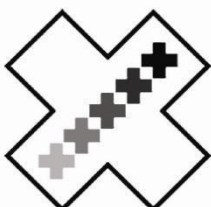


# HIV-Nordic

*Annual report 2022*



**Hiv-Norden**

Hiv-Norden - Samarbetsorganet för de nordiska paraplyorganisationerna för personer som lever med hiv, organization number 802408-2508.

HIV-Nordic - The co-operative body of the Nordic umbrella-organizations for people living with HIV (PLHIV).

## HIV-Nordic

### Annual report 2022

The Board of HIV-Nordic Annual report from 1. January – 31. December 2022.

### Members

HIV-Danmark (Denmark), HIV-Island (Iceland), HivNorge (Norway), HivFinland (Finland) and Hiv-Sverige (Sweden).

### The Board

The Board has consisted of 10 Directors, 2 from each member organization. The Board is elected for one year at the Annual Meeting:

Chair	Emanuel Karlström	Sweden
Vice Chair	Jacob Hermansen	Norway
Treasurer	Sini Pasanen	Finland
Director	Nonni Mäkikärki	Finland
Director	Einar Jónsson	Iceland
Director	Svavar Jonsson	Iceland
Director	Preben Pakbo Sloth	Denmark
Director	Vacant	Denmark
Director	Simon Blom	Sweden
Director	Bente Bendiksen	Norway

## The Operations

HIV-Nordic have in this period had three Board Meetings, one Annual Meeting and one Constituting Board Meeting. The Annual Meeting, the Constituting Board Meeting and the first Board Meeting were held online on February 26th. The second Board Meeting was also held online on April 7th. The third Board Meeting took place in Reykjavik on September 1st with HIV-Island as the hosting organization.

Other topics discussed in the Board Meetings include the effects of the war for people living with HIV in Ukraine, PrEP injectables, the outburst of the monkey pox epidemic and access to vaccines for people in high risk of monkeypox and updates from the international AIDS 2022 conference that was held in Montreal July 29th through August 2nd, as well as other current issues.

The Board Meetings have included country reports both on the local and national level from each member organization. These so called country updates were published online on the HIV-Nordic webpage [hiv-norden.org](http://hiv-norden.org).

In addition to the third Board Meeting a workshop on chronic stigma-related stress among people living with HIV with an opening speech by Dr Andrew Clarke on the topic.

The country updates from this year's Board meetings have been published online on our webpage [hiv-norden.org](http://hiv-norden.org).

Overall, the exchange of knowledge and experience through these meetings has been invaluable. To be able to discuss, compare and share best practices, and to bring this knowledge back home, has improved the way our organizations function and how we work with advocacy. The networking has also served to improve sharing ideas and best practices between the member organizations. Member organizations further share and report with both their boards, colleagues and with people living with HIV using their services, who in return give feedback to HIV-Nordic for new projects or arising issues that should be brought up on a Nordic level.

## The Strategic Plan

We aim to:

- 1) Strengthen our role as the collaboration body for PLHIV in the Nordic countries.
- 2) Develop collaboration in the Nordic countries between organizations working with HIV.
- 3) Develop new collaborations in the Baltic countries.
- 4) Empowering PLHIV.
- 5) Strengthen our information work.
- 6) Strengthen our advocacy work in the region.

## The Joint statement regarding the situation in Ukraine

On the initiative of HIV-Nordic a joint statement regarding the situation in Ukraine was sent by the member organizations of HIV-Nordic to The Ministries of Health and of Foreign affairs as well as providers of medicine and other providers of HIV-treatment in the respective Nordic countries.

***The Members of the Nordic HIV Organizations; Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, sent out a joint statement regarding the situation in Ukraine on***

***Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.***

*Given the sad situation in Ukraine, the five Nordic patient organizations for people living with HIV unified in HIV-Nordic, emphasizes the urgent need to address awareness on an expected increase in difficulties upholding HIV treatment for people living with HIV in Ukraine and for refugees.*

*In the near future, it is certain, that people affected by the war, will run out of medicine and serious consequences can affect the entire European continent. In danger of compromising the important task of HIV prevention strategies, provided by healthcare authorities all over Europe, we now face serious challenges.*

*To secure access to HIV treatment for people affected by the war, the Ministries of Health, and health providers of the Nordic countries should do everything possible to secure necessary HIV treatment for refugees expected to seek asylum in the Nordic region. It is also urgent to begin every action possible to provide vital treatment for people left behind in Ukraine affected by the Russian invasion.*

*Access to HIV treatment through the regular channels for the estimated 260.000 Ukrainian people living with HIV<sup>[i]</sup> will fall dramatically within a few weeks because of the Russian invasion. Reports from the International Red Cross, as well as other humanitarian organizations, indicate that people in Ukraine are already experiencing severe difficulties in accessing medicines.*

*The five Nordic patient organizations for people living with HIV; HIV-Iceland, HIV-Sweden, HivNorway, HivFinland and HIV-Denmark encourage those in charge, to act immediately.*

*i:UNAIDS 2020; [https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media\\_asset/JC3032\\_AIDS\\_Data\\_book\\_2021\\_En.pdf](https://www.unaids.org/sites/default/files/media_asset/JC3032_AIDS_Data_book_2021_En.pdf)*

## Economy

HIV-Nordic relies on Nordic Welfare Center's support to operate. In 2022 HIV-Nordic was granted support for networking. The fee for membership is collected from member organisations and in 2022 it was 5000 SEK per year.

### Financial Report January 1 – December 31 2022

#### INCOMES

MEMBER FEES	20 083,52 SEK
NORDIC WELFARE CENTER FOR NETWORK	20 000,00 SEK
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40 983,52 SEK</b>

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#### EXPENDITURE

BANK COSTS	1 099,00 SEK
WEBPAGE COST	971,25 SEK
MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS	52 443,32 SEK
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>54 513,57 SEK</b>

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**OUT GOING BALANCE** **-13 530,05 SEK**