

# New initiatives for Nordic Language Comprehension

Contact seminar in Hveragerði, Iceland 18-20 September 2023

## Seminar programme (draft)

Monday, 18.09.2023	
17:30	<b>Departure to Hveragerði</b> We will arrange for a bus from BSÍ, the central bus station in Reykjavík. Please arrive there at 17:15 the latest.
18:00 – 18:30	<b>Arrival in Hveragerði</b> Arriving to Hotel Örk, registration and check-in for all participants
20:00	<b>An informal get-together of participants at the hotel (optional)</b> Participants meet to perhaps get to know each other a little bit and to enjoy light refreshments before the actual program begins

Tuesday, 19.09.2023	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration of participants, welcome and opening</b> Coffee and registration
09:00-09:15	<b>Welcome speech by Aðalheiður Jónsdóttir, Head of Division at RANNÍS, The Icelandic Research Centre</b>
09:15-09:30	<b>About Nordplus and the importance of Nordic Cooperation by Andrés Pétursson, main coordinator of Nordplus</b>
09:30-10:00	<b>Introduction of the participants</b> Ice-breaking activities + expectations
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Session I</b> 1. <b>Keynote speech:</b> <i>Auður Hauksdóttir, professor emeritus in Danish from the University of Iceland</i>

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	<p>2. <b>Keynote speech:</b> <i>Hilde Sollid, Professor of Nordic Languages at The Arctic University of Norway (Too be confirmed).</i></p> <p><i>Project example:</i> To be announced.</p>
12:00 – 13:00	3. <b>Lunch</b>
13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Session II</b></p> <p>1. <b>The Nordplus Nordic Languages Programme: An introduction</b></p> <p>2. <b>Project example:</b> <i>Kristina Mullamaa, University of Tartu in Estonia – Nordic Teacher Development Programme I and II. Highlighting the importance of cooperation between the Nordic and the Baltic region</i></p> <p>3. <b>Project example:</b> To be announced.</p>
15:00 – 15:15	4. <b>Coffee break</b>
15:15 – 16:45	<b>The Carousel - Contact Activity</b>
16:45-17:30	<b>Open house to develop and discuss ideas</b>
17:50	<b>Bus leaves to Eyrarbakki</b>
18:20	<b>Guided tour of Húsið in Eyrarbakki</b>
19:30	<b>Dinner at the Rauða Húsið restaurant in Eyrarbakki</b>

## Wednesday 20.09.2022

08:45	<p><b>Registration of participants for the second day</b></p> <p>Coffee and informal start of the day</p>
09:00 – 10:15	<p><b>Session III</b></p> <p><b>Language Technology and the Nordic Languages, challenges and possibilities:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Keynote speech:</b> <i>Hulda Óladóttir from Miðeind, About the cooperation with OpenIA and the development of Icelandic version Chat GPT-4 (Too be confirmed).</i></p> <p>2. <b>Project Example:</b> <i>Skúlína Hlíf Kjartansdóttir, University of Iceland – Introduction to the Finnish Coordinated project Moka Mera Lingua that received financing from Nordplus Nordic Languages in 2021 to develop the learning application in Icelandic, Danish and Norwegian.</i></p>
10:15 – 10:45	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p> <p>Participant can check out of the hotel (before 11:00)</p>
10:45 – 12:00	<p><b>CONTACT ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>1. Developing ideas and strengthening bonds</p>

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	2. Group picture
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00	<b>The bus departures to Reykjavík</b>
13:45 – 16:45	<b>A cultural programme in Reykjavík (optional)</b> A visit to the Sky Lagoon Geothermal spa
16:45	<b>Bus departures from the Sky Lagoon to BSÍ (The main bus station in Reykjavík)</b>

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