



## What is Nordforum?

Nordforum is an informal collaboration initiative between organizations dealing with Student Information Systems. The glue that keeps the group together is that all are national providers of Student Information Systems, representing a majority of universities in each country. The situation in the member countries is also fairly similar when it comes to legislation, structure of higher education and ways of organizing administration. It is an informal arena for exchange of experiences and ideas and identifying possibilities for cooperation with long term goals as well as short term.

The starting point was at the conference EUNIS 2006 in Tartu. The first regular meeting was held in 2007 in Tallin, with representatives from only two countries. After that meetings have been held usually each semester, with increased attendance from all four Nordic countries and the countries taking turn in being host. In 2016, the spring meeting was held in Groningen, thus extending the network to the dutch organization DUO which have much in common with the other members. At the meeting in 2022 in representatives from Iceland joined so the whole of Scandinavia is now covered. In 2023 representatives from Estonia joined, increasing the group even further.

The outcomes from the group are substantial, especially taking in regard the small amount of resources put in. Nordforum has done benchmarking between the comparable systems at one occasion. Furthermore Nordforum has created a process mapping document for study administrative processes in the Nordic countries and also a common glossary with translations to English and a mapping to European standards, such as LMAI (ISO/IEC 19479) and MLO. Nordforum is also the foundation for the EU-project EMREX for transferring credits between countries in student mobility. The members have since continued taking part in EU-projects, most recent is the DIGITAL-call for developing a digital wallet.

Nordforum has organized several larger seminars in the different countries and the general theme, apart from sharing experiences and best practice, has been how to make administration of student mobility easier.

Nordforum consists of people from

- SIKT– Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research (Norway)
- CSC-IT Center for Science (Finland)
- DUO, Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (the Netherlands)
- IT department of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science (Denmark)
- The Ladok Consortium (Sweden)
- Swedish Council for Higher Education, UHR (Sweden)
- University of Iceland (Iceland)
- Universities Estonia (Estonia)