

# Constituent Meeting of The Nordic Association for European Studies (NAES)

The Association was established through a Zoom Meeting organized by Roskilde University, Denmark, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The official address of NAES is:

The Nordic Association for European Studies  
Department of Social Sciences and Business  
Roskilde University  
Universitetsvej 1  
4000 Roskilde  
Denmark

Representatives present at the constituent meeting:

Denmark: Sevasti Chatzopoulou and Daniel Finke  
Finland: Niilo Kauppi  
Greenland: Rasmus Leander Nielsen  
Iceland: Maximilian Conrad  
Norway: Jan Erik Grindheim  
Sweden: Anna Michalski

The Faroe Islands will also be invited to join the association.

## **1. The establishment of Nordic Association for European Studies (NAES)**

The seven representatives of the six Nordic countries hereby establish the Nordic Association for European Studies (NAES) in accordance with its Constitution.

## **2. The board of NAES**

The following representatives constitutes the board of NAES for a two-year term beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021:

Denmark: Sevasti Chatzopoulou, Roskilde University  
and Daniel Finke, Aarhus University  
Finland: Niilo Kauppi, University of Helsinki  
Greenland: Rasmus Leander Nielsen, University of Greenland  
Iceland: Maximilian Conrad, University of Iceland  
Norway: Jan Erik Grindheim, University of South-Eastern Norway  
Sweden: Anna Michalski, Uppsala University

An eighth member Hans Andrias Sølvará will be included when the Faroe Islands joins NAES.

**3. The board has elected the following president, vice-president and treasurer for a two-year term beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021:**

President: Sevasti Chatzopoulou, Roskilde University, Denmark  
Vice-President and Secretary: Maximilian Conrad, University of Iceland  
Treasurer: Daniel Finke, Aarhus University, Denmark

Jan Erik Grindheim, University of South-Eastern Norway, was elected secretary of the constituent meeting.

**4. Opening a bank account for NAES**

The constituent meeting decided to open a bank account on the address above in a Danish bank.

**5. Board meeting procedure**

There will be four board meetings per year, either digital or physical. The agenda will be sent two weeks in advance by e-mail from the President or Secretary.

The dates for the board meetings will be set for two years at the first official board meeting in March 2022

**6. Strategy of NAES**

- a) Organize panels for common research projects
- b) Establish a standing group through the ECPR and apply for funding
- c) Establish a bi-annual Nordic conference
- d) Establish a Nordic Journal for European Studies

**7. Issues to be discussed at the first board meeting in March 2022**

- a) The strategy proposed under point 6 a-d
- b) How NAES should relate to other similar associations
- c) How, where, and when can the first NAES conference be set up?

Sevasti Chatzopoulou  
Denmark

Daniel Finke  
Denmark

Maximilian Conrad  
Iceland

Jan Erik Grindheim  
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Finland

# Constitution of the Nordic Association for European Studies

## 1

Nordisk Selskab for Europæisk Studier (The Nordic Association for European Studies) is a non-profit association founded by the national associations and other independent research institutions on European studies in the Nordic countries:

- Dansk Selskab for Europæisk Studier (Danish Association for European Studies)
- University of the Faroe Islands
- Finnish Association for European Studies
- University of Greenland
- Institute for International Affairs, University of Iceland
- Norwegian Association for European Studies
- The Swedish Networks in European Studies

All Nordic Universities, independent research institutions and organizations in the Nordic countries with an interest in understanding contemporary developments in the European integration are welcome to become members. Admission takes place through majority vote of an annual meeting / general assembly.

## 2

The purpose of the Nordic Association for European Studies (NAES) is:

- to strengthen the collaboration among scholars with research interests on European affairs
- organize workshops, public debates, events and conferences in rotation or in collaboration among the member countries.
- to bring together universities from all Nordic countries (Denmark, Faroe Island, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden) and potentially from neighbouring countries in Northern Germany and the Baltic
- to bring together scholars from different disciplines with a core focus on the European Union, including scholars from countries that are not members of the EU and the EEA but are closely connected to the EU.
- to promote inter- and/or transdisciplinary research on EU politics, history, society, law and economics
- to strengthen new research activities and cross-border collaborations for research

funding (e. g. Nordic Council) and teaching

- to promote European Studies as a discipline in the Nordic countries and to promote academic cooperation between researchers in the Nordic region.

### 3

To promote its purpose NAES aims to:

- promote publications within the field of European studies
- organize Nordic conferences and workshops
- promote the establishment of common project groups, particularly within the field of Nordic comparative research
- coordinate Nordic co-operation within the framework of international professional organizations, particularly European Community Studies Association (ECSA), and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

### 4

The first Board of the association is elected by the first plenary. The Board shall be composed of 8 full members, representing all member countries / institutions, and have a president, a vice-president / secretary, a treasurer, 5 members, and 5 substitutes. The country / institution holding the presidency shall also have the treasurer. Substitutes can vote when the full members that they substitute are not present. Board members are elected for a two years term by an annual meeting, on the recommendation of a nomination committee with two members and a substitute, elected by the preceding annual meeting.

### 5

The Annual Meeting is the highest authority of NAES and consists of one representative from each member association in addition to the members of the Board. The Annual Meeting must be announced at least two months in advance on the association's website, and a written notice with agenda and attachments must be sent at least one month in advance to all members. Matters to the Annual Meeting must be reported to the Board within this deadline.

### 6

The Annual Meeting elects a president (chair), but the Board elects the vice-president / secretary, and treasurer. The president is elected for a term of two years. The vice-president / secretary is elected for the same duration as the president. Candidates can be re-elected to all positions. The Board is entitled to establish committees and elect members of such committees.

### 7

The Board is responsible for the finances of the Association. The accounts are audited by the auditor(s) in the national association that holds the presidency. The audited account is presented to the board and the national associations at the end of each year, and to the

Annual Meeting, which is the final responsible authority for its acceptance.

**8**

This constitution is enforced on the date it is ratified by the annual meetings of all the constitutive members as a general assembly.

**9**

Amendments to the constitution require a simple majority of the annual meeting of the Association. The amendment(s) is/are enforced unless one or more of the national associations puts forward an opposition in writing within three months after the association in writing has been notified of the board's decision. Amendment proposals should be notified to the national associations at least one month in advance of the board meeting where they are tabled.

**10**

The Association may be dissolved if the Board with the approval of simple majority of the members supports this, and every national association in writing approves the decision of the Board. In the case of a dissolution, the Board has the responsibility to disburse the remaining financial means of the Association.