

# **The NordBio Programme**

## Presentation of NordBio Content and Organisation

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NordBio – Nordic Bioeconomy – Three year programme

Founded on the „Biobased society“ concept:

- Component of recent National, Nordic, EU and Global Policies
- Addresses Social, Economic and Biological Challenges
- Natural resources and climate change
- New approaches for knowledge and innovation based policies
- Thus NordBio for Iceland 's Presidency Programme 2014

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NordBio – Also based on:

- Nordic Bioeconomy Initiative 2013 – 2018
- FJLS – Frameworkprogramme 2013 – 2016
- Nidaros Declaration 2012

Main focus:

On sustainability of society and the environment, and facilitating the restructuring of a competitive economy as well as new methods in youth education.

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NordBio's 5 Projects:

- \* *Biophilia*, education project, where new teaching methods will be developed with the use of the latest technology, and with creativity as teaching and research method.
- \* *Innovation in the Nordic Bioeconomy*–Innovation projects aimed at increasing value creation and improved utilization of living natural resources.
- \* *Marina* - Examination of opportunities entailed in the adoption of more eco-friendly energy sources onboard marine vessels

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NordBio's 5 Projects, cont:

- \* *Woodbio* - Increased diversity in the utilization and added value of forestry products.
- *Ermond* – Ecosystem resilience as a mean to mitigate natural disasters.
- These projects have strong Nordic involvement and are open to proposals from interested Nordic parties on further developments

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## **Nordic Bioeconomy Panel**

The Icelandic Chairmanship will furthermore seek to establish a Nordic Policy and Strategy Forum for the bioeconomy - **Nordic Bioeconomy Panel**

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NordBio – MANDATE – Steering Document for the Icelandic Presidencies Bioeconomy Programme.

- Accepted –31. January 2014

- Main content:

- I. Background

- II. Organisation

- III. Decision Process

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## I. Background

- NordBio – Cooperation of 5 Nordic Councils of Ministers:
  - MR-FJLS; MR-NER; MR-M; MR-U and MR-K
  - 10 Nordic Committees of Senior Officials
  - 3 Icelandic Ministries; Ministry of Industry and Innovation, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
  - Main goal: To coordinate Nordic expertise on sustainable utilization of living resources
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## II. Organisation:

- Nordic Council of Ministers for Cooperation accepts proposed budget and responsibility on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013
  - 10 MDKK to the NordBio, Nordic Council of Ministers of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Agriculture, Food and Forestry responsible
  - Nordic Steering Group – 8 Members + Observers
  - Icelandic Programme Leadership - 4 Members +
  - NMR – Secretariat – Coordination and monitoring
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## III. Decision Process:

- **MR – FJLS/EK-FJLS (Executive)** – overall responsibility for the implementation and reporting of the NordBio Programme
- MR-NER; MR-M; MR-U and MR-K - Responsible to actively give input and seek for participation in the NordBio Programme, and to ensure coherence with sector priorities

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## III. Decision Process:

- **Nordic Steering Group**
  - Under Icelandic chairmanship provide leadership for the NordBio Programme
  - Receive proposals from the Icelandic Programme Steering Group and relevant interests in all 8 countries
  - Send proposals to EK– FJLS (Executive) for final decision
  - Secure the quality, Nordic involvement and Nordic added-value of the NordBio Programme
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- Collaborate with NMRS and Nordic institutions

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## III. Decision Process:

- **Icelandic Programme Steering Group**
  - Launch the NordBio Programme
  - Supervise and ensure the quality of the programme and the focus on priorities
  - Secretariat function for the Nordic Steering Group
  - Develop proposals for the Nordic Steering Group, including on budget and administration of the programme and provide oversight of the use of funds
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## **Final Comments:**

The Nordic countries have all the prerequisites to take the lead in sustainable utilization of living resources

- The NordBio Programme will be running in 2014 – 2016
- Final NordBio Conference is scheduled for October 2016
- The Nordic Steering Group will be active under the Chairmanship of Iceland until a Final Report is delivered to MR – SAM in 2017

**- Thank you**

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