Application for joint EFINORD-SNS network

Send your application to sns@slu.se at **June 1st 2018** at 24.00 CET, at the latest.

The application should not exceed 3700 words (including words in the template).

**Introduction**

The aim of the joint call is to promote North European synergies and to interlink forest research in the Nordic, Baltic Sea and the North Atlantic regions by networking activities. **Networks should include researchers and/or communicators at research institutions in the** Nordic\* and other countries from the extended EFINORD \*\* area. The networks should cover topics within sustainable forest based bioeconomy, ecosystem services or climate change mitigation and adaptation. The expected outputs include for example networking, arranging workshops, seminars or open conferences, producing large-scale project applications, peer-reviewed scientific papers or designing policy recommendations based on research findings.

\* Nordic is defined here as Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the autonomous areas Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland Islands.  \*\* The EFINORD also includes Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, NW Russia, Poland, Northern Germany, Northern UK, Ireland.

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| 1. Network title: |  |

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| 2.a Main applicant\*Name | Title | Organisation- Address (Country) | Email |
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| 2.b Co- applicants\*\*Name | Title | Organisation- Address (Country) | Email |
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\* The main applicant can be a researcher or communicator, however not a stakeholder.
\*\* The main applicant should be supplemented by additional co-applicants from at least two other Nordic countries, or other countries in the EFINORD area. Note that gender mixed applications are required.

**Background of the network**

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| 3. The aim of the joint EFINORD-SNS network call is to increase interactions within forest research, industry and politics in the North European region, preferably with a cross-disciplinary approach by networking, workshops, seminars and joint utilization of research facilities.1. Describe the long-term aim for your network, and the goal for the period of the application.
2. If the network has been funded previously, state if the aim has changed. What are the new goals of this funding period?
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| 4. Clearly describe the planned activities in practice, including a preliminary schedule. |
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| 5. How and within which areas will the network increase synergies in the North European region? |
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| 6. Briefly, how does the network relate to the strategy of [SNS](http://nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SNS-strategy-ml.pdf) and aims of [EFINORD](http://www.efinord.efi.int/portal/about_efinord/forestry_and_aims_efinord/)? |
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| 7. The network should involve participants from at least three Nordic countries (or autonomous areas) and three other countries from the EFINORD area. One Nordic country can be substituted by a Baltic country (Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia). List the participators (stakeholders, communicators, research institutes or other groups) from:1. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland Islands.
2. Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, NW Russia, Poland, Northern Germany, Northern UK and Ireland
3. From other countries/regions.
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| 8. Knowledge transfer to younger generations is key to progression over time. * How does the network plan to include and integrate young researchers / PhD students?
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| 9. Gender aspects are a special issue within the field of equality and can serve as a model for the work with basic human values and rights. However, gender equality is a challenge for the forest sector. SNS and EFINORD require a gender balance of at least 40-60% within all funded networks. 1. How does the network plan to meet the 40-60% requirement?
2. If the network has received funding previously and the 40-60% goal was not met, what are the new measures that will be taken to reach this goal?
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 **Expected outcome**

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| 10. Communication of the outcomes from the network is important, this can be done by aiming at academia and/or society at large. * Specify expected publishable outputs derived from the network activity in both academic and non-academic journals/papers/online.
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| 11. Other outputs from the work group could be e.g. websites, policy recommendations, open conferences, large-scale project applications, statistics using big data or other practical outputs. * Does your network have any other outputs?
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| 12. All networks are to deliver a news item, or ‘policy brief’ (download the template [here](http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/sns-research/networks/efinord-sns-networks/)), which will be used for publishing at the [SNS webpage](http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/), at [SNS facebook](https://www.facebook.com/www.nordicforestresearch.org/) and in [News & Views](http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/news/news-views/). * Indicate title or topic of the fact sheet/ brief, the network will produce.
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**Participation**

13. Approximated number of participants involved in the network activities.

Note that the network is required to reach 40-60% gender balance.

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|  | Women | Men |
| Young researchers / PhD students |  |  |
| Senior academics  |  |  |
| Stakeholders |  |  |
| Communicators |  |  |
| Total number of participants |  |  |

**Budget**

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| 14. Location (country) of the planned activities within your network: |
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15. Budget in SEK. The applied amount should be approximately 100.000 – 200.000 SEK. A self-financing component of at least 50% of the total budget of the network is required. The funding cannot be used for salary.

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|  | SNS funding | External funds | Total | SNS funding (% of total) |
| Travel costs |  |  |  |  |
| Hotel costs |  |  |  |  |
| Meeting costs |  |  |  |  |
| Communication |  |  |  |  |
| Salary | Not allowed |  |  |  |
| (Other costs (specify below)) |  |  |  |  |
| Total SUM (SEK) |  |  |  |  |

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| (Specify other costs): |
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| 16. Please attach documentation of how much financial support participants from outside of the Nordic region\* will bring into the network budget. |

\* Nordic region: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland Islands.

**I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge**

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| Signature of the head of the research institution .…………………………………………………. .…………………………………………………. ……………………………(Signature) (Institution) (Day / Month / Year)  ……………………………………………...............................................  (Printed name, function) |

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