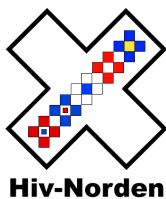


HIV-Nordic

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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).

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Annual report 2025

The Board of HIV-Nordic Annual report from 1. January – 31. December 2025.

Members

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

The Board

The Board has consisted of 9 Directors, 1 or 2 from each member organization. The Board is elected for one year at the annual meeting.

The following board members were elected at the online annual meeting on the 31st January 2025:

Chair	Emanuel Karlström	Sweden
Vice Chair	Nonni Mäkikärki	Finland
Treasurer	Sini Pasanen	Finland
Director	Bente Bendiksen	Norway
Director	Ronda Kristine Bekkevold	Norway
Director	Einar Jónsson	Iceland
Director	Svavar Jonsson	Iceland
Director	Jens Peder Høeberg	Denmark
Director	Pia Andersen	Denmark
Director	Simon Blom*	Sweden

* Axel Lilja replaced Simon Blom in March 2025

The Operations

General activities

We organized our annual general meeting and a network meeting in Helsinki, Finland between the 30th of January and 1st of February 2025. During this time in Helsinki we arranged two presentations with external people. Professor Rigmor C Berg presented on the topic Path to ending HIV stigma and Juulia Kela, PhD student, presented on HIV stigma in emergency care settings. We also had the chance to meet with local members to discuss and learn about the conditions of living with HIV in Finland.

With the activity we have strengthened our collective understanding of interventions that can be used in combating stigma for different target groups (eg healthcare personnel and people living with HIV's self-stigma). This has been accomplished by combining the expert knowledge of Rigmor and Juulia, the live Menti survey conducted at the meeting and the presentation from Hiv-Denmark on stigma, together with inputs from all participating Nordic countries in discussion forums.

During the 29th – 30th of August HIV-Nordic convened for a network meeting in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik.

The agenda for the two days consisted of study visits to Ylja, a Red Cross managed consumption facility and harm reduction site located in central Reykjavik, a presentation from Anna Margrét Guðmundsdóttir from the Directory of Health at the University Hospital in Reykjavik, as well as meetings with members and associates of HIV-Iceland.

Among the topics discussed were menopause, stigma, preparedness and future strategic work in relation to HIV and living with HIV in the Nordic countries.

At the meeting in Iceland we also recorded short interviews with delegates, one from each country, and published on our social media channels.

Overall during the year we have also continuously shared and refined our communication strategies to counter diminished urgency, interest and funding surrounding HIV. To give a few examples in how we can work with strengthening our communications; highlight linkage between benefits to groups with disabilities and the general public and society, be aware of how we portray and use the word stigma (differentiate between policy work and campaign work) and make use of the relations between hiv and preparedness, in terms of healthcare preparedness, disinformation etc. as a mean to stay relevant and keep HIV on the decision makers agenda .

As per tradition we have also exchanged country updates giving each other insights into our organizations development and the national situation in regards to HIV.

The values created at the meetings are both covering operational best practices as well as strategic matters, as it relates to how we can sustain our operations in these trying times. By increasing our

strategic capacity we can during distress, at a minimum, uphold the rights of people living with HIV and in a more favourable scenario, strengthen the rights of people living with HIV.

In terms of awareness and spreading knowledge we have, apart from the videos recorded in Iceland, produced two articles on our webpage hiv-norden.org. The articles gives an overview of our respective network meetings in Helsinki and Reykjavik.

Internally we have shared information and knowledge during several online meetings. Our HIV-Nordic Facebook group had 53 posts and 100+ comments related to preparation and planning for the meetings as well as sharing articles, news and activities that are relevant for our work. This exchange and linkage serves as both an up-to-date facilitator and gives a sense of a Nordic-fabric for our common vision and goals.

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.

Economy

HIV-Nordic relies on Nordic Welfare Center's support to operate. In 2025 HIV-Nordic was granted support for networking activity . The fee for membership is collected from member organizations and in 2025 it was 5000 SEK per year.

Financial Report January 1 – December 31 2025

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP FEES	19 980 SEK
NORDIC WELFARE CENTER FOR NETWORK	27 500 SEK

TOTAL INCOME **47 480 SEK**

EXPENDITURE

BANK COSTS	-1 498 SEK
WEBPAGE COST	-1 366 SEK
NETWORKING MEETING REYKJAVIK	-52 673 SEK
NETWORKING MEETING HELSINKI	-35 472 SEK

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **-91 009 SEK**

OUTGOING BALANCE **-43 529 SEK**