

# Welcome to the SECOND webinar in the NORDIC WEBINAR SERIES

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## We learned a lot in webinar 1:

- **Significant and rapid changes** have been enacted as a direct result of the Corona crisis. Examples across the Nordic countries are:
  - All governments have provided larger degrees of freedom when it comes to the role of the funding agencies.
  - Universities, among many other institutions, have digitized large parts of their structures when it comes to both research and education.
- We are doing things at a much **higher pace** than we are used to. The discussions has been faster and more informal, and it has become easier to create a dialogue with decisionmakers across sectors
- There has been a **strong sense of urgency** – we need to change our system and take even more responsibility for the societal transformation
- While the Nordic countries are similar in many ways, there have been **significant differences** present when it comes to handling the Corona crisis. We can learn from each other
- There were many calls for **increasing the collaboration** across the Nordic countries and with the rest of Europe

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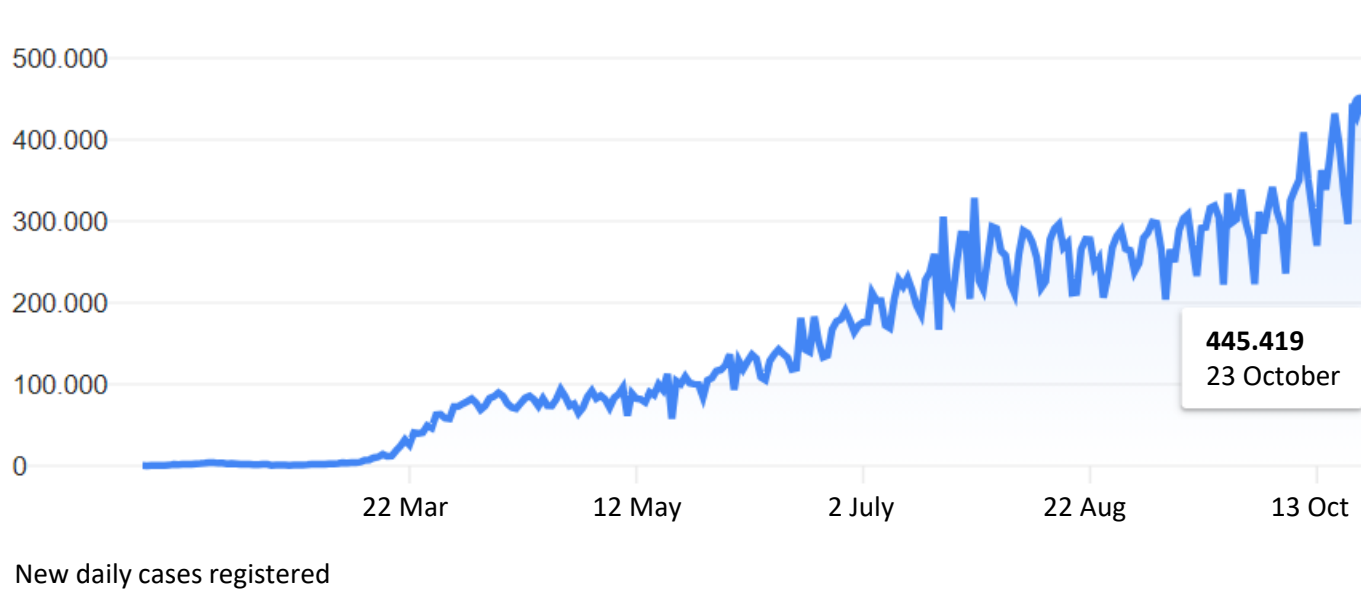
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## PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST WEBINAR

- 08:30 AM** Welcome and presentation by Gunnar Bovim – What happens in the Nordic countries right now
- 08:40 AM** Presentation by Jean-Pierre Bourguignon – The EU research funding landscape now and in the future
- 08:55 AM** Facilitated panel discussion
- 09:15 AM** Group discussions I – Discussion of the “AS-IS” situation within the group topic
- 09:45 AM** Break
- 09:50 AM** Brief report from the groups
- 10:00 AM** Group discussions II – “TO-BE” analysis – What do we need to change?
- 10:40 AM** Brief report from the groups – The most important points/learnings in plenary
- 10:55 AM** Conclusions and preparations before the final webinar by Gunnar

## DEVELOPMENT IN NEW CORONA CASES – WORLDWIDE



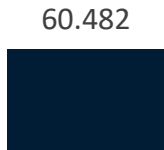
**Total cases registered worldwide per 23 October: 43,000,000**

**Total deaths registered worldwide per 23 October: 1,150,000**

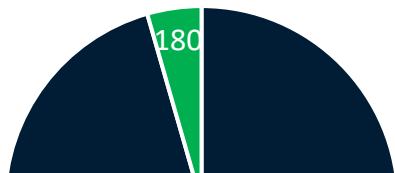
# TIMELINE – NORWAY

(POPULATION: 5,43 MIO)

## Study seats in Norway



## National R&D budget (mil. Euro)



2,000

500

1000

10

<p><b>Health Authorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 in 5 companies have received financial aid in 2020 – 60,900 companies have used the refusion/furlough schemes (<a href="#">link</a>)</li><li>- Government has launched a “statistical bank” showing amount of stimulus received and government spending (<a href="#">link</a>)</li></ul>	<p><b>Private sector:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Increase in the national funding for research and development by 2 bil. Nkr. (<a href="#">link</a>)</li><li>- Private companies are applying for R&amp;D funding at unprecedented levels <i>due to</i> the Corona crisis (<a href="#">link</a>)</li></ul>	<p><b>Universities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For the university and university college sector an additional 4,000 study places are included, and flexible educations receive a combined grant of 45.7 mio. Nkr. (<a href="#">link</a>)</li></ul>
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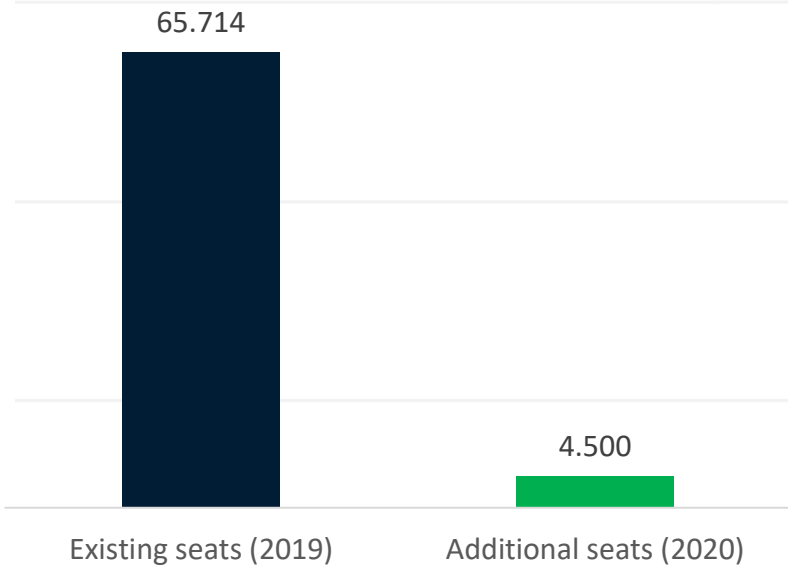
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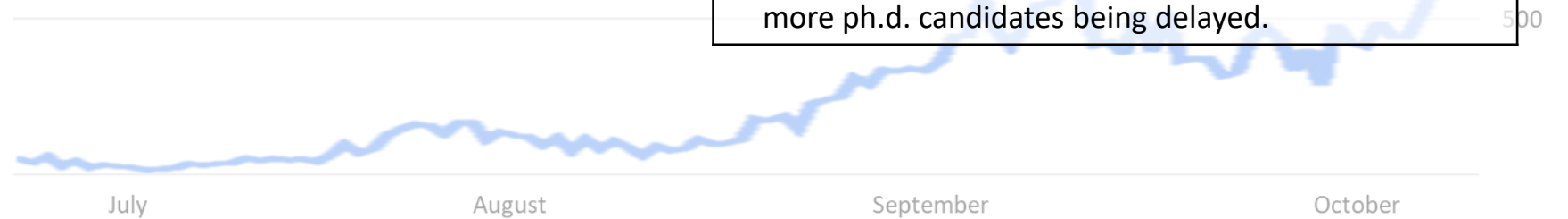
# TIMELINE – DENMARK

(POPULATION: 5,81 MIO)

## Study seats in Denmark



<p><b>Health authorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prolonged restrictions in the wake of second wave – employees are encouraged to work from home (<a href="#">link</a>)</li><li>- Guidelines expanded to include more outside activities and maximum of 10 people.</li></ul>
<p><b>Private sector:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Private companies have regained optimism when it comes to focusing on long-term investments (<a href="#">link</a>)</li><li>- The no. of bankruptcies has been kept at a normal level thanks to the stimulus packages – the hotel and service industry has been severely hit (<a href="#">link</a>)</li></ul>
<p><b>Universities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- More students have applied for universities compared to earlier. No indications of higher dropout rates or lower test results. However, there is a tendency for more ph.d. candidates being delayed.</li></ul>

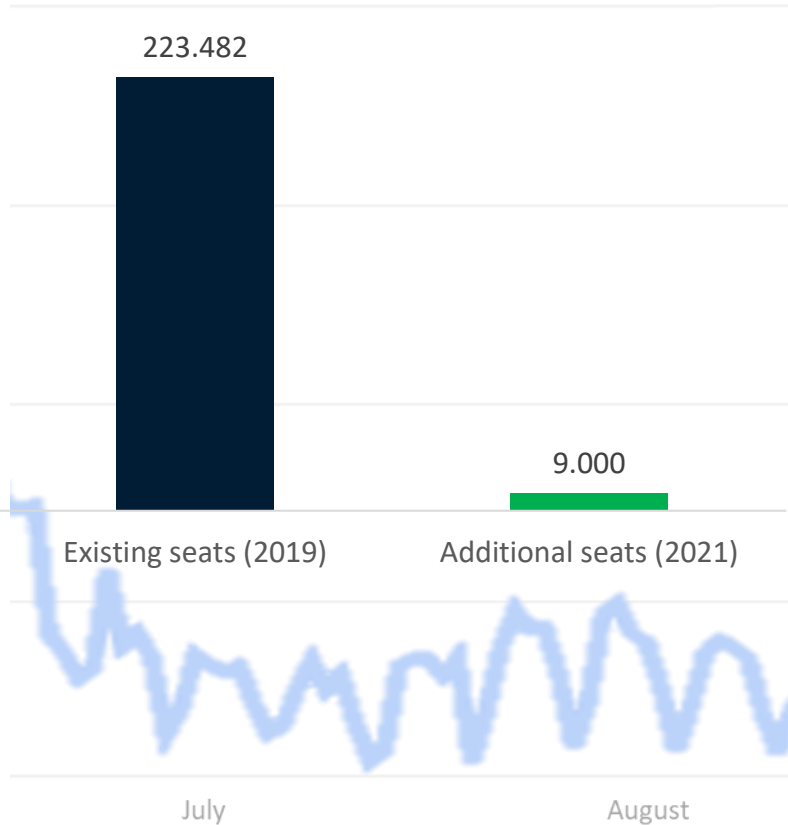




# TIMELINE – SWEDEN

(POPULATION: 10,23 MIO)

## Study seats in Sweden

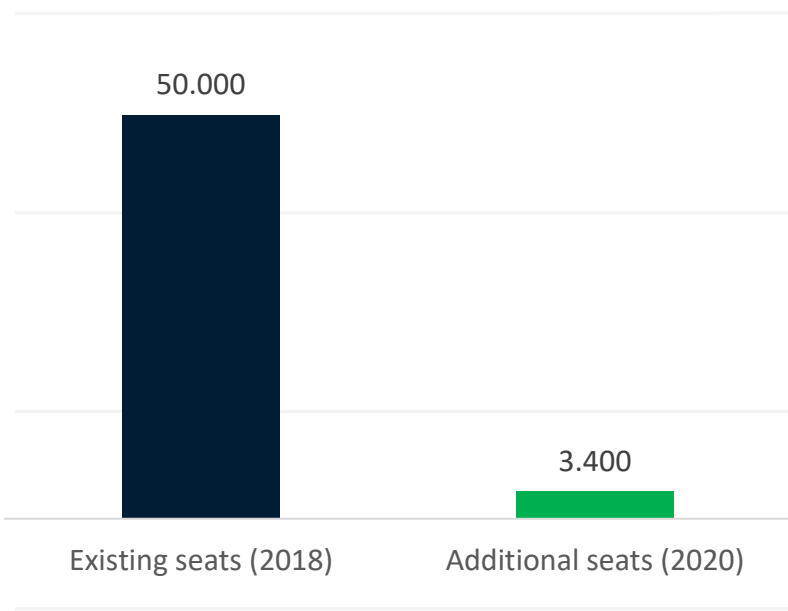


- Health authorities:**
  - Large variations over the country which has led to regional differences in restrictions.
  - Some restrictions from the health authorities have been relaxed, for instance concerning the number of spectators at sports and cultural events.
- Private sector:**
  - Recovery in the business sector continued in August and sales rose by 2 percent compared with the previous month, according to Statistics Sweden’s preliminary sales indicator. ([link](#))
  - The unemployment rate in Sept was 8.3 percent, which is an increase of 2.3 percentage points compared to the corresponding month a year ago.
- Universities:**
  - Expected decline in private research funding for 2021. A lump-sum of 500 MSEK is added to the regular block funding to higher education institutions in the budget bill for 2021.

# TIMELINE – FINLAND

(POPULATION: 5,52 MIO)

## Study seats in Finland



**Health authorities:**

- the Government recommends that employees in the public sector work remotely as extensively as possible – also that private sector employers adopt similar extensive remote work practices until 31 Dec ([link](#))
- The Government’s regional recommendations are divided into three categories based on the development of the epidemic.

**Universities:**

- Thousands more new students will be admitted to colleges next autumn than planned.
- An increase of about 3,400 seats was previously planned. This is being completed, but with an additional budget of EUR 124 million. ([link](#))



## Important points:

- Across the countries, bankruptcies have been kept at a somewhat normal level thanks to the stimulus packages – however, the **hotel and service industries** have been severely hit.
- **Thousands more applicants** to university and university college educations in 2020 due to national borders being closed.
- Heavy increase in public **R&D support/funding** or increased deductible for private companies.

# GROUPS

## **Group 1 – Transition at the universities**

### **Thomas Sinkjær**

Heikki Mannila

Ilkka Turunen

Per Mickwitz

Vidar L. Haanes

Christine Nellemann

Maria Knutson Wedel

Anna Karlsson-Bengtsson

## **Group 2 – The impact agenda**

### **Jan Egebjerg**

Leena Sarvaranta

Svein Berg

Jonas Björck

Pam Fredman

Maria Theresa Norn

Sven Stafström

## **Group 3 – What is the next great challenge after Covid-19?**

### **Karin Kjær Madsen**

Ingrid Petersson

Hanne Leth Andersen

Jussi Vauhkonen

Svein Richard Brandtzæg

Sylvia Schwaag Serger

## **Group 4 – Horizon Europe - Working with societal missions**

### **Eva Camerer**

Bjarke Lind

Lia Leffland

Eskild Holm Nielsen

Håkon Haugli

Hallgrímur Jónasson

## **Group 5 – Horizon Europe – Shifting the balance**

### **John-Arne Røttingen**

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon

Madeleine Drielsma

Kim Brinckmann

Arne Flåøyen

Berglind Hallgrimsdottir

## **Group 6 – The current transition in the private sector**

### **Rebekka Borsch**

Juan Farré

Kirsti Vilén

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**Advice to ourselves, our system and politicians**

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