

What is NordFoU and how does it work?

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What:

A research and development collaboration between the five Nordic, state road administrations established in 2004

Purpose:

To strenghten, promote and organise Nordic R&D through project collaboration



Organisation of NordFoU

- **Steering Group:** strategic planning
- **Preparatory Group:** approves project applications and carries out steering group decisions
- **Secretary General:** leader of NordFoU
- **9 active projects** – each has a steering group, a project group and a project leader
- Learn more: www.NordFoU.org

How do we finance NordFoU projects?

- In NordFoU we finance the projects together
- If four road administrations participate in a project, each part, as a rule of thumb, pays for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the project
- This makes it less expensive, than if a road administration had to carry out and fund a project on its own!

Who can send an project idea to NordFoU?

- All employees in the Nordic state road administrations can send a proposal to NordFoU
- It is also possible for private companies to participate as partners in a NordFoU project

A short way from idea to project...

How does a NordFoU-project start?

1. A R&D-need is identified
2. A project proposal is made and sent to us
3. The national member of the NordFoU Preparatory Group presents your proposal on a preparatory group meeting in NordFoU
4. If at least one other road administration supports the proposal a project plan has to be made
5. When the project plan is approved by NordFoU, the parties sign a contract and the researching and developing can begin!

Read more on www.NordFoU.org



What can NordFoU help you with?

- Offer project counselling and project steering tools
- Present your project idea to the other Nordic road administrations and offer them to participate (and co-finance) your project
- Coordinate common Nordic interests on the international agenda and in other collaborations such as ERANET Road and CEDR

How could Nordic Road Association and NordFoU benefit more from each other?

1. A R&D need is identified in an NRA-group, but due to lack of time and resources this is not converted into a project and a solution
2. NordFoU has the facilities to start, and complete a Nordic project, but we do not know all common Nordic R&D needs
3. NRA-groups could help NordFoU becoming aware of common Nordic R&D needs by converting them to project proposals and sending them to NordFoU
4. This could built a bridge between knowledge exchange and project solutions



Why collaborate in NordFoU?

Many common challenges in the Nordic countries

Greater use of each partner's funds

Exchange of knowledge between the project partners

NordFoU projects allow the brightest minds in the Nordic road sector to collaborate between national borders