

Nordic-Baltic Cooperation on Disability

Nordic Welfare Centre

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Our vision 2030

A **green** Nordic region

Together, we will promote a green transition of our societies and work towards carbon neutrality and a sustainable circular and bio-based economy.

A **competitive** Nordic region

Together, we will promote green growth in the Nordic region based on knowledge, innovation, mobility and digital integration.



**The Nordic
region will
become the most
sustainable and
integrated region
in the world**

A **socially sustainable** Nordic region

Together, we will promote an inclusive, equal and interconnected region with shared values and strengthened cultural exchange and welfare.



Nordic Welfare Centre

- An institution under Nordic Council of Ministers
- Stockholm and Helsinki

Mission:

- To develop and strengthen the Nordic welfare policy and implementation by compiling and disseminating knowledge on welfare issues
- Our target audience includes politicians, other decision makers, researchers and other experts, practitioners and NGOs on welfare area



Focus areas

Welfare policy

Disability

Integration of
immigrants

Public health



Disability cooperation 2022 >

- In Nordic Welfare Centre's annual plan for 2022:
 - “Nordic Welfare Centre cooperates with the Nordic Council of Ministers offices in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and exchanges knowledge and experiences in social and health policy”
- Each project leader is responsible for his/her own cooperation and financing it within the project budget
- Goal: to integrate the Nordic-Baltic cooperation where ever it is possible > Many events in English or interpretation available, many publications in English



Cooperation 2022 >

- New Nordic action plan/policy programme for Disability cooperation and new mandate for the Nordic Disability Council 2023-2027 > Nordic-Baltic cooperation continues (possible topics: indicators of implementation of UNCRPD, discrimination etc)
- Deafblindness cooperation
 - To continue cooperation started in Tallinn 2019 and the webinar 2021 with Lithuania
 - Conference in Tampere the 20 – 22nd of September 2022: [Today's knowledge for tomorrow's actions – a Nordic perspective on Deafblindness | NVC \(nordicwelfare.org\)](#)
- Universal Design and accessibility Conference in November 2022
- Universal Design and socio-economic consequences: new project under 2022
- Project The Future of Working life; publication: <https://nordicwelfare.org/en/publikationer/the-future-of-working-life-technology-and-digitalisation-for-increased-inclusion/>
- Follow up on the Nordic-Baltic workshop on dementia strategies
18 March 2021



Funding Scheme for NGOs on Disability area

- Call in October-November 2022 for support 2023
- Some changes in the Scheme:
 - only one call/year
 - Networking activities and some project activities will get funding
 - Also digital cooperation can get funding
 - Three countries minimum in the consortium; Nordic-Baltic organisations can participate



Other relevant examples of cooperation

Consequenses of Covid19 for children and youth 2021-2024

[Nordic Cooperation on Children and Young People's Opportunities for Participation and Development During the Covid-19 Pandemic | NVC \(nordicwelfare.org\)](#)

Webinar The Pandemic and well-being of young people 25th of April

[Webinar: The Pandemic and wellbeing of young people | NVC \(nordicwelfare.org\)](#)

Covid19 and Social Isolation

Compiles research and knowledge on the experiences of isolation and loneliness

Gathers and disseminates good examples of interventions and policies implemented

Webinar in December 2022

[Social isolation and loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic | NVC \(nordicwelfare.org\)](#)



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Thank you!

