



# Nordic Research Council for Criminology

## Meeting Minutes from Nordic Research Council for Criminology (NSfK) Online Council Meeting

**Date:** 18. September 2025

**Times:** 09:30 – 10:15

**Venue:** Online on Teams

**Present from the Council:** Rannveig Þórisdóttir (IS), Friðrik Árni Friðriksson Hirst (IS), Arnt Even Hustad (NO), May-Len Skilbrei (NO), Tove Petterson (SE), Erik Grevholm (SE), Annette Olesen (DK), Helena Huhta (FI), Jørn Jacobsen (NO), Leena Mäkipää (FI), Mikko Aaltonen (FI).

**Minute taker:** Executive Secretary Erna María Dungal (IS).

### 1. PhD Seminar

- Applications and Participants:
  - A total of 37 participants applied and were accepted to attend the PhD Seminar.
  - So far, 20 participants have registered.
- Budget and Financials:
  - The approved budget for the seminar is €16,000.
  - It is currently anticipated that the final costs may exceed the budget by €1,000–€2,000.
- Organization:
  - The organization of the seminar is progressing smoothly.

### 2. Research Grant – Suggested Deadlines

- The Secretariat initially proposed the application period to be from 17 October 2025 to 28 November 2025.
- However, to have the evaluation process of applications closer to subsequent council meeting:
  - The council agreed to new dates for the grant application period:  
**1. December 2025 – 18. January 2026.**

### **3. Research Seminar**

- Call Deadlines:
  - The council agreed to use the same dates as for the Research Grant call:  
**1. December 2025 – 18. January 2026.**
- Keynote Speakers:
  - Finland proposed Jukka Könönen.
  - Iceland proposed Francis Pakes.
  - Norway has two potential names under consideration.
  - Denmark and Sweden have not yet made proposals.
- Seminar Topic:
  - The Secretariat will upload a working document containing the draft text for the seminar topic.
  - Council members will be invited to add comments and suggestions directly in the document.

### **4. Any other business**

- The Secretariat requested support from 2–3 council members to assist with adjustments to the application portal (Aspicore).
  - A small working group will be formed.
  - The group will meet 1–2 times to define the desired changes and improvements. May-Len and Tove agree to assist with the project.
  - Dates for the application period will be posted on the council website. The call for papers will be posted at a later date.

*Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be in Helsinki 12.-13. March 2026*