

**Call for Proposals  
Nordplus Framework Programme 2008  
Support for cooperation in the area of education between  
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden**

The Nordic Council of Ministers has established The Nordplus Framework Programme for the 4-year period 2008-2011. The programme shall promote quality and innovation in the education systems in the Nordic and Baltic countries by supporting many types of exchanges, projects and networks. All cooperation activities must be based on agreements between educational institutions and organisations from the participating countries. The total budget for The Nordplus Framework Programme in the first programme year, 2008, is 63,7 MDKK.

The Nordplus Framework Programme contains 4 sub-programmes now inviting applications with the following main objectives and main priorities.

**Nordplus Junior**

- Shall strengthen and develop cooperation between the participating countries in the area of school education and shall support networks of pre-schools, primary and secondary schools (general or vocational).
- Will in 2008 give priority to cooperation activities within the following areas and themes: quality in education, vocational education, health, prevention of drop-out, entrepreneurship and multicultural classrooms.

**Nordplus Higher Education**

- Shall contribute to cooperation between higher education institutions in the participating countries and to the establishment of networks for exchange and dissemination of experiences, best practices and innovative results. Shall also contribute to cooperation between higher education institutions and other institutions or organisations working in the area of higher education.
- Will in 2008 give priority to cooperation activities within the following areas and themes: Renewal and enlargement of networks to include new partners, especially from the new participating countries, development of Joint Study Programmes, Curriculum Development projects and quality assurance work in higher education.

**Nordplus Adult Learning**

- Shall strengthen and develop cooperation, partnerships and networks between contributors to adult learning (education institutions as well as enterprises, organisations and NGOs) and promote the development of quality and innovation in all adult learning.
- Will in 2008 give priority to cooperation activities within the following areas and themes: Quality development in the area of adult learning in a perspective of lifelong learning, recognition and validation of prior learning, basic competencies (i.e. reading-, writing-, mathematics- and IT-skills), language learning for immigrants and minority groups and results of investments in adult learning.

**Nordplus Horizontal**

- Shall contribute to cooperation between the educational sectors and shall support cross-sectoral networks and projects.
- Will in 2008 give priority to cooperation activities within the following areas and themes: cross-sectoral cooperation within the areas and themes given priority in the 3 sectoral sub-programmes, cross-sectoral cooperation for quality and innovation in the educational systems in a perspective of life long learning and cross-sectoral cooperation on teacher education and pedagogical methods that may involve schools, institutions and organisations for adult learning, higher education and research as well as enterprises.

**Contact the Nordplus Programme Agency in your home country for further information.**

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**Application deadline for all parts of The Nordplus Framework Programme  
1 March 2008**