

NordFoU Road & Traffic

A small-scale programme for extensive and systematic co-operation

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Why a Nordic R&D programme?

- A need for a more structured co-operation
- Limited national R&D funding
- Small research units

The overall aim

strengthening, promoting and organizing Nordic research co-operation in a more formalized manner



NordFoU – the objectives

- to facilitate Inter-Nordic research projects
- to get more research value for money
- to secure small research units access to a larger market
- to ensure coordination of mutual Nordic interests in international projects



NordFoU – the framework

NordFoU Framework Agreement (Dec. 2004)

- Aims and objectives
- Organizational structure
 - Steering group + Preparatory Group
- Co-operation paradigm
 - Pooled funding and identifying a single project manager

NordFoU – the R&D programme

NordFoU procedural model

- Financial and strategic outset
- Generating project ideas
- Project management
- Project Finalization

... but keep it simple!!!

NordFoU – what have we learned?

- Promoting an R&D programme is difficult!
- Communication on all levels is important
- Project management procedures are constantly being challenged
- Different national administrative processes and legislation have to be accounted for

NordFoU – the challenges

- Development of management processes
 - evaluation of NordFoU processes in 2008
- Ensuring a continuous flow of project ideas
 - getting the right strategic outset
- Promoting and dissemination
 - “what is NordFoU offering” + results



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