

# The NORFACE Experience

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# Background

- Bad reputation of social sciences
- Some fields of study were forbidden
- Social sciences were politicized

# After regaining independence

- Western-Europe as good example
- Collaboration with European colleagues

# Why NORFACE?

- Good reputation
- Co-operation
- Staff exchange scheme
- Seminars and workshops

# What have we achieved?

- Estonian researchers at European level
- Co-applicants were successful both in seminar series call as well as transnational programme call

# Challenges

- Human resources
- Work load
- Difficulties in hiring additional work force

# Positive outcomes

- Valuable experiences for ETF officials and Estonian researchers
- Excellent co-ordinating in AKA
- Preparation of transnational programme
- Initiation of joint funding (common pot scheme)

Thank you!