

FA3 – Secure Long Term Funding

Facts

Activity partners
National eInfrastructure providers
National research funding bodies
NordForsk

Activity duration (start, end)

Focus Area 3 in NeIC Strategy Implementation Plan for 2016-2020

Activity budget (# of FTEs)

NeIC staff and collaborators

References

Nordic e-Science Action Plan 2.0, June 2015

NeIC Strategy Implementation Plan 2016-2020

What is securing Long Term funding about?

From the beginning, when NeIC was established in 2012, the national research funding bodies were represented in the NeIC Board, and annual funding was secured through a 10 year MoU between them. In 2014 the national research funding bodies decided to withdraw from the NeIC Board leaving the responsibility for the Nordic eInfrastructure collaboration to the national eInfrastructure providers in 2015. It was at the same time decided that NeIC funding beyond 2017 should be through the national research infrastructure funding schemes (at least in Norway, Sweden and Finland) Basically this means that we are competing with other research infrastructure projects for funding and therefore have to be continuously concerned with proving our worth.

Achievements

Report mapping funding sources, modalities and application mechanisms

Long-term funding plan 2016.

Agreement on funding shares 2016.

Application from UNINETT Sigma2 to the Research Council of Norway for NeIC funding 2018-2023.

Open issues and future plans

How to document procedures and results for external evaluation (NeIC will be evaluated by Academy of Finland this fall)

How to adapt to unaligned funding periods and different application procedures.

How to secure funding commitments from national research funding bodies and other entities.