

Séminaire d'été du GDR vieillessement 2015

Présentation du réseau NORFACE



NORFACE

NETWORK

Overview

- NORFACE: acronym for ***New Opportunities for Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe***.
- a network of currently seventeen national research funding agencies, sixteen European partners and one associate partner from Canada
- European partners: AKA (Finland), ANR (France), ARRS (Slovenia), DASTI (Denmark), DFG (Germany), ETAg (Estonia), ESRC (United Kingdom), FCT (Portugal), FWF (Austria), IRC (Ireland), NCN (Poland), NWO (Netherlands), RANNÍS (Iceland), RCN (Norway), SNSF (Switzerland) and VR (Sweden)
 - Associate country: Canada
 - NordForsk: permanent observer

History

- Launched in 2004
- Based on several years of “light touch” co-operation within the Nordic Research Councils, and between the Nordic Research Councils and the ESRC (UK)
- approved in the first series of ERA-NETs in FP6
- A “leitmotiv” : “be different from existing initiatives and FP programmes and to offer a new type of co-operation – regarding contents and organisations”

History

7 founding partner organisations:

- the Academy of Finland (AKA)- *Coordination Office*
- the Swedish Research Council (VR)
- the Danish Social Science Research Council (DSSRC)
- the Research Council of Norway (RCN)
- the Icelandic Centre of Research (RANNÍS)
- the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Science (IRCHSS, now IRC)
- the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC, UK)

History

2005: 5 new partners

- The Estonian Science Foundation (ETF)
- The Netherlands Organisation of Scientific Research (NWO)
- The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, Germany)
- The Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT, Portugal)
- The Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)
- The Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): not eligible as a full partner, became associate member

2008

- The Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- The National Research Agency (ANR, France)

2013

- The National Science Centre (NCN, Poland)

2015

- Switzerland

Two lines of activities

1. NORFACE supports **research networking and cooperation in the social sciences**

Three large trans-national research programmes:

- 'Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe?' (M€ 5.4)
- 'Migration in Europe – Social, Economic, Cultural and Policy Dynamics' (M€ 29)
- 'Welfare State Futures' (M €18)

Two lines of activities

2. Exchange of experiences and good practices between different national research funding systems

Activities have focused on harmonisation of procedures, interagency learning and evaluating the implementation, execution and impact of NORFACE research programmes.

Both lines of activities and objectives, supporting research networking and interagency learning in order to improve, should be stimulated in order to build a durable multi-national strategic partnership.

Management structure

A Network Board (NB) and a Management Team (MT)

All partner organisations are represented in both bodies.

A Co-ordination Office (CO) is appointed by the NORFACE Network

NORFACE => A sustainable network

- based on trust
- experience
- At the same time flexible and open to change

NORFACE CALLS SINCE 2005

Seminar series

- First funding instrument of the NORFACE partnership and as such the first NORFACE activity to directly address the scientific community in the NORFACE partner countries.
- Launched in 2005. Three calls for proposals published from 2005 to 2007.
- The scheme was jointly funded by the partner organisations from a “common pot” without “juste retour”.

NORFACE: seminar series

- The objectives of the Seminar Series were to:
 - Improve cross-border collaboration in existing areas of strength and excellence of the NORFACE partners.
 - Promote areas of new emerging research and areas where added value of NORFACE co-operation could be demonstrated.
 - Include young researchers in order to improve their opportunities for cross-border collaboration between researchers

Seminar series

Year	Selected themes in the NORFACE Seminar Series	
2005	“Security Challenges”	“Science Policy and Science in Society”
2006	“Immigration and Demographic Challenges in Europe”	“Social Aspects of Language Diversity”
2007	“Transforming Europe – Consequences of Globalisation and European Integration	“Politics and Evidence Based Knowledge”

NORFACE: seminar series

An evaluation of the seminar series was issued. Lessons learned:

- The scheme proved to be a valuable springboard to further intensify co-operation in NORFACE, and to develop funding instruments
- The rotating calls proved to be very workable and effective in distributing the administrative responsibility among the partner organisations.
- The review process was subject to some criticism from the applicants. Some had experienced a lack of transparency. For the success of future NORFACE activities, it was a lesson learned to render the review process more transparent.

NORFACE: Transnational programme on Religion

Objectives:

- support excellent research in NORFACE partner countries
- promote and support coordination between researchers from NORFACE partner countries, especially researchers early in their careers
- coordinate scattered capacities funded through the NORFACE Partner Agencies in a chosen field of research
- build on an area where the NORFACE countries working together have an opportunity to contribute to the development of the social sciences globally
- increase the visibility of European social science research on a specified theme

NORFACE: Transnational programme on Religion

- “Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe”
- 2007- 2010
- Budget of € M 5,4 (common pot)
- Two stage procedure: 63 Outline Proposals- 26 Full proposals
- 10 research projects and two capacity building projects funded
- Programme Director appointed: Professor Roger Hewitt

NORFACE: Transnational programme on Religion

An evaluation of the Religion programme was issued. Lessons learned:

- More time, 12 -18 months, is required for the development of the programme theme and specification.
- All partner agencies should target the relevant research groups in their countries with information about the NORFACE call.
- The time between publication of the call and the submission deadline for outline proposals should be at least three months.

NORFACE: Transition from NORFACE I to NORFACE II

Change of Coordination Office:

The Academy of Finland (AKA) 2005-2009 => Netherlands Organisation of Scientific Research (NWO).

A new topic: migration

NORFACE: Transnational programme on Migration

Objectives:

- to advance globally excellent theoretical and methodological disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and comparative research on migration which builds synergistically on a pan-European basis
- to take advantage of and develop the present informal laboratory of experience, knowledge and data which migration in Europe currently presents
- to motivate and support excellence and capacity building for research on migration on across-national basis throughout the NORFACE countries
- to develop understanding and promote research-based knowledge and insight into migration for issues of societal, practical and policy relevance, with theoretical foundations but worked on jointly with relevant users and experts

NORFACE: Transnational programme on Migration

- "Migration in Europe – Social, Economic, Cultural and policy Dynamics"
- 2008-2012
- Budget of € M 28 (6 million € FP7), common-pot
- Two stage procedure: 240 Outline Proposals- 45 Full proposals
- 12 research projects funded
- Programme director appointed: prof Christian Dustmann

Funded projects: Migration

- Understanding Migrants' Choices
- Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study in Four European Countries
- Integrated Modeling of European Migration
- 500 Families: Migration Histories of Turks in Europe
- Migrant Diversity and Regional Disparity in Europe
- Migration: Integration, Impact and Interaction
- Nordic welfare states and the dynamics and effects of ethnic residential segregation
- Causes and Consequences of Early Socio-Cultural Integration Processes Among New Immigrants in Europe
- Social Integration of Migrant Children: Uncovering Family and School Factors Promoting Resilience
- Transnational child-raising arrangements between Africa and Europe
- Temporary Migration, integration and the role of Policies
- Theorizing the Evolution of European Migration Systems

Transnational programme on Welfare State Futures

Objectives:

- To advance globally excellent theoretical and methodological research on welfare state futures, which may be multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and comparative, and which builds synergetically on a pan-European basis.
- To motivate and support excellence and capacity building for research on welfare state futures on a cross-national basis throughout the NORFACE countries.
- To develop understanding and promote research-based knowledge and insight into welfare state futures for issues of societal, practical and policy relevance, with theoretical foundations but worked on jointly with relevant users and experts.

Transnational programme on Welfare State Futures

- 2014-2018
- Budget of € M 18 (6 million euro FP7), mixed mode
- Two stage procedure: 182 Outline Proposals- 46 Full proposals
- 15 research projects funded
- Scientific Programme Coordinator appointed: prof Ellen Immergut

ECEL: Exploring Comparative Effectiveness and efficiency in Long-term care

FACSK: Family complexity and social work. A comparative study of family-based welfare work in different welfare regimes

FPRWS: Fairness, personal responsibility and the welfare state

GIWeS Globalisation, Institutions and the Welfare State

GlobLabWS: Globalisation, Labour Markets, and the Welfare State

HEALTHDOX The Paradox of Health State Futures

HiNEWS: Health inequalities in European welfare states

4Is: Inequalities, Insurance, Incentives and Immigration: Challenges and Solutions for the Welfare State

MIFARE: Migrants' Welfare State Attitudes

MobileWelfare: European Welfare Systems in Times of Mobility

PORECAN: Policies and responses with regard to child abuse and neglect in England, Germany and the Netherlands: a comparative multi-site study

TransJudFare: Transnationalization and the judicialization of welfare

TRANSWEL: Mobile Welfare in a Transnational Europe: An Analysis of Portability Regimes of Social Security Rights

UPWEB: Understanding the practice and developing the concept of welfare bricolage

WelfSOC: Welfare State Futures: Our Children's Europe

NORFACE: Future steps 2015-2020?

- Discussion on the future of NORFACE: redefine position in changing landscape in relation to Science Europe, Horizon2020, the European Research Area, global cooperation, etc.
- Better collaboration/coordination with JPIs, ERA-NETs such as HERA, the Belmont forum and Platforms
- Main focus of NORFACE on activities to increase excellence in research and on lowering barriers between researchers.
- Embedding Social Sciences and Humanities in H2020
- “Variable geometry” explored

NORFACE: Future steps 2015-2020?

Topics/Scoping:

- Dynamics of inequality across the life course: structures and processes programme – H2020 Challenge 6
- Security, Integrity and Values in question programme – H2020 Challenge 7
- Social Transformation to Sustainability workshop – H2020 Challenge 2

Focus on French participation and ageing

- Seminar series and 1st programme « re-emergence of religion » :

ANR not member

- Migration: ANR associate partner (last minute)

12 proposals (out of 240)

0 funded

Demographic trends could be addressed but not covered in funded projects

- Welfare State Futures

ANR full member

32 proposals, (out of 182), 6 explicitly addressing ageing,

0 funded

Focus on French participation and ageing

- Dynamics of inequalities across the life-course
 - Theme 1 : early life influences and outcomes
 - Theme 2 : early adult transitions into tertiary education, vocational training and economic activity
 - Theme 3 : Labour market and family trajectories and the growth of inequality
 - Theme 4 : Labour market participation in later life and retirement

How to succeed?

- Take the call's scope seriously
- Be concise
- Pay particular attention to the methodology, be as specific as possible
- Emphasize the added value of the international collaboration and how teams will concretely work and complete each other
- Have a data management plan
- Take impact seriously

Thank you

- Please visit www.norface.net for more information