Meeting minutes: Steering Group Meeting NNR6 January 31, 2023

**Leader of the meeting:** Henriette Øien, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Oslo, Norway

**Secretary:** Anne Høyer, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Oslo, Norway

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**Attending**

- Henriette Øien, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Oslo, Norway
- Rune Blomhoff, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway (NNR2022 project leader)
- Hólmfríður Porgeirsdóttir, Directorate of Health, Reykjavik, Iceland
- Ulla-Kaisa Koivisto Hursti, National Food Agency, Uppsala, Sweden
- Anne Høyer, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Oslo, Norway (NNR2022 secretariat)
- Anne Phøl Enevoldsen, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Glostrup, Denmark
- Iben Humle Kristensen, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Glostrup, Denmark
- Satu Männistö, Finish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland
- Erik Arnesen, The Norwegian Directorate of Health, Norway
- Jonathan Eng, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark
- Elisabet Skylare, Nordic Council of Ministers
- Gregers Hummelmose, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Glostrup, Denmark

1. **Launch of the final NNR report**

   The Nordic Council of Ministers secretariate informed about the plans for the final launch of the NNR report in Reykjavik June 20th. The launch will be arranged in connection to the annual ministers meeting on June 21st. The final program and invitation is not ready at this timepoint.

2. **Presentation of the project by Rune Blomhoff (project leader)**

   The project leader presented a status report on major developments since the last Steering Committee meeting in October 2022.

   The project leader reported on the time schedule. The NNR Committee are still planning to publish the final NNR report June 20th in Reykjavik. All nutrient and food group chapters are now announced for public consultation and the Committee will start the work on setting the final dietary reference values (DRVs) and food based dietary guidelines (FBDGs).
The project leader gave a status of the work on integrating sustainability aspect into the food based dietary guidelines. All background papers on sustainability aspects are now announced for public consultation. The consultation period for the two first background papers has ended, and the three last papers will be out on public consultation until March 24th.

The majority of the sustainability experts in the NNR project are from the Nordic and Baltic countries. However, sustainability can not only be considered in a local context. That is why the NNR Committee have collaborated with two experts from Chatham House, to ensure the global view in two of the five background papers sustainability aspects. The two experts from Chatham House serves as lead authors, together with several Nordic and Baltic co-authors on the two background papers covering global aspects of environmental sustainability.

The NNR2012 report included background information on environmental sustainability for the national authorities to use in their country specific FBDGs that took local context and priorities into account. Environmental sustainability was not included in the science advice (FBDGs) in NNR2012. The NNR2022 report will include environmental sustainability into the science advice (FBDGs). Other dimensions of sustainability will be included as background information that can be used by national authorities in their country specific FBDGs that will take local context and priorities into account.

3. **Letter from eight Nordic agriculture organizations to the Nordic Council of Ministers**

Eight Nordic agriculture organizations sent a letter to the Nordic Council of Ministers in November 2022 expressing their concerns related to the NNR process. The Nordic Council of Ministers has responded to their letter underlining their confidence to the project.

The Nordic Council of Ministers has published a Q&A session with the project leader Rune Blomhoff as a general response to the letter. Please see link here: [Healthy and sustainability diets: Latest updates on Nordic Nutrition Recommendations](norden.org)

4. **Budget and economy for year 2023**

The NNR2022 secretariat gave a status update on the budget and accounting for year 2022. Costs are related to wages, travel and meeting costs, publications fees and honorarium.

Payment to the experts involved will be performed continuously when background papers and chapters are finalized as the Norwegian Directorate of Health are not allowed to prepay experts.