Let’s learn together!
– A conference on mobility, nordic languages and the Nordplus-programme

Finland will organise a conference on mobility, Nordic languages and the Nordplus programme as part of its Nordic Presidency programme.

Nordic countries have a long tradition in educational and cultural cooperation, which has always been a central part of this cooperation. The Nordplus programme family plays a major role in the cooperation. It provides funding for Nordic cooperation between schools, vocational institutes, higher education institutions, and institutions of general, vocational and liberal adult education.

The two-day conference on mobility, Nordic languages and the Nordplus programme provides a forum for disseminating information and sharing experiences, working together in thematic groups and presenting opportunities on offer in Nordic and Baltic countries for internationalisation in education. Special attention will be focused on the role and possibilities of the Nordic languages in this context.

The conference is organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Centre for International Mobility CIMO, the National Board of Education and the Nordic Council of Ministers in collaboration.

The participation is free of charge, but requires a registration in advance by 13 May. The registration is to be done on the website of the Finnish ministry: www.minedu.fi.

The languages on Day 1 are Scandinavian and Finnish, with simultaneous interpretation also into English. The language on Day 2 and in the workshops (except the one on the Nordplus Junior and Language programme) is English.
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DAY 1

12:00 Lunch and registration
During the lunch and breaks there is a possibility to see the exhibition Norden – on top of the world.

13:00 Welcome
Finnish Minister of Nordic Collaboration (tbc)
Secretary General Halldór Ásgrímsson, the Nordic Council of Ministers

MOBILITY AND EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH CHILDREN AND THE YOUTH

What Have We Learned of the Collaboration? Examples from Schools
Rap it Up, rap music as a way for common understanding
Project Manager Carl Liaungman, Federation of the Norden Associations in Sweden
High school collaboration between Raisio lukio and Sigtuna gymnasium
lärare Anne Santamäki, Raisio lukio
Project OVVTAS, cross-boarder collaboration in the education of the Sami culture
Project Coordinator Sonja Guttorm, Tana
Working practice periods in the other country, exchange between Finland and Sweden
Teacher Antti Malassu, Pupils Pinja Rantama and Rosanna Christiansson, Pukinnäen peruskoulu, Helsinki

14:45 Coffee

15:15 THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Professor Sven Strömqvist, University of Lund
Director Sabine Kirschmeier, Danish Language Council
Nordic Language Co-ordinator Bodil Aurstad
Director Pirikki Nuolijärvi, Research Institutet for the Languages of Finland

NORDIC NETWORKS
Case example: Nordic Collaboration on the Referenceframe Work
International co-ordinator Stefan Skimutis, Swedish National Agency for Higher Vocational Education

16:15 Workshops:

1) Nordplus Higher Education & Nordic Master
Developing and running joint programmes in the Nordic/Baltic countries – Benefits and challenges, good practices and Nordic support mechanisms
Head of Unit Kristin Amundsen, SIU The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation
Manager of International Relations Eija Kujanpäälä, Aalto University, and Special Adviser Anne-Mette Holt, Technical University of Denmark

2) Nordplus Adult Learning
The importance of Nordic-Baltic cooperation in the field of adult learning – How can we develop our activities in co-operation with colleagues from neighbouring countries?
Project co-ordinator Minna Poutanen, Keski-Pohjanmaan kulttuuriopisto, Shared Visions (Nordplus Adult mobility project)
Project co-ordinator Maija-Leena Kemppi, Koulutuskeskus Salpaus, NOCO
Nordic co-operation of immigrants vocational language learning (Nordplus Adult development project)
Programme Administrators: International Adviser Henrik Nehiemann Andersen, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Denmark, and Programme Manager Eija Wilén, CIMO (Nordplus Adult Learning)

3) Nordplus Junior & Nordplus Språk (in Scandinavian)
To build the Nordic identity and make language learning fun!
Project Manager Tiinaliisa Granholm, Svenska nu
Nordic Language Co-ordinator Bodil Aurstad
Programme Administrators Karin Kakkonen, The International Programme Office for Education and Training (Nordplus Junior) and Sigrún Ólafsdóttir, University of Iceland (Nordplus Språk)

18:00 Buffet Dinner at Paasitorni.
Host: Director General Sakari Karjalainen, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland
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DAY 2

09:00–11:00

Workshops

1) EUROSTUDENT

Student Mobility in Higher Education: a Nordic Comparison using Eurostudent Data
Senior Researcher Eilisabeth Hovdaugan, NIFU Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education

2) Case example: Nordic Network for Disability Coordinators

Equal Opportunities in the Mobility within Higher Education
Coordinator Tina Teljstadt, Karolinska Institutet
Ass. professor Maria Hune, University of Århus
Advisor of Disability Issues Paula Pietilä, University of Turku
Project Manager Merja Ylönen, Diaconia University of Applied Sciences

3) Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning for All – Just a Buzzword?

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Presentation of a Study

Plenum: Mobility of Academic Labourforce in the Nordic Countries
manager, PhD Jakob Rathlev, Epinion

12:00 Nordic-Baltic Educational Collaboration in 10 years

Where are we going? What’s the role of the Nordic-Baltic collaboration in the global context?
Panel with Professor Peter Waara, University of Uppsala
Vice Principal Ulla-Majia Forsberg, University of Helsinki
The discussion is led by director Pasi Sahlberg, CIMO

12:45

Closing of the Conference
Director General Sakari Karjalainen, Ministry of Education and Culture

13:00 Lunch

Practical information for the conference guests

Venue: Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, Helsinki
Hotels: We have pre-booked rooms from Hotel Cumulus Hakaniemi and Hilton Helsinki Strand. Att! The bookings expire April 22. For more information on hotels, visit the event page at www.minedu.fi.
Registrations: by May 13 at www.minedu.fi. For more information, kindly contact project coordinator Sini Keinonen, Ministry of Education and Culture, + 358 9 1607 7285, sini.keinonen@minedu.fi.