



## Nordic Research Council for Criminology

### Protocol from the Nordic Research Council for Criminology (NSfK) Council Meeting

**Date:** 12.-13. March 2026

**Times:** 11:30-18:30 & 9:00-11:30

**Venue:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Helsinki, Finland

**Present from the Council:** Hanna Rún Sverrisdóttir (IS), , Linda Kjær Minke (DE) Rannveig Þórisdóttir (IS) Arnt Even Hustad (NO), May-Len Skilbrei (NO), Anna Karin Ivert (SE), Tove Petterson (SE), Erik Grevholm (SE), Linda Kjær Minke (DK), Annette Olesen (DK), Leena Mäkipää (FI), Helena Huhta (FI), Teemu Kaskela(FI), Jørn Jacobsen (NO), Malthe Øland Ribe (substitute for Maria Libak Pedersen, DK).

**Present online from the Council:** Friðrik Árni Friðriksson Hirst (IS)

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

*Opening of the meeting - Welcome and introduction*

Chair Rannveig Þórisdóttir welcomed the council. A short introduction of new council members.

Quorum for the meeting and agenda was approved.

The secretariat made a short summary of the first year in Iceland. The transition of the secretariat and operation of the first year went well. Annual report was not presented as some final texts were missing. The report will be published at the end of the month.

*Closing of Accounts 2025*

The Executive Secretary presented the closing of the account for 2025. The council believed the accounts to be satisfactory and no large deviations from the budgeting occurred.

## *Financials 2026 - Budget proposal 2027 – State Grants 2027*

The Chair presented the proposed budget for 2027, and the Council did not have any comments. Budget and state grant amount for 2027 was approved.

## *Applications for research grants and working groups*

After intense discussions, the council decided for everyone to review the highest rated articles. The discussion would continue on day 2, and final decision be made.

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## *Day 2*

The Council members took a vote and decided to fund one joint-project, one individual project, and three working groups. For the joint-project, the council decided to lower overhead and exclude travel costs. A lower amount was offered to the project than was applied for. For the working groups, the council decided to offer an amount of 800.000 ISK per group to be able to support three projects.

The Council decided to support the following applications:

### *Joint project*

- *PHATENOR: Policing Hate Crime in the Nordics: Understanding the Operationalization and Shaping of Emergent Police Work* [Eyrún Eyþórsdóttir](#) (IS), [Mika Hagerlid](#) (SE), [Rune Ellefsen](#) (NO).

### *Individual project*

- *ADHD and Youth Crime: Robustness Across Cohorts, Regions, and Measures* [Karoliina Suonpää](#) (FI).

### *Working groups:*

- *Gender Equality in Nordic Prisons* [Linnéa Österman](#) and [Åsa Norman](#) (SE).
- *Nordic Research Network on Police Corruption* [Nadja Kirchhoff Hestehave](#) (NO).
- *The Crime Victim and Criminal Policy - 15 years later.* Henrik Tham (SE).

## *Call for Research Grants 2027*

The Council approved of the Call for Research Grants 2027.

## *News from the Ministries of Justice*

The ministry representatives all made short reports on important matters in their respective countries.

## *Revision of Guidelines*

The council agreed that guidelines on overhead need to be clarified. A working group will be established to review how to balance project ambition with the level of funding awarded, particularly given the high costs of comparative components. The group will also consider increasing funding for larger applications, prioritizing co-funding, and discontinuing support for advisory boards.

*Research seminar 2027*

Iceland proposes 12.-14. May 2027 in Iceland, in Hotel Grímsborgir.

*Council Meeting 2026*

Sweden suggested on the following dates: 11.-12. March 2027, in Stockholm.

The Chair extends her gratitude to the participants online and is thankful for their patience.

*Meeting adjourned.*