each Nordplus country has its own Nordplus office, where you can get information in your own language. Find the list of Nordplus offices here:
—  <https://www.nordplusonline.org/about/contact/>

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