

News from NKS



NKS in short

NKS (Nordic Nuclear Safety Research) is a forum for Nordic cooperation, networking and competence maintenance/building in nuclear safety, including emergency preparedness.

NKS runs joint activities of interest to financing organizations and other end users producing seminars, exercises, scientific articles, technical reports and other types of reference material.

Two Programmes running activities: NKS-R (nuclear reactor safety, etc.) and NKS-B (nuclear/radiological emergency preparedness, etc.)

Results should be practical and directly applicable for use by participating organizations in their decision making processes and information activities.

Financing and support comes from Nordic authorities, companies and other organizations. Annual call for proposals (mid October)

Main financiers



Co-financiers



NKS call for proposals for projects in 2026

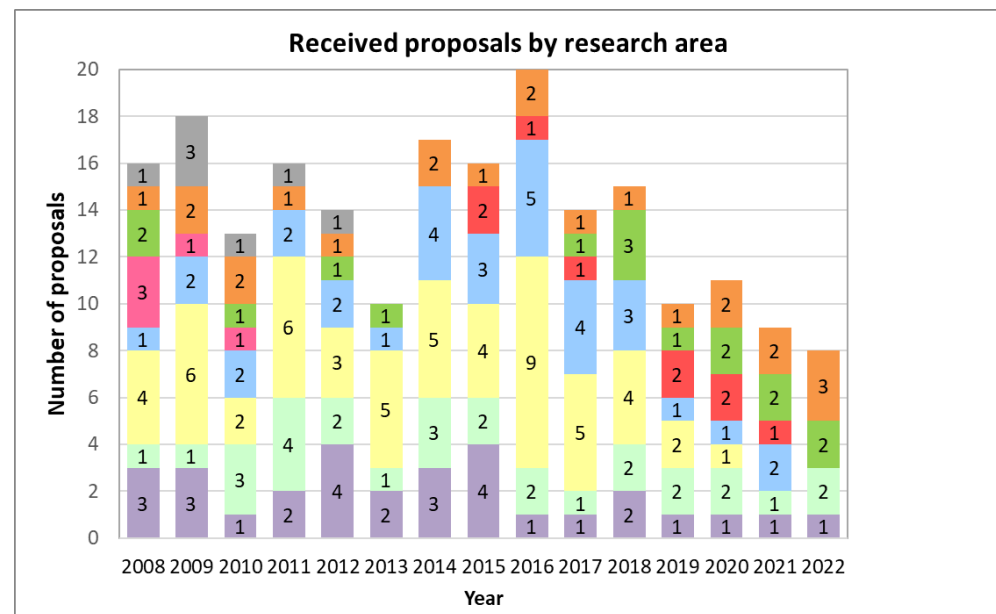
Requirements to receive NKS funding :

- Nordic collaboration, **R**: minimum of 2 Nordic countries involved;
B: minimum of 3 Nordic countries involved.
- Organizations from non-Nordic countries welcome with own funding
- Project costs, NKS funding maximum of 50 % of the total cost of the project - other 50 % from other sources.
- NKS funding is granted for one project year at a time.
- Maximum funding from NKS per year per project ~ 600 kDKK
- In recent years **NKS-R** has typically funded 6 proposals/year and **NKS-B** has typically funded 7-8 proposals/year.
- Primary project deliverable is a project report essentially covering all work carried out. All reports are available cost-free at www.nks.org.

NKS-R Program: programme areas and funding

Seven program areas:

- Decommissioning and management of nuclear waste
- Severe Accidents
- Reactor Physics
- Plant life management and extension
- Organisational issues and Safety culture
- Thermal hydraulics
- Risk analysis and probabilistic methods



NKS-B Program: work areas and funding

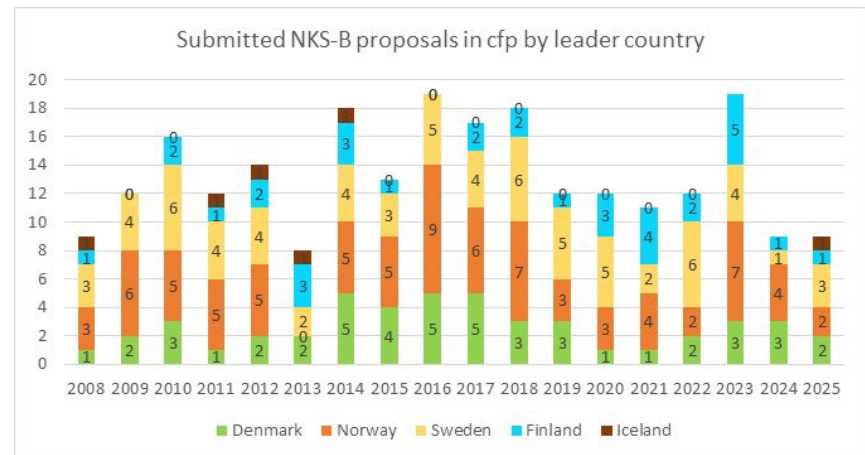
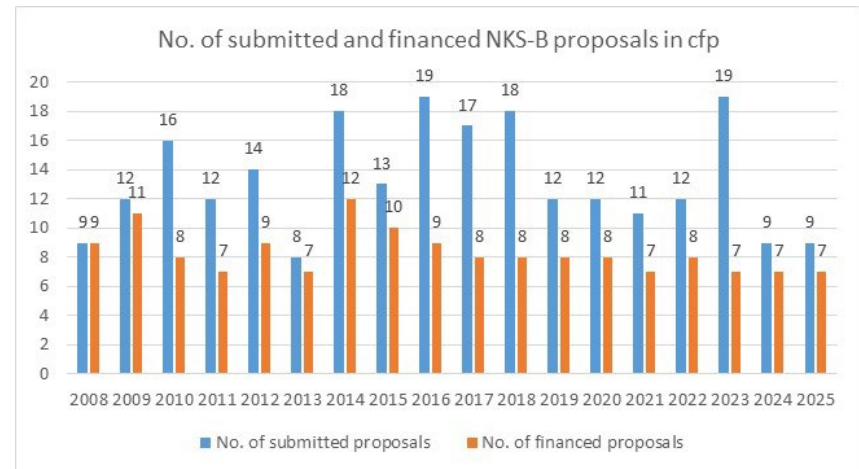
Three program areas:

E: Emergency Preparedness
(Radiological and Nuclear)

M: Measurement Strategies,
Technologies and Quality Assurance

R: Radioecology and Environmental
Assessments

(often difficult to distinguish from each
other)



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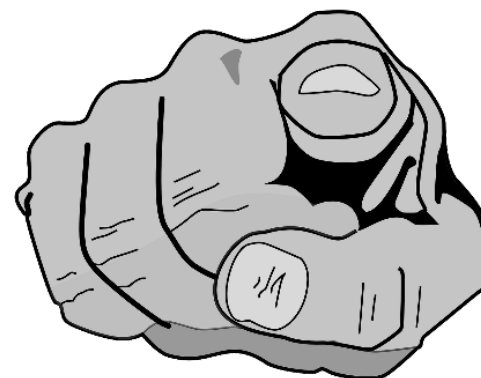
Call for proposals for NKS-B 2026

NKS warmly welcomes proposals from **you** for new R&D activities

Call announced: 1st of September 2025

- Deadline: 15th of October 2025
- Foreseen project start: January 2026 programme (NKS-R and NKS-B)
- NKS funding total 3 MDKK for each programme (R/B)
- Information on www.nks.org
- CfP material was updated in July

WE WANT



YOU



- Current activities
- Call for proposals
- Travel assistance
- Supporting material

Call for proposals

Call for Proposals 2026

The NKS invites proposals for activities to be partially supported (up to 50% of total cost) in 2026 from an expected budget of 3 million DKK. No specific priorities have been identified with this call, but proposals must address at least one of the research areas as described in the NKS-B part of the NKS framework document. Information regarding the NKS framework as well as instructions for applicants and application forms can be found via the links below. Please take the time to read the instructions to applicants carefully so it is clear to you what is expected from applicants by NKS in terms of information to be provided in the application form and the reporting of output from the activity.

Please note that we have two different proposal forms: one for application for new activities, and one for application for continuation of running activities. For any additional information please contact the NKS-B Programme Manager [Kasper Andersson](#).

[NKS framework programme](#)

[Handbook for applicants](#)

[Instructions on use of proposal form](#)

Proposal form for new activities:

[nksb_proposal_form_new_act_1_2026.doc](#) (851 KB)

Proposal form for continuation of activities:

[nksb_proposal_form_cont_act_1_2026.doc](#) (854.5 KB)

Also this year: a project idea bank from the Swedish industry to inspire proposals ([click here](#))

For further information on possible NKS-B proposal plans following the Vattenfall workshop in May 2025, you are welcome to contact Mikael Meister, Vattenfall (mikael.meister@vattenfall.com).

The time frame for the submission, evaluation and commencement of activities will be as follows:

[1st September 2025](#)

Call for Proposals is announced.

[15th October 2025](#)

Deadline for sending in proposals for activities.

[Early January 2026](#)

NKS Board meeting decides the NKS-B activity funding for 2026 based on the assessments of the evaluators and the proposal of the Programme Manager. Successful applicants will be contacted immediately after the decision of the NKS Board.

Nota bene: All fundings by NKS include possible VAT

Proposal must be sent by e-mail
to kgan@dtu.dk
no later than
Wednesday, 15th of October 2025

1. Summary information about the proposed new activity

Name of the activity		Proposed acronym ¹
Start date	End date	New activity New activity
Proposed research area Emergency Preparedness		
Short summary of the activity		
List of participating organisations (including the co-ordinating one)		
Requested funding from the NKS in 2026. If continuation of activity is assumed beyond 2026, please estimate requested funding in later years. In 2026: (in 1000 DKK) Expected requested funding in later years (if applicable):		

1: If this activity is a continuation of a previously funded NKS-B activity, please use the same acronym as before (a list of acronyms of ongoing activities can be found on the NKS-B web site)

Please note that the above information may be made public on the NKS web site if the proposal is accepted by the NKS Board

2. Relevance of proposed activity to NKS criteria*

Describe the scientific/technical quality and the novelty of the proposed activity
Describe the competence and the experience of the applicants in relation to the proposed activity
Describe the feasibility of the execution of the activity
Describe the relevance of the proposed activity to the interest of NKS

* Please refer to section 1.5 of the [NKS Handbook for Applicants and Activity Leaders](#) for details on the four NKS criteria

3. Co-ordination of activity

Institution or company	
Activity co-ordinator	
Postal address	
E-mail	
Telephone (international format)	Fax (international format)

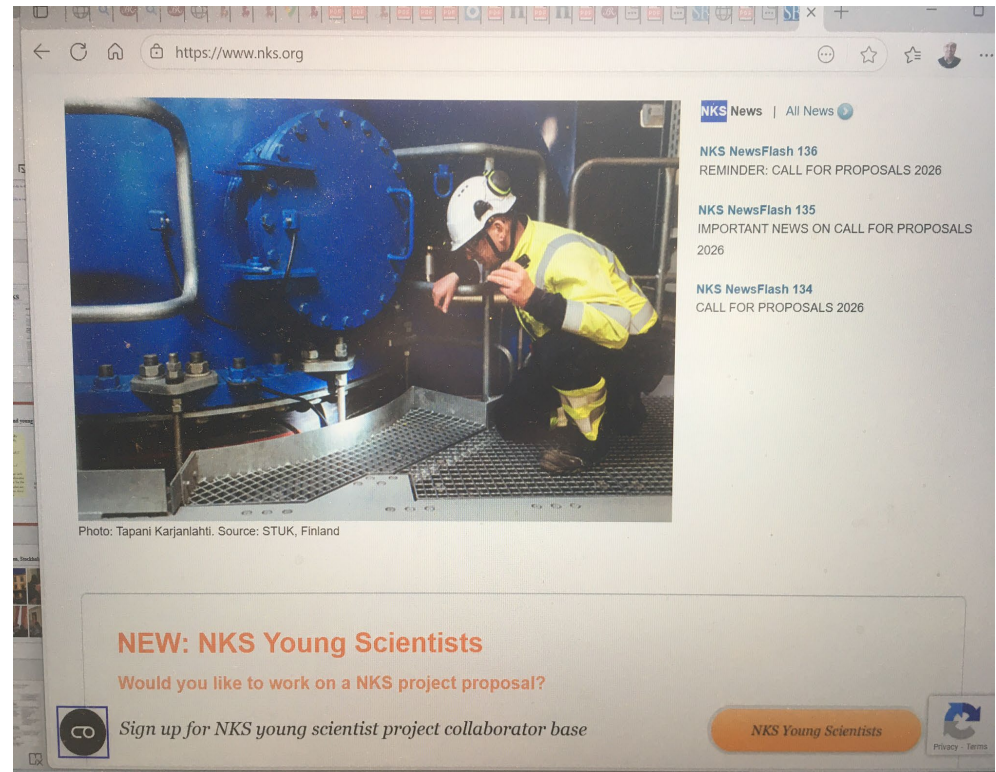
NKS-B GammaAI 2025 Seminar, DTU,
Lyngby, Denmark, October 8-9, 2025

NKS and young professionals

‘Young scientists’ are specifically urged to engage in NKS projects.

If you have a good idea, don’t hesitate to coordinate a proposal (I will be happy to give advise).

If you send NKS a description of your fields of interest and capabilities, we can include this info in a new ‘young scientist collaborator database’ on the NKS website for the attention of proposal leaders who are often looking for more partners from the different Nordic countries.



For any questions, please contact me:

KGAN@DTU.DK

Just one more thing:

No-one leaves the room
without promising to
consider participating in the
NKS-B call for proposals

Thank you!

