


# Nordic cooperation

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGY/ACTION PLAN

 NORWAY

## Timeline

2019 Implementation

2020 Implementation

2021 Completed

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## Background

A white paper on Nordic cooperation is presented annually to ensure continuous cooperation between the Nordic countries.

## Objectives

The objective is to strengthen Nordic cooperation and ensure continuous safety in the Nordic region.

## Description

This paper discusses the most important development features of Nordic cooperation. The first chapter describes a number of measures that have been implemented in recent years to follow up the government's goal that Nordic cooperation should be developed and strengthened. In the second part of the report, the government, based on current societal challenges, highlights how we can work to ensure the Nordic region remains safe. The Nordic countries cooperate on education and research projects and in 2018, 38.3 % of this budget was allocated to mobility programmes. It is expected that cooperation in the Nordic countries will promote mobility both in education and in the labour market.

The Nordic countries emphasise early efforts to improve language and integration in kindergarten and lower and upper secondary school, including VET. A programme will contribute to good transitions between education and working life, mutual recognition of education (including VET) and professional qualifications, digitisation and a clearer link to the UN Agenda 2030.

### 2019 Implementation

The white paper on Nordic cooperation was adopted and implemented.

### 2020 Implementation

There were no new developments in 2020.

## 2021 Completed

The measure is operational and the cooperation between Nordic countries continues as a regular practice.

## Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Research (KD)

## Target group

### Other

Beneficiaries at all levels of education

## Thematic categories

### European and international dimensions of VET

VET internationalisation strategies

International qualifications

## Subsystem

IVET CVET

## Further reading

[Link to the white paper](#)

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