



# Nordic Research Council for Criminology

## Nordic Research Council for Criminology (NSfK) Interim Council Meeting

**Date:** 25 October 2023

**Times:** 14:00-16:00 CET

**Venue:** ZOOM

**Present:** *From the Council: Heidi Mork Lomell, Mikko Aaltonen, Arnt Even Hustad, Helene Huhta, Minna Piispa, Erik Grevholm, Tove Pettersson, Linda Kjær Minke, Rannveig Þórisdóttir, Ragnhild Hennum, Anne-Julie Boesen Pedersen, Annick Prieur*

*From the Secretariat: Per Jørgen Ystehede*

**Not present:** *Kolbrun Benediktsdóttir, Anna-Karin Ivert, Hanna Rún Sverrisdóttir*

**Minute taker:** *Per Jørgen Ystehede*

### Welcome and introduction with Quorum and agenda

The Chair presented the agenda. Agenda approved.

### Budget 2024

Per Jørgen Ystehede presented the NSfK budget for 2024. NSfK has a healthy economy and the surplus caused by low activity during the pandemic has been decreased according to plan. The Chair and the Secretariat has suggested to increase the amounts designated for research seminars and for research grants. In addition, was presented the budget for Nordisk Tidsskrift for Kriminalvidenskab. The Council had no comments to the suggested NSfK budget for 2024 which will be presented in a revised version at the Council Meeting in Copenhagen (March 2024), and to be finally approved by the Ministers following the meeting.

## **Call for Research grants 2024**

Due to a clerical error made by the Executive Secretary, the call for research grant 2024 will be announced October 26<sup>th</sup> – not the 11<sup>th</sup> as previously decided - and the deadline will be December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. This will have little consequence for the call as the applicants will have more than 6 weeks to work on a proposal which is a timeframe larger than for most national funding schemes.

No other changes were made to the call.

## **NSfK Research Seminar 2024**

The NSfK Research Seminar in 2024 will be held in Skåne, Sweden. The Swedish Council members gave a brief resume that the preparations are in accordance with plans.

Council Member Annick Prieur mentioned that a paragraph from the call was missing online. This was corrected the same day.

The Council discussed what to do in instances when all quotas were not filled – whether the remaining seats should be distributed to the other member countries. The Council will await this year's applications, and if countries have vacant seats, it would later be discussed whether these will be distributed to those on the waiting list. So far only one has applied to participate and the Council Members were encouraged to promote the seminar. The deadline for applying is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **NSfK – Future organisation**

The Chair gave a summary of her meeting with the Director of HEUNI, Natalia Ollus regarding the potential move of the administrative functions permanently on a trial basis to HEUNI. The Finnish Ministry is positive to the initiative. The dialogue is still in its early phases and the Chair will circulate to the Council a *Letter of Intent* (LoI) to be signed by the Chair and director. A LoI is not a legally binding document – but vesting interest to proceed a process. The Council will decide whether it is necessary to have a zoom meeting prior to signing said LOI.

## **AOB**

The Executive Secretary oriented the Council that the secretariat was in the process completing policy briefs to be published at the NSfKs web pages and sent to the Nordic Ministries.