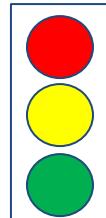


Action plan for Climate and Environment - Matrix Theme

Plan for period 1st July 2024 – 30th June 2028

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When doing the follow-up of the action plan, the traffic light system can be used as an indicator of work progress. Simply copy the appropriate color and place it in the title column of the corresponding year.



Terms of reference

A theme group is established to exchange experience in climate and environment. The group should address the following matters:

Two coordinators will find a common theme about climate and environmental issues. After that they will contact all the working groups to plan a common workshop, webinar or seminar where many if not even all the working groups may have a presentation for this common theme.

Focus Areas and Planned Actions 2025

Reporting and follow-up on the action plan

Focus Areas	Planned Actions	Short Report on the Completed Plans
<p>The Climate and Environment focus group is committed to addressing critical issues through an interdisciplinary approach that spans all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our overarching objective is to contribute to carbon reduction and build adaptation and resilience within the Nordic context, ensuring that our work not only addresses environmental sustainability but also considers social and economic aspects.</p> <p>Our focus will be on two central themes: carbon reduction and adaptation/resilience, which have been identified as common priorities across the various working groups and their action plans. These themes reflect the urgent need to mitigate climate change while also preparing our societies for its impacts, particularly in the Nordic region.</p>	<p>The Climate and Environment working group will first focus on carbon reduction as the central topic for the initial webinar, followed by adaptation and resilience for the subsequent one. To achieve these objectives, the following steps are in place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Common Topic: For the first webinar, the focus will be on carbon reduction. This theme has been selected due to its relevance and urgency across the Nordics, aligning with the region's goals for significant emissions reduction by 2030. 2. Event Scheduling: The first webinar is tentatively scheduled for autumn 2025, with adaptation and resilience planned for the second webinar. 3. Call for Papers: A "Call for Papers" will be issued, inviting each working group to submit 1–2 	<p>The Climate and Environment group has prepared to host its first webinar on carbon reduction in November 2025. This event will bring together experts, youth representatives, and stakeholders from across the Nordics to explore innovative solutions and collaborative approaches to reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>The webinar has been prepared with the other NVF working groups by Teams and emails.</p>

<p>The group will also aim to host two webinars, starting with the first at the end of 2025. These webinars will include all working groups and foster collaboration on shared challenges. We are committed to an inclusive and interactive format, where participants will have the opportunity to contribute ideas for future webinars by sharing which topics they feel are most pressing.</p> <p>Additionally, we recognize the importance of integrating youth perspectives. By including students and youth organizations, we aim to foster fresh insights and ensure that the voices of younger generations, who will inherit the future of climate action, are heard. Gender and diversity balance will also be a key focus in the selection of speakers, ensuring that there is broad representation from across the Nordics, including Greenland and the Faroe Islands.</p>	<p>papers related to carbon reduction for the first webinar.</p> <p>4. Proposal Review: Once submitted, the group will assess the proposals to identify which papers and presentations are most relevant.</p> <p>5. Preliminary Program: We will develop a preliminary agenda that includes presentations on carbon reduction, discussions, and an interactive session where participants can contribute ideas for future webinar topics, including those related to adaptation and resilience.</p> <p>6. Event Organization: Logistics, such as managing registrations and organizing the webinar, will be coordinated by the working group, with support from the wider organizing team.</p> <p>7. Debriefing & Future Planning: Following the carbon reduction webinar, we will hold a debrief session to gather feedback and assess interest in organizing the second webinar on adaptation and resilience for autumn 2026 or spring 2027.</p> <p>In addressing the SDGs, the first webinar will focus on SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) through discussions on carbon reduction strategies.</p>	
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Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2026		
Focus Areas 2026	Focus Areas 2026	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline 1st November 2026
<p>To prepare the second webinar with the working groups. The webinar will take place in the Spring 2027.</p> <p>The second webinar will cover SDG 13 and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) by focusing on</p>	<p>Cooperation with the other NVF working groups by Teams</p> <p>- Event Scheduling: The second webinar is tentatively scheduled for spring 2027.</p> <p>- Contacting the other working groups: inviting each working group to submit 1–2 presentations.</p>	<p>[insert text here]</p>

building resilience and adaptation strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary Program - Event Organization: managing registrations and organizing the webinar 	
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Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2027		
Focus Areas 2027	Planned Actions 2027	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline 1st November 2027
<p>The second webinar is planned to focus on adaptation and resilience and will take place in the Spring 2027</p> <p>The second webinar will cover SDG 13 and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) by focusing on building resilience and adaptation strategies.</p>	<p>Webinar, spring 2027 Cooperation with the other NVF working groups by Teams</p> <p>- Debriefing & Future Planning: Following the webinar to gather feedback and assess interest in organizing a possible session in Via Nordica 2028.</p>	[insert text here]

Focus areas and Planed Actions for 2028		
Focus Areas 2028 Deadline 1st November 2025	Planned Actions 2028 Deadline 1st November 2025	Short Report on the Completed Plans Deadline 1st November 2028
To prepare Via Nordica	Cooperation with the other NVF working groups by Teams	[insert text here]