



STATUTES OF NORDIC NETWORK FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (Abbreviation: GI Norden)

§ 1 NAME

Name of the Association: **Nordic Network for Geographic Information.**
Abbreviation: **GI Norden.**

§ 2 PURPOSE

The Network shall on Nordic basis work for the social benefit of the subject area.

The network shall contribute to the utilisation of competence, technology and technical skills of the subject area.

The Network has the following purpose;

- contribute to increased use of geographic information in the Nordic countries,
- promote the understanding of the importance for the society of geographic information and geographic information technology,
- work for the development of strong national GI associations in all the Nordic countries,
- coordinate Nordic viewpoints concerning the European infrastructures of GI,
- coordinate Nordic initiatives,
- disseminate information of general interest for the Nordic GI communities,
- stimulate innovation by sharing of best practices through joint initiatives and working groups.

§ 3 ACTIVITIES

The goals of GI Norden are achieved by;

- stimulating activities according to the purpose of the network,
- strengthening professional competence and Nordic network through supporting Nordic events in cooperation with the national GI associations,
- authority to GI Norden to represent members in international organisations, e.g. EUROGI,
- encouraging Nordic coordination and cooperation through working groups and networks.

§ 4 MEMBERS

Members are the national GI associations in the Nordic countries:

GeoForum, NORWAY

Geoforum Danmark, DENMARK

GeoForum Finland, FINLAND

LISA, ICELAND

Geoforum Sverige, SWEDEN

Other GI organisations within the Nordic Region may be admitted as members:

ESTGIS, ESTONIA

§ 5 THE NETWORK BOARD

The issues of GI Norden are handled by the network board, consisting of one network representative from each member association, including one network coordinator elected among the members of the network board.

The national network representatives are appointed by the national GI associations.

The network board establishes its own rules of procedure.

The network board discusses topics of common interests, coordinates annual working plans, and is responsible as the driving force for initiating activities.

The network coordinator represents GI Norden, chairs the network board meetings and sees to it that decisions are carried into effect.

All decisions are made with a simple majority. If equal votes, the matter will be settled by the network coordinators casting vote.

The network coordinator is responsible for appointing a secretary for the network board meetings. The secretary writes the minutes of the meetings.

The national network representatives participate in the network board meetings. In case of lawful absence, the national network representatives are obliged to find a deputy representative.

§ 6 REGULARLY MEETINGS

At least four network board meetings a year are held. These are initiated by the network coordinator.

Meetings can be physical as well as online meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is prepared by the network coordinator after inputs from the national representatives.

§ 7 ECONOMY

GI Norden will form some sort of economic foundation that will be used to benefit the future work of the organisation. Each of the member countries of GI Norden will cover its own expenses during the future activities.

§ 8 AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES

Changes of the statutes requires consensus by the members and their written acceptance.

§ 9 DISSOLUTION OF THE NETWORK

Decision concerning dissolution of GI Norden requires acceptance from at least half of the members.
In case of dissolution of GI Norden the assets of the organisation shall be equally divided between the member organisations.