

# Student mobility and disability in the Nordic countries – Reykjavik

## Program



**Time:** 15 November 2018 at 11.30-16.00

**Venue:** Nordic House, Sæmundargata 11, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

**Moderator:** Ted Bergdahl

**11.30 – 12.45**

### Lunch

Light networking lunch is served outside the meeting room. Mingle with members of the Nordic Network of Disability Coordinators.

**12.45 – 13.00**

### Opening

- *Håkan Juholt*, Ambassador of Sweden in Iceland, welcomes the participants on behalf of the Swedish chairmanship of the Nordic Council of Ministers
- *Steinunn Þóra Árnadóttir*, Parliamentarian in the Icelandic Alþingi and in the Nordic Council

**13.00– 14.00**

### Student mobility in the Nordic region

- Presentation of the results from the project Equity in student mobility in higher education in the Nordic countries, *Kjetil Knarlag* from Universell at NTNU in Trondheim
- Education in another Nordic country: What are the key mobility issues?

Discussion in smaller groups after Introduction by NNDC members from Denmark (*Karoline Pinholt*) Norway (*Kjetil Knarlag* and *Elinor Olaussen*) and Sweden (*Tina Teljstedt*). How does it look like if a student from Iceland wanted to study in another Nordic country? Success factors, challenges and barriers, and best practice.

Key questions for group discussions: Why are mobility numbers low? What efforts can the university sector make to better support mobility?

**14.00 – 14.15**

**Short break**

**14.15 – 15.30**

**The situation in Iceland**

- *Freyja Haraldsdóttir*, University of Iceland
- Icelandic policy for accessibility in higher education and possibilities to study abroad, *Una Stand Viðarsdóttir*, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
- Career counselling and guidance for students with disabilities in Iceland, *María Dóra Björnsdóttir*, director of the University of Iceland Student Counselling and Career Centre
- Support for student mobility in higher education *Rúna Vigdís Guðmarsdóttir*, from the Higher Education Team at Rannis, the Icelandic National Agency for Erasmus+
- *Sonja Björg Jóhannsdóttir*, equality officer from The National Student Union for Icelandic Students

**15.30 – 15.50**

**What can contribute to an increase the international mobility among students with disability in higher education?**

Round of comments from students, organisations that represent persons with disabilities, students and youth and Nordplus.

Discussion in smaller groups and in plenary:

1. Do you recognize the situation?
2. More or other barriers for mobility in the Nordic region?
3. How can we (all in our professional or advocacy roles) contribute to increase the number of students with disabilities in higher education?
4. How can Nordic cooperation be used more efficiently?
5. How do we take the next step and who is responsible to act?

**15.50 – 16.00**

**End comment by Rannveig Traustadóttir, professor and director of the Center for Disability Studies**

**16.00**

**End of seminar**