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2 Title of the project/activity (max 50 characters) The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work

3 Time span for the first year of the network (dd.mm.yyyy): From: 01.01.2009 To: 31.12.2011	4 Subject area (See last page) Social studies
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5 Estimated number of participants	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EE	LT	LV	Other inside the EU*	Other outside the EU*	Total	Men	Women
PhD students	15	140		30	150	14	25	4			378	100	278
Supervisors	8	30		10	40	6	7	1			102	51	51
Other participants						14							
Research groups	1										1		

* Other countries (specify)

<p>6 Summary. Give a short description of the network's targets and aims (max 200 words). NordForsk reserves the right to use parts of the text or the text in full for information purposes.</p> <p>The aim of this application is to strengthen and improve postgraduate studies in social work by establishing long-term collaboration between the Nordic and Baltic countries, especially between the Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian social work research schools and other bodies giving postgraduate/research training. This collaboration will help join together the different paradigms of social work research in the participating countries, enrich the theoretical and methodological training provided to the doctoral students and establish links both regionally between the Nordic-Baltic research traditions and researchers as well as internationally.</p> <p>The network of the doctoral schools and institutions will also create a forum for interactive criticism, support and development of joint research projects and comparative approaches. As the links between the existing institutions have been bilateral, theme-based and random so far, despite the interest in cooperation, this application aims to create a forum for planning a long-term Nordic-Baltic research training agenda, based on the network of the participating institutions.</p> <p>The quality of research training will improve if the Nordic and Baltic social work universities cooperate in doctoral teaching. Within the framework of this application it will be possible both to establish an arena where a vigorous and robust research co-operation in the broad field of social work between Universities and research environments can be created, and to develop further the subject. None of the existing postgraduate research training forms on a national level is able on their own able to offer such a competitive platform at present.</p> <p>The network activities will consist of annual summer-schools and research courses focusing on the theories in social work. The participating research schools and universities will provide some research courses open to all network PhD-students. The network will finance the participation of the students to a certain amount and the costs of annual summer-schools (3) and research courses (3).</p>

<p>7 Amount requested from NordForsk 400 000,00 NOK</p>
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<p>The department has accepted to administer the grant according to NordForsk's rules and conditions</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>The information about the persons and groups participating in the application is correct. NordForsk may request confirmation (Letters of Intent) from the group leaders or network members.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

8 Co-ordination group (title/academic degree, name, university, email)

The network should appoint a coordinator and a coordinating group responsible for the activities of the network. NordForsk encourages the organisers to include network partners from all Nordic countries. Several institutions or research groups from each country may be included.

(A short presentation of the participants should be done in question no 15)

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9 Other sources of funding

Source	Amount applied for (NOK)	Received (NOK)	Reply pending (date)
Academy of Finland	437 374,00	169 733,00	
Swedish research school	426 556,00	426 556,00	

10 Budget (A detailed budget for the first year should be given in question no 11)

EXPENSES	Year 1 Budget (NOK)	Result (NOK)	Year 2 Budget (NOK)	Result (NOK)	Year 3 Budget (NOK)	Result (NOK)
a) refundable from NordForsk						
Travel expenses	307 738		307 738		307 738	
Living exp.(room/board)	24 666		24 666		24 666	
Honoraria	6 930		6 930		6 930	
Administration	40 000		40 000		40 000	
Material	8 036		8 036		8 036,00	
Other	12 630,00		12 630,00		12 630	
b) not refundable						
Overhead						
Other						
TOTAL EXPENSES	400 000		400 000		400 000,00	
INCOME						
Requested from NordForsk	400 000,00		400 000,00		400 000,00	
Surplus from previous year						
Other income						
Own resources (incl 30% of the Baltic part of the concrete project activity costs)	160 973,00		160 973,00		160 973,00	
TOTAL INCOME	560 973,00		560 973,00		560 973,00	
BALANCE						
			Surplus may be transferred		Surplus may be transferred	

11 A detailed budget for the first year of the network, including specific information on the various items in the budget.

(Please note that a maximum of 10 % may be used for administrative costs and that NordForsk funds cannot be spent on salaries, overhead, equipment, and taxes like "högskolemom" or similar.)

A SUMMER SCHOOL 178 000 NOK (22 097 €)

A three-day annual summer-school Theories and Social Work: "Between conflict and consensus: challenging the dichotomy", Lithuania, 08/2009

1. Travel expenses 136 952 NOK (17 000 €)

- Travel grants, total 23 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 92 644 NOK (11 500 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling and accommodation expenses, living costs)

- Travelling expenses of the 4 key note speakers: 4*4 028 NOK (500€) = 16 112 NOK (2 000 €)

- Travelling expenses of the coordination group of the network: 7*4 028 NOK (500 €) = 28 196 NOK (3500 €)

2. Living exp. (room/board) 16 440 NOK (2 040 €)

- Accommodation of the 4 key note speakers: 4*3384 NOK (420 €) =13 536 NOK (1 680 €)

- Reasonable living costs of the 4 key note speakers: 4*242 NOK (30 €)*3 days =2904 NOK (360 €)

3. Honoraria 4 512 NOK (560 €)

- Compensation for the 4 key note speakers (from participating countries) 1 128 NOK (140 €) *4= 4 512 NOK (560 €)

4. Material expenses 8 036 NOK (1 000 €)

5. Other expenses 12 060 NOK (1 497 €)

- Seminar facilities (three days) 4 004 NOK (497 €)

- Coffee breaks 8 056 NOK (1 000€)

B RESEARCH COURSES 182 000 NOK (22 594 €)

B1 History of social work and its identity, Autumn 2009 (organised by the network) 53 104 NOK (6 592 €)

1. Travel expenses 41 890 NOK (5 200 €)

- Travel grants, total 8 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 32 224 (4 000 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling, accommodation expenses, living costs)

- Travelling expenses of the 3 key note speakers : 3* 3 222 NOK (400€) = 9 666 NOK (1 200 €)

2. Living exp. (room/board) 8 226 NOK (1020 €)

- Accommodation of the key note speakers : 3*3 400 NOK (280 €) = 6 776 NOK (840 €)

- Reasonable living costs of the 3 key note speakers: 3*242 NOK (30 €)*2 days =1450 NOK (180 €)

3. Honoraria 2 418 NOK (300 €)

- Compensation for 3 lecturers 806 NOK (100 €) *3= 2 418 NOK (300 €)

4. Other expenses 570 NOK (70,80 €)

- Seminar facilities (two days) 570 NOK (70,8 €) 53 104 NOK

6 592 €

B2 Research ethics in social work (provided by the Finnish research school) 32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

1. Travel expenses

- Travel grants, total 8 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 32 224 (4000 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling, accommodation expenses, living costs)

32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

B3 Theories of human service organizations (provided by the Swedish research school) 32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

1. Travel expenses

- Travel grants, total 8 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 32 224 (4000 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling, accommodation expenses, living costs)

32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

B4 Social science and social work - reflecting on reflection (provided by the NTNU, Norway) 32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

1. Travel expenses

- Travel grants, total 8 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 32 224 (4000 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling, accommodation expenses, living costs)
32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

B5 The role of ideas, discourses and frames in welfare policies, Aalborg University, Denmark 32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

1. Travel expenses

- Travel grants, total 8 PhD-students, max 4028 NOK (500 €) / person = 32 224 (4000 €) (Travel grants include travel expenses by the cheapest means of travelling, accommodation expenses, living costs)
32 224 NOK (4 000 €)

C ADMINISTRATION 40 000 NOK (4 965 €)

TOTAL EXPENSES 400 000 (49 650€)

Own resources (incl.30 % of the Baltic part of the concrete project activity costs)
160 973

In the point "own resources" (160 973 NOK = 20 000 €) are estimated as being the following costs that will be covered by the participating groups of the network:

- 30 % of the Baltic part of the travel grants
- Work contribution of the coordination group
- Living expenses of the coordination group during the Summer school
- Work contribution of the organizing group of the Summer school
- Work contribution of the working committee (3-4 persons) that plans the contents of the research courses
- Work contribution of organizing the research courses (4) that are arranged by the participating groups of the network
- Travelling costs, living expenses and honoraria for the lecturers of the research courses (4) that are arranged by the participating groups of the network
- Material expenses and other expenses of organizing the research courses (4) that are arranged by the participating groups of the network
- Work contribution of organizing the course "History of social work and its identity" (planned and prepared by the network)
- Material expenses and other expenses of organizing the course "History of social work and its identity" (planned and prepared by the network)

12 A six page (maximum) description of the network, including the following compulsory items:

- a) The current status of research and research training in the subject area in the Nordic countries and if included, the Baltic countries
- b) An exposition of the prospects and need for Nordic cooperation in the subject area with particular reference to research training
- c) Description of the participating national research schools in Nordic countries and other participating groups like non-national research schools, doctoral programmes, universities etc. *It is the responsibility of the applicant to document participation of at least two national research schools and if needed explain why these can be defined as national research schools.*
- d) Motivation for choosing the participating groups
- e) A detailed plan for collaborative activities within the first year and a preliminary plan for the coming two years, hereunder the courses that are expected to be opened up for other research students
- f) Visions for continued co-operation after the grant period
- g) What considerations are made to increase equal participation and equality of women and men?
- h) Comments concerning the estimated number of research students and supervisors from each country and plans for increasing the number of participants during the network's funding period

A) The current status of research and research training in social work in the Nordic and Baltic countries

Internationally, there is strong pressure to increase the role of knowledge-based social work. The reasons are academic, practical, economic and ethical. Social work as a social and professional activity needs a different type of knowledge-production from other related subjects in social sciences as the knowledge needed tends to be practice-related and practice-informed. Knowledge of that kind is required to meet the rights and needs of citizens in general and social work clients in particular, and to provide services which are efficient enough.

Finland and Sweden are among the countries in which the focus on research in social work training and academia has already been emphasised for some time. In Sweden, social work was established as the major subject in the Bachelor of Science programme in Social Work and as a research subject more than thirty years ago in 1977. The first professorship in social work was appointed in 1979; at the moment there are more than 30 professorships in social work. In Finland, social work has had traditionally strong links with social policy as an academic subject, from which social work has gradually grown independent. Since 2001, social work has been an independent discipline in 6 universities, with 17 1/2 full-time professors in social work. The volume of social work research has increased strongly after that. Both countries have intensive doctoral training with an increasing number of both doctors graduating in social work as well as applicants for doctoral studies. The Swedish and Finnish scholars of social work are well presented in the international and national scientific journals, research teams and other academic communities. Reviews on national research profiles have been published (for example Dellgran & Höjer in Social Work Education in 2003; Juliusdottir & Petersson in Social Work Education in 2004 and Mäntysaari & Haaki in Janus in 2007).

Norway and Denmark, on the other hand, are just taking their first steps towards starting research training in social work. However, both countries have an established professional training for social work in which the needs for research training are highly topical. Some doctoral students from Denmark and Norway have taken doctoral degrees in social work in Sweden if their interest has been specifically in social work. Although Denmark does not have a special doctoral program in social work, a number of PhD students have focused on social work over the last 15 years, within the academic subject of sociology. Social science and social work research have been developed dramatically during the last 15 years. Before 1990, social work research or research in social work was seen as a part of sociology or performed as parts of sociological based studies. In 1992 the first master degree in social work was established and in 1995 the first PhD in social work was produced - both at Aalborg University. Since 1995 social work research has been supported by state financed funds, a national association of researchers in social work has been established, social work has become a partner in national doctoral programs, one permanent and two time limited professorships as well as a university based research network of social work with 23 researchers at Aalborg University has been established. There is a growing need to widen the present theoretical approaches towards practice research with special emphasis on empowerment and user-perspective which is supported by closer links with established social work research communities.

In Norway, equally, social work research exists even though has not been any long traditions in special training in social work research on the doctoral level. The research environments are, however, small and there is a need to deepen the social work related research knowledge. The first Master of Social Work program was established at the University of Trondheim in 1974, and a Dr.polit. program during the 1980s, which in 2003 was changed to a PhD-program in social work run by the Department of Social Work and Health Sciences. By now 16 candidates have received their doctoral degree in social work at NTNU, and 28 doctoral students are active in the PhD-program. Doctoral studies in social work and social policy are planned by the university colleges in Oslo to start in 2009. In addition, PhD-studies relevant for social work will be established at the new universities in Stavanger and Agder (Kristiansand), but the details are not yet known. There are professorships in social work at these universities and at several university colleges, approximately 20, and an increasing number of associate professors with a PhD in social work or related disciplines.

In Lithuania, social work is a new profession that started after the regaining of independence in 1990. Four universities (Vilnius University, Mykolas Riomeris University in Vilnius, Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas and University of Klaipeda) have social work education at the master's level. According to the legal regulation of academic activity social work in Lithuania is one of several branches of sociology. 2-3 social work graduates every year start doctoral studies in sociology at Vilnius University and the Institute for Social Research. These two institutions have a joint programme for doctoral studies in sociology. Two doctoral theses in sociology and one in education on topics related to social work were defended during 2006. The doctoral theses are being prepared in the field of education at Klaipeda University, and in sociology and education in Vytautas Magnus University. Several social workers from Lithuania started doctoral studies at Lapland University. There is an urgent need to strengthen social work research and develop doctoral studies in social work for growth of the profession.

In Estonia, both social work as a professional activity and education begun soon after the restoration of independence. Two universities - Tallinn University and the University of Tartu - offer social work education at bachelor's, master's and PhD level.

At Tallinn University, social work education started in 1991 at bachelor's level, followed by master's level in 1994. A social work doctoral curriculum was opened in 1999. All social work curricula were accredited in 2000 and 2007 and social work research was evaluated in 2004. Social work curricula and research are administrated by the Institute of Social Work. The academic staff of the institute includes 3 professors and 3 associate professors. Up to date, 4 persons have defended PhD in social work at Tallinn University. Currently there are 8 doctoral students in the social work doctoral curriculum. The doctoral school has been also involved in Baltic cooperation, as in 2000 some doctoral students from Latvia and Lithuania were admitted.

At the University of Tartu social work education is started at the master's level in 1992. The curriculum is combined with social policy and partly with sociology (at the bachelor's level). Social work education and research is administered by the Department of Social Work and Social Policy of the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy. The academic staff of the Institute includes 2 professors, 3 associate professors in social policy, 2 associate professors in sociology and 3 more staff members with PhD degrees (incl. 1 researcher and two lecturers). At the PhD level there is no separate curriculum for social work, but students with a master's degree in social work and social policy can take up postgraduate studies in sociology. Currently there are 10 PhD students whose topics are connected with the field of social work or social policy.

In Latvia, the situation with the social work profession and education is quite similar to the Lithuanian situation. The development of social work started after the regaining independence in 1990. There are no postgraduate studies in social work. The university of Latvia in Riga, the University of Paul Stradins in Riga offer studies in sociology for social work students on the master's and PhD level. At the moment there are three social work students in doctoral programme in sociology. In Latvia there is an urgent need to develop social work education on the doctoral level.

At present, in Nordic-Baltic social work research, there are a couple of networking activities. The FORSA conferences, held every second year, gather together researchers on particular themes. There is also a Nordic committee for social work teaching, organising seminars every second year. In addition, there are some teaching-focused Nordic networks funded by Nordplus, one of them being "Family-focused social work", a network of five Nordic countries. All of the existing networks focus heavily on teaching or on sharing research results. However, none of them focuses on research training. Nevertheless, the existing activities have strongly emphasised the need and interest for a more shared and coordinated research training.

B) An exposition of the prospect and need for Nordic cooperation in social work with a particular reference to research training

Social work is, by its nature, social. The Nordic welfare states share a lot in their ways to approach social work as a social activity and profession. However, the Baltic countries have implemented a different approach to social work. The traditions of social work research have been developed on different lines as well. The similarities and differences create an arena for research training in which the 'social' in social work will be highlighted. That kind of analysis is topical as the 'social' is challenged and contested in many countries, including the participating countries.

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C) Description of the participating national research schools in Nordic countries and other participating groups.

There are two national research schools in the network: the Finnish and the Swedish schools.

In Finland, the National Post-Graduate School for Social Work and Social Services was launched in 1995. All six universities (Helsinki, Jyväskylä, Kuopio, Lapland, Tampere, and Turku) that have social work education make up the post-graduate school which is shared by Stakes, the National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health.

The post-graduate school receives its funding from the Ministry of Education and the Academy of Finland. The post-graduate school currently has 25 doctoral students. Six of these students receive full-time funding (for 4 years mainly) from the Ministry of Education for their doctoral studies and others are funded through the local university research projects or by working as assistants or lecturers at university. Some doctoral students are also working outside the university as social workers or in projects in the social field.●●

The school's activities include joint courses and seminars, thematic group sessions, individual supervision and international cooperation. The joint courses and seminars cover such issues as theory in social work research, scientific writing, research methods and methodologies. Thematic group sessions cover the following themes: 1) Expertise and orientations in social work, 2) Psycho-social social work, and 3) Marginalisation and socialisation. ●●Each university contributes to the post-graduate school with a certain amount of professor work. The professors are in charge of three thematic groups and the supervision of the students in the groups. In addition, there are also other senior researchers offering personal supervision to individual students. ●●The post-graduate school has given a lot of priority to the students' needs and their wish to receive good supervision. In consequence, every student is entitled to 3 supervisors (one of which is from his/her home university).●●

Since 1995, 32 doctoral dissertations have been finished within the school. The evaluation carried out by the Academy of Finland marked the school as 'excellent' in most of the evaluated dimensions.

The school is coordinated by SOSNET, the network of social work university units. The board for the research school is joined by Stakes as well. The University of Lapland is the administrative base for SOSNET, with Professor Anneli Pohjola in administrative charge. SOSNET appoints the head of the research school from within the units, Professor Tarja Pösö, University of Tampere, being the head since 2006.

In addition to the joint doctoral school, the six Finnish universities carry out research training, with 136 postgraduate students actively carrying out their doctoral studies. 55 doctoral degrees in social work were granted in 1994-2005.

The Swedish research school is based upon experiences that have been gained in recent years on joint courses and bilateral co-operation between universities. The research school is organized as a network between all the universities and colleges that at present provide postgraduate studies or such universities and colleges that fund or collaborate with one of the existing providers of postgraduate studies in social work. The planning took place during 2007 and the research school will start its activities during 2008. Professor Tapio Salonen, Växjö University, is the person in charge of the Swedish network for research training.

The basic principle is that each university/college retains responsibility for admissions and funding of the postgraduate students. The task for the national school is to provide a wide range of courses and seminars that is not possible at present to have due to too small numbers of students (at the individual universities or colleges providing postgraduate studies). Two to four courses are planned to be given each academic year. Furthermore thematic seminars highlighting specialized fields in social work will be

provided; these will be opened up and offered to teachers, supervisors, researchers and students. These thematic seminars will also be offered to practitioners from the social work sphere who are interested in research as well as other interested parties from relevant sectors in the community. Within the school for postgraduate studies, exchanges with other countries will be of great importance within the Nordic sphere but gradually also a broader international network will be created. Where specific elements of postgraduate studies are concerned, e.g. the role of the supervisor or issues about research ethics, proposals have been made for the school for postgraduate studies to make special arrangements.

There are no other established research schools in other participating countries. There are, however, some strong networking going on, Denmark and Lithuania being examples. Although Denmark does not have a special doctoral program in social work, a number of PhD students have focused on social work over the last 15 years. One group of students has been connected to the Department of Sociology at Copenhagen University, with another connected to the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Organization at Aalborg University. While the group from Copenhagen University was formed as a special doctoral course focusing on social work and social work issues, the group from Aalborg University is characterized by individuals focusing specifically on social work and has been connected to a research network in social work (FoSo). The latter is the only university based research network in social work in Denmark. As a part of the research network and an ongoing social work practice research project it is expected that a special doctoral course in social work will be established within the coming years. In Lithuania, there is strong interest for each of the four universities to cooperate closely as a network in order to strengthen postgraduate teaching.

D) Motivation for choosing the participating groups

The network attempts to cover all major universities which teach doctoral students in social work. The invitation to the network has been sent to all of them; every institute has agreed on joining the network. Unfortunately, the partners from Iceland did not meet the deadline of the application and are therefore not included in the application.

E) Plan for the collaborative activities

The network activities will consist of annual summer-schools and research courses. In general, all summer-schools and one research course each year will be organised by the network and some of the research courses by the participating universities and research schools. They all are open to all network students and also to other research students from the Nordic and Baltic countries as well as from North-Western Russia to a certain degree; the network students' travel and accommodation will be financially supported by the network.

The summer schools will be organised under the umbrella theme "Theories and social work". The more detailed themes are: "Between conflict and consensus: challenging the dichotomy" (2009), "The 'social' in social work" (2010) and "Understanding the Other" (2011). Each summer school will host about 50 doctoral students. The first summer school will take place in Lithuania mid/mid-late August 2009 (detailed planning later). Each summer school will present some key lectures given by the network lecturers and invited guest-speakers. Equally important are the paper-sessions in which the doctoral students may present their own work.

The network and the participating universities will also organise some research courses. The programme will be announced annually. In 2009, the programme will consist of:

- History of social work and its identity (organized by the network)
- Research ethics in social work (provided by the Finnish research school)
- Theories of human service organizations (provided by the Swedish research school)
- Social science and social work - reflecting on reflection (provided by NTNU, Norway)
- The role of ideas, discourses and frames in welfare policies (provided by Aalborg University, Denmark)

The courses vary in length and ECTS points.

The research course organized by the network in 2010 will be "Practice-research as a methodological approach".

The network activities will be planned by the coordination group in more detail. Its members are presented in the application elsewhere (point 8). It will set the general guidelines and frames for cooperation. It will meet annually during the summer school and more often if needed. The chair will circulate among the participating countries. The administration of the network will be based at the University of Lapland which is the host university for the administration of the Finnish research school. The secretary for the coordination group is the coordinator of the Finnish research school from the University of Lapland. The coordination group will look for ways which will support the research students' input for planning and coordinating the network activities.

The coordination group will form a working committee (3-4 persons) which will plan the contents of the courses, their credits and marking systems and other matters in more detail.

F) Visions for continued co-operation after the grant period

The network will strengthen social work research in each country and the impact will be seen in a higher quality of social work research and in a higher number of experienced teachers for further research courses. Due to the practice relation, the network will also have influence in social work practice, decision-making and the quality of services. The network will strengthen social work and social work research not only nationally and in the Nordic-Baltic countries but globally.

The network intends to establish a Nordic-Baltic research school in social work. At the end of the grant period and based on the experiences of the cooperation, the participating countries will assess the right time for such an activity.

G) Equal participation and equality of women and men

Social work research is female-dominated as is the profession. The participating countries differ, however, in the number of male research students. In Finland, for example, the high majority of research students and doctors are female whereas in Sweden, the relation is not so clear. The equality issue between men and women has to be considered nationally with respect to the national characteristics in the field of social work.

The aim of the network is, all in all, to increase the opportunities for all research students to participate in high-quality research courses and seminars. The idea of 'internalisation at home' (in one's own country or in a neighbouring country) is relevant to all research students who have for example some private responsibilities at home (mothers and fathers of young children, other care-givers).

H) Estimated number of research students and supervisors

The network will serve about 378 PhD-students and 102 supervisors of social work in the participating countries. It is estimated that the amount of the PhD students sharing an interest in social work research will increase in the coming years especially in the Baltic countries, Denmark and Norway.

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14 A list of the applicant's publications (maximum 20 titles)

15 Presentation of the participating groups (maximum one page per group) (this page can be copied)			
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<p>Short description of the group and its activities</p> <p>The group described above, including Riitta Haverinen, PhD, Director of Division, Stakes, functions as the board for the Finnish National Post-graduate School in Social Work and Social Services by SOSNET described in more detail under point 12. The board consists of the professors from each university teaching social work as well as Stakes.</p> <p>The National Post-Graduate School for Social Work and Social Services is coordinated by SOSNET, the Finnish National University Network. Sosnet works nationally to organise professional licentiate studies and doctoral studies in social work and to promote university cooperation in the field at the undergraduate level (www.sosnet.fi). The network comprises all six university departments that provide social work education in Finland. SOSNET is administered by the University of Lapland, Department of Social Work. All the financial administration of Post-Graduate School and Sosnet is managed via the University of Lapland.</p> <p>The post-graduate school receives its funding from the Ministry of Education and the Academy of Finland. The post-graduate school currently has 25 doctoral students. Six of these students receive full-time funding (for 4 years mainly) from the Ministry of Education for their doctoral studies and others are funded through the local university research projects or by working as assistants or lecturers at the university. Some doctoral students are also working outside university as social workers or in projects in the social field.</p> <p>The school's activities include joint courses and seminars (3 each year), thematic group sessions, individual supervision and internationalisation. The joint courses and seminars cover such issues as theory in social work research, scientific writing, research methods and methodologies. The thematic group sessions cover following themes: 1) Expertise and orientations in social work, 2) Psycho-social social work, and 3) Marginalisation and socialisation.</p>			

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<p>Short description of the group and its activities Also participating in this group are: Professor Elilasebth Cedersund, Hälsohögskolan Jönköping, Professor Bengt Starrin, Karlstad Universitet, professor Jan Petersson, Kalmar högskola, professor Margareta Hydén, Linköpings universitet and Lars Svedberg, Ersta-Sköndalinstitutet. This group constitututes the board of the Swedish research school in social work, founded in 2008. Compared to the Finnish research school the Swedish has no ph.d.-students of its own since it is a network organization. It does not have any basic funding beside what is put in by the participitating 13 institutions of social work. This funding (approx 500 000 SEK 2008) covers courses, administration and establishing a Swedish website. The research school has been founded as a way to strengthen social work as an academic discipline and to coordinate the resources from the participitating organizations concerning the education of phdstudents in social work. The school will provide 2 – 4 courses on research-level each year together with specific seminars and activities to strengthen the ability to publish research in academich journals. Another topic is to coordinate the disciplines international contacts and therefore will the Nordic-Baltic network of research schools be of great importance for future cooperation concerning both education and research.</p>					

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Short description of the group and its activities
The research group FoSo (Research in Social Work) was established in 2004 and consists of 23 researchers focusing on social Work. It is the only social work research group based at a university in Denmark.

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Short description of the group and its activities Tallinn University, Institute of Social Work offers social work education at bachelor's, master's and PhD level. All social work curricula have been accredited in 2000 and 2007 and social work research was evaluated in 2004. The academic staff of the institute includes 3 professors and 3 associate professors. Up to date, 4 persons have defended PhD in social work at Tallinn University. Currently there are 8 doctoral students in the social work doctoral curriculum. Research activities of the Institute focus around five themes: social work profession and professional growth; active ageing and elderly policy; social protection policy; child welfare; health and special needs.			

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Short description of the group and its activities

The first Master of social work program was established at the University of Trondheim in 1974, and a Dr.polit. program during the 1980ies, which in 2003 was changed to a PhD-program in social work run by the Department of social work and health sciences. By now 16 candidates have received their doctoral degree in social work at NTNU), and 28 doctoral students are active in the PhD-program.

The research focus at NTNU is social work practice in child welfare and social welfare, including user participation in social work practice.

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Short description of the group and its activities

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Short description of the group and its activities The group members listed above represent all three universities of Lithuania, where PhD students do social work research. Three members of the group (E. Aciene, N. Veckiene and R. Lazutka) are heads of department of social work at own universities and each of them supervise PhD students. The participating groups intend to have a National PhD Network in Social Work in the future.			

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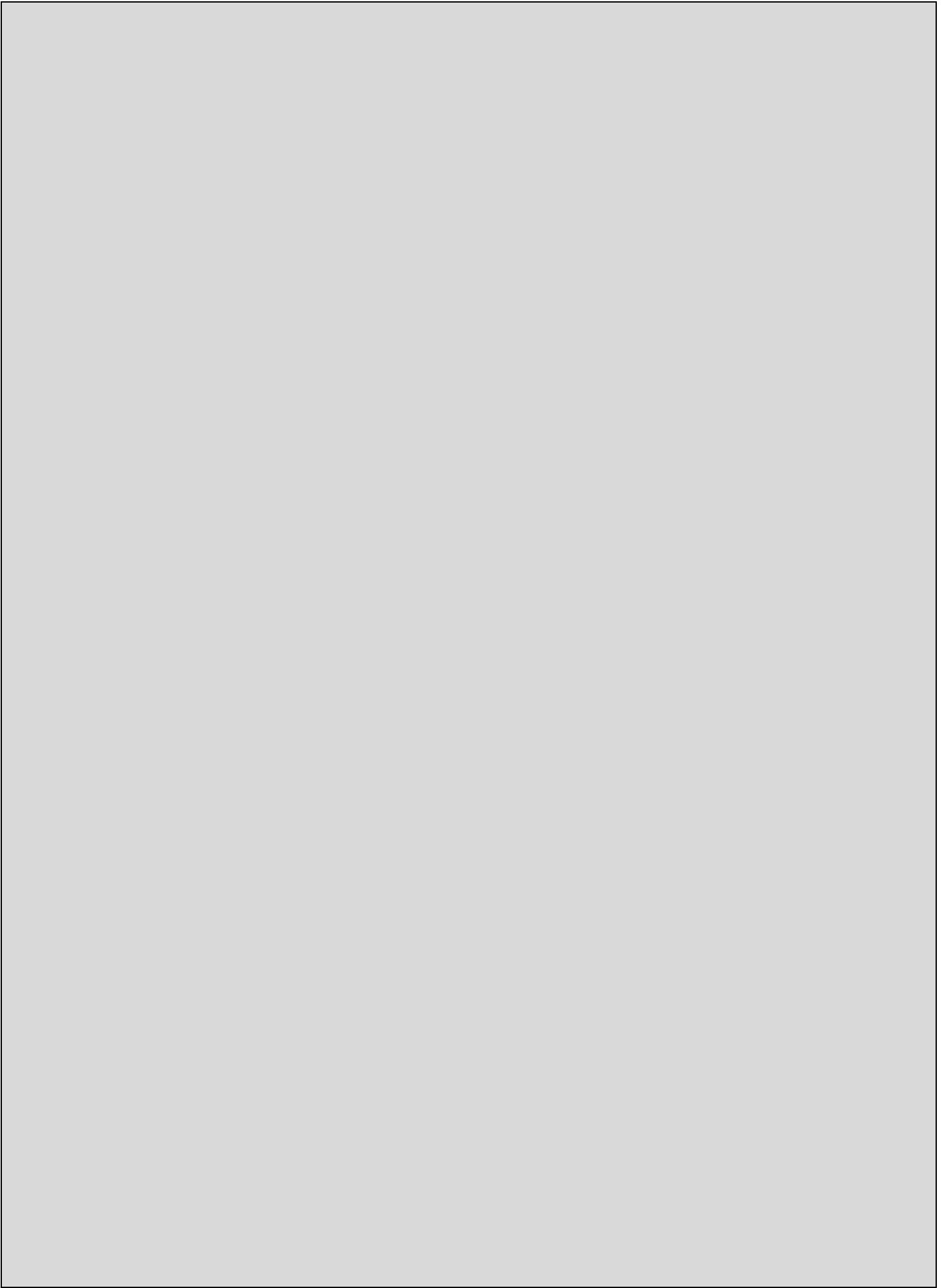
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Short description of the group and its activities

The group described above, including Ingrida Janseone, PhD, Director of Division, are teachers of social work program at University of Latvia. The group consists of the one associate professor and four lecturers of social work. The participants of the group have experience of different cooperation and research activities with Norway, Finland, Sweden and USA.

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<p>Short description of the group and its activities</p> <p>University of Tartu offers social work education at bachelor's and master's level. The curriculum is combined with social policy and partly with sociology (at the bachelor's level). Social work education and research is administrated by the Department of Social Work and Social Policy of the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy. All social work curricula have been accredited and social work research was evaluated in 2006. At the PhD level there is no separate curriculum for social work, but students with master's degree in social work and social policy can take up postgraduate studies in sociology. Currently there are 10 PhD students whose topics are connected with field of social work or social policy. The academic staff of the Institute includes 2 professors, 3 associate professors in social policy, 2 associate professors in sociology (Henn Käärrik and Liina-Mai Tooding) and 3 more staff members with PhD degree: Mare Ainsaar (researcher) and two lecturers Riina Kiik and Hans Dsiss.</p> <p>Research activities of the Department focus around six themes: poverty and social exclusion, family and childhood welfare studies, studies on discrimination, social work with children and youth, institutional social work, and peer violence.</p>				



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Literature
Philosophy
Archaeology
Film and Theatre
Culture
Other and combined subjects

Social Studies

Law
Economics
Economic Geography
Sociology
Political Science
Social Anthropology
Psychology
Pedagogy
Media and Communication
Other and combined subjects

Mathematics / Natural Science

Mathematics
Physics
Chemistry
Earth Sciences
Biology
Informatics
Other and combined subjects

Medical subjects

Medicine (Basic)
Paraclinical Sciences
Clinical Medicine
Clinical Odontology
Psychiatry
Social Medicine
Other and combined subjects

Technology

Mining, Ore and Oil Technology
Building and Construction
Electronic, Electric technologies
Machine Technology and Mechanics
Physical Technology
Shipping Technology
Materials Technology
Fishing and Fisheries Technology
Other related subjects

Agricultural Technology

Farming and horticulture
Forestry
Livestock
Alimentation