

Nordic-Russian Joint Programme in Higher Education and Research

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MoU and joint programme

A three year (2012-2014) joint programme in higher education and research.

Established on the basis of a MoU between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and the Nordic Council of Ministers, signed 2011.

The MoU is prolonged for three years (2015-2017); joint programme prolonged first one year (2015) and then two years (2016-2017).

Objective

Objective according to the MoU:

To promote multifaceted contacts in education and research, in the interests of sustainable social and economic development in Russia and the Nordic countries.

Efficient and practical application of experience gained through multilateral cooperation in the training of highly qualified experts, exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students and university faculty, as well as joint research and promotion of innovations.

Objective

Enhancement of direct links between educational institutions, research organisations and companies, specialising in the introduction of innovative technologies.

Priority areas: education (with certain priority areas) and research.

A special emphasis will be put to attract to such cooperation students, young faculty members and researchers.

Expand the circle of partners participating in cooperation in the area of education and research in order to increase intellectual and financial resources made available for the implementation of joint projects.

Programme organisation and budget



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A Nordic-Russian Working Group (WG) have the responsibility for the planning of the Nordic-Russian Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Research.

The WG decides on the priority areas in higher education and research.

The Russian activities of the programme are coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.

The programme is funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.

Programme organisation and budget



Nordic budget 2012-2014: 18 MDKK (2.4 M Euro)

Nordic budget 2015: 7 MDKK (0.9 M Euro)

Nordic budget 2015-2016: 14 MDKK (1.9 M Euro)

Nordic funding matched by the Russian Federation (in-kind).

Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU) coordinates the Nordic activities of the programme on behalf of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

SIU administers education activities in cooperation with the other Nordic programme offices, while NordForsk administers research activities.

Implementation of joint programme 2012-2015



Focus on funding joint projects in higher education and research between educational institutions and research organizations.

Three calls for proposals in higher education.

Two calls for proposals in research.

A number of expert and project seminars in Russia and the Nordic countries.

Funding of an ICT-project.

Conclusions from evaluation

The Memorandum of Understanding works as a platform for collaboration and partnership between the Nordic countries and Russia.

The governance model supports achievement of the objectives of the MoU, and the joint Working Group is planning the programme efficiently.

The implementation of the joint programme in the years 2012-2015 is also in accordance with the MoU objectives.

Conclusions from evaluation

The programme is relevant for the target groups of higher education institutions and research organizations in the Nordic countries and Russia, and runs quite efficiently, with some room for improvement.

The joint Working Group emphasizes that open calls and excellence in education and research projects should be aimed for also in the future.

Overall, the Nordic-Russian Cooperation Programme in Education and Research works well and is of importance for the Nordic countries and Russia.

Preliminary work plan 2016-2017

Fourth call for proposals in **higher education**, carried out by SIU spring 2016.

<http://siu.no/eng/Programme-information/BRICS-and-Eurasia/Nordic-Russian-cooperation>

New call for proposals in **research** carried out by NordForsk, spring 2016.

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Thank you!

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