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# Nordic Societal Security Programme

Call deadline: 15 January 2014

Nordic cooperation on Societal Security



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The Nordic countries have cooperated closely in the area of societal security for decades, as a means of ensuring the safety and security of the countries' inhabitants. This multidisciplinary research programme for societal security enables NordForsk to address questions of vulnerabilities, resilience and capabilities for crisis management related to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

## Thematic framework

Increasingly, the Nordic countries are dealing with complex, dynamic systems, emerging risk, and the ramifications of human actions. What is required to meet such grand challenges in the future? The answer may lie in the difficult but steadily more widely embraced concept of «resilience». Research on resilience is needed in a human, socio-technical, societal, organisational, political and transnational context.

Researchers are invited to deconstruct the concept of resilience in order to identify more specific areas for scientific inquiry. This may help give direction to research in this field.

The aim of the programme is to develop new knowledge about, and solutions for, the many aspects of societal security affecting the Nordic countries, addressing issues related to:

- Prevention
- Capacity-building for response and recovery
- Communication
- Learning

The research funded by the programme should add value to work already done in the Nordic countries within this field.

## Call for Nordic Centre of Excellence

To achieve the aims of this programme NordForsk, in collaboration with Nordic co-funders, is issuing a call for proposals on 15 November 2013 for one or more

Nordic Centres of Excellence (NCoE) under the newly established Nordic Societal Security Programme. A pre-announcement has been published and is available at [www.nordforsk.org](http://www.nordforsk.org).

A Nordic Centre of Excellence (NCoE) is NordForsk's most important funding instrument for increasing and facilitating cooperation between top-quality researchers, researcher groups or institutions in the Nordic countries.

The NCoE on Societal Security must have commitment from institutions in at least three Nordic countries, and the Project Leader should be an established senior researcher based in one of the Nordic Societal Security Programme co-funding countries. The formal applicant must thus be an institution, organisation or other legal entity based in one of these countries. The NCoE funding will be granted for a period of five years. The programme is funded by means of a common pot with no fair return provided by the funding partners.

More information is available at [www.nordforsk.org](http://www.nordforsk.org), where the Policy Paper «Societal Security in the Nordic Countries» may be ordered or downloaded.

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Photo: In August 2011, people were evacuated from this house with the aid of an excavator bucket in Stange, Norway. Roads and railway were closed.  
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## Nordic Research Collaboration

**NordForsk** is a platform for joint Nordic research and research policy development. The aim is to facilitate cooperation in all fields of research and research-driven innovation when this will add value to activities being conducted in the five Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, including the autonomous areas of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and the Åland Islands. NordForsk carries out assignments from the Nordic Council of Ministers, and provides input based on analysis of the Nordic research and research policy landscape. NordForsk is governed by a Board composed of its main stakeholders: the national research funding agencies in the Nordic countries, higher education institutions and industry.