

Appendix 3. NordForsk's definitions for Nordic added value in research

The NOS-HS committee refers to the definitions of NordForsk (14 May 2019) in the review of applications. Link to NordForsk's website, [How does research cooperation lead to Nordic added value](#) (read 18 January 2021).

What is Nordic added value and how is it created?

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Nordic added value can be defined or described in various ways, depending on the sector in question and the focus of cooperation.

NordForsk defines two main categories of Nordic added value:

- *added value generated because the research **can only be carried out in the Nordic region***
- *added value generated because the research **collaboration is taking place in the Nordic region**.*

Added value generated because the research can only be carried out in the Nordic region

This category of added value is produced when research activities

- build on particular strengths of Nordic researchers, and when the research is carried out by groups with unique expertise
- address needs that are unique to the Nordic countries in light of our similar social structures, institutions and institutional culture, and shared cultural heritage
- focus on e.g. geographical, climatic, cultural, linguistic or social phenomena in the Nordic region
- utilise data from uniquely Nordic registries.

Added value generated because the research collaboration is taking place in the Nordic region

This added value is produced when research activities

- help to build critical mass and/or expertise at the Nordic level in important disciplines or research areas
- enhance cost-effectiveness by sharing infrastructure or data or harmonising systems for utilising data and other resources in the Nordic region
- lead to regional mobility and networking among the Nordic countries
- enhance scientific quality and expand the number of high-quality scientific publications through Nordic cooperation
- increase the chances of success for Nordic researchers in EU research activities or other international research cooperation
- lead to more results and stronger, quality-assured conclusions as a basis for shaping the statutory framework or rationalising and improving the public administration
- promote the creation of innovations, patents or other solutions that help to enhance industrial development and cooperation in the Nordic region