

Today's agenda

- Short Introduction to the fund and our new strategy
- ENTER – Purpose, eligibility, assessment and more
- Questions & Answers

60 years of cross-border cultural cooperation

- ▶ The Nordic Culture Fund works to promote Nordic cultural cooperation to its full extent – both within and beyond the Nordic region.
- ▶ As an independent body within official Nordic cooperation, the Fund is able to act quickly and proactively, across countries and sectors

*Nordic identity is something
that is constantly being
negotiated, and it is in art
and culture that this
conversation takes place*



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A new strategic direction

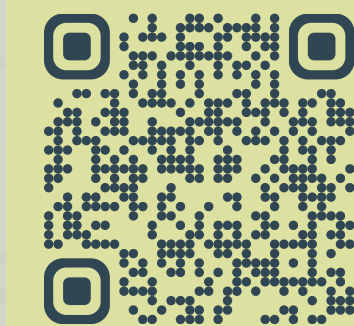
Culture Drives the Future of the Nordics

1. Culture as driver for innovative and forward-looking Nordic region
2. Cooperating for a dynamic cultural ecosystem
3. Knowledge and insights across borders

Nordic Culture Fund *Strategy* *2026-2030*

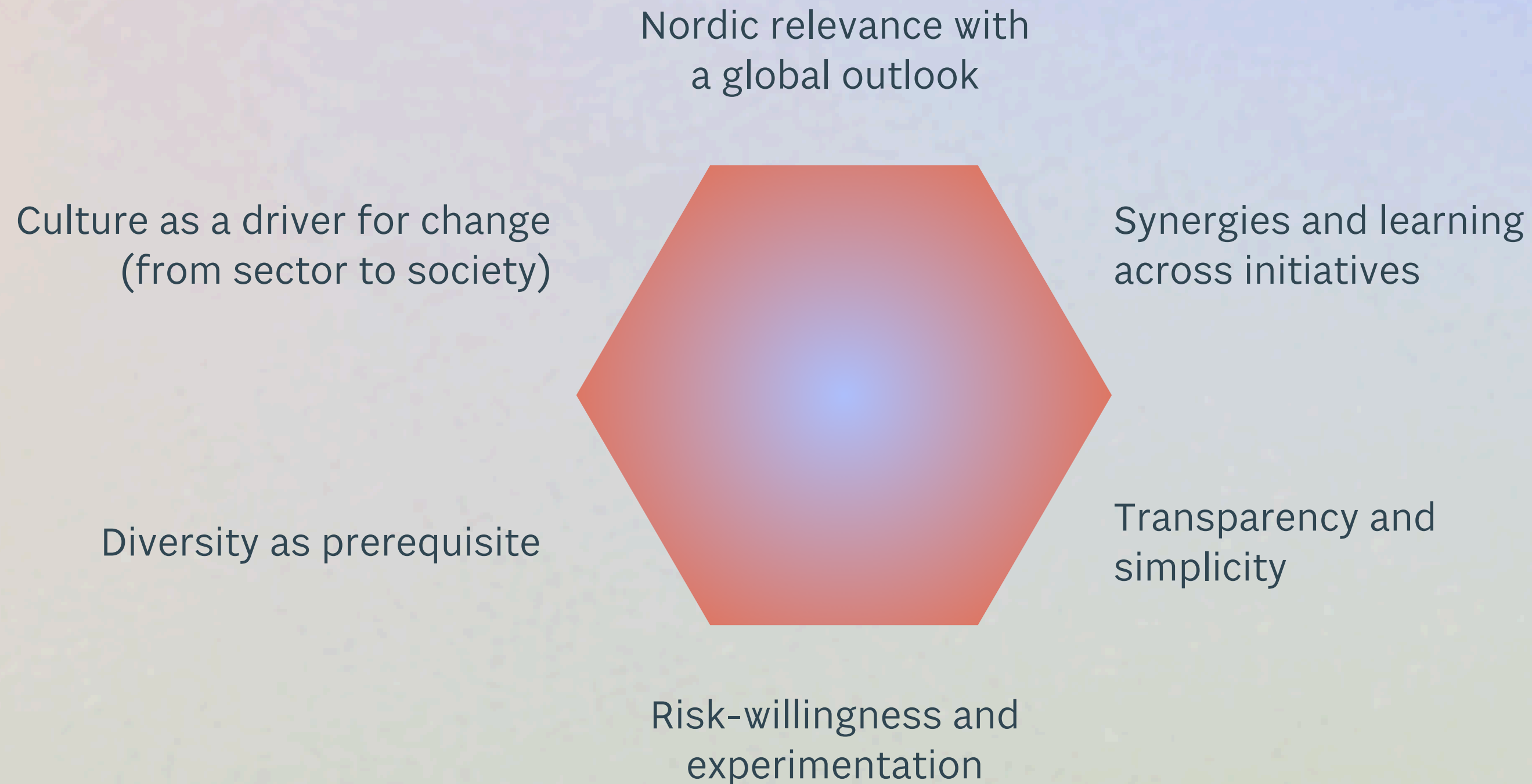
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Our core principles



ENTER

The Nordic Culture Fund's new programme
for collective experimentation



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What is ENTER about?

- ENTER builds on the Fund's strategic ambition to bring arts and culture into play in shaping the future of the Nordics.
- Intended to create room to explore new ideas, methods and perspectives without necessarily knowing the outcome.
- We seek initiatives that bring different experiences, places and practices together, that can challenge established ways of working and thinking and that can create new possibilities in a Nordic context.
- Designed with few barriers, allowing applicants to experiment, take risks and learn.

Who can apply?

Both individuals and organisations.

You can come from arts and culture or other fields, as long as arts and culture play a central role in the initiative.

No geographical restrictions on applicants or partners , but the initiative must have a clear and meaningful connection to the Nordic region.

Is our initiative eligible?

To be eligible to apply for ENTER, your initiative must include:



Arts and culture

Arts and culture must play a significant role in the initiative, but we encourage collaboration with other sectors, practices and areas of society.

Collaboration across borders

We understand boundaries broadly. They can be between places, fields of expertise, sectors, institutions, practices, experiences or ways of working.

Nordic anchoring

Can foreexample be expressed through the collaboration, themes or perspectives in the initiative. We are open to different interpretations.

Is our initiative eligible?

ENTER does not support initiatives whose primary purpose is:

- education or study visits
- participation in conferences, festivals, events or similar activities
- tours or travelling exhibitions
- productions or publications
- organisational running costs or core funding
- construction projects or the purchase of technical equipment for day-to-day operations

Three assessment criteria

All eligible applications are assessed against three criteria:

Ambition and collaboration

*Does your initiative
demonstrate a clear
ambition to explore, test or
develop something that you
can show is important? And
how will you work together
to achieve it?*

Learning and transformative potential

Does the initiative have the
potential to generate new
knowledge, relationships,
ways of working or
foundations for further
and future development?

Significance in a Nordic context

Will the initiative create
meaningful connections,
perspectives or
opportunities that have
potential and relevance in
a Nordic context?

Should we receive more qualified applications than we are able to fund, we will prioritise between them.

We place high importance on ensuring our supported initiatives in this programme overall represents a variety of diversities.

General terms and conditions

Economy

You can apply for up to 50 000 DKK.

You may apply for up to additional 25 000 DKK for special acces cost.

No requirement for co-funding.

Project period

You can only apply for activities that take place after you have received the funding decision from the Nordic Culture Fund.

Your initiative must be completed and reported on no later than one year after the stated start date.

