

4. MSc education

Background: NOVA UN supports master level courses specifically in the areas where the Nordic cooperation has particularly added value.

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility | Funding |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOVA will announce one call for proposals for NOVA Intensive Master Courses (NIMC) in the spring 2014 and 2015 NOVA will continue supporting the mobility of NOVA Master students (NOVA guarantee). | Secretariat | According to the Board decision on the budget for 2014 |

5. NOVA Student Board

Background: The NOVA student board works towards the goals of NOVA UN and contributes actively to the NOVA Board by bringing the students' perspective to the table.

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility | Funding |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giving financial support (for maximum of two live meetings per year) NSB accounting Maintaining contact and communication between NSB and other NOVA entities | NOVA Secretariat NSB Board, Secretariat, Board | 7 000 € |

6. Cooperation with the BOVA University Network

Background: During the strategic period of 2014–2017 NOVA will prioritize BOVA as a partner for cooperation. NOVA member institutions will receive BOVA students to their courses, and will encourage NOVA students to attend BOVA courses. The cooperation with BOVA will follow the agreement signed in May 2012 (which is to be renewed in 2015).

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOVA Board and BOVA representatives joint meeting will take place in 2014 as a video meeting NOVA PhD courses are promoted to be held at BOVA institutions A joint report of results from the NOVA/BOVA collaboration will be prepared annually Coordinating the schedules of NOVA and BOVA PhD courses so that courses of similar topics won't overlap. | NOVA and BOVA secretariat BOVA secretariat* NOVA and BOVA secretariat, Nordplus-coordinator Local coordinators, central coordinators of NOVA and BOVA |

*According to the cooperation agreement of NOVA and BOVA, in case of a NOVA course held in a BOVA member institute, BOVA host will participate in the course arrangements.

7. Annual strategy seminar

Background: Once a year, a strategy seminar will be arranged. Participants shall be the Board members, local NOVA coordinators, the Nordplus coordinator and representatives of the NVOA student board. The purpose of the seminar will be to examine how well the goals have been met and prepare an activity plan for two year period at a time (next activity plan will be prepared in 2015, for the years 2016-2017).

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility | Funding |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing the strategy seminar, to be held in autumn 2014 and 2015 | EC, Secretariat, hosting institution | 10 000 € |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a follow up of the activities and strategy implementation | Secretariat | |

8 NOVA statutes

Background: The NOVA statutes are from 1995 and in need of thorough revision.

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Preparing the new statutes during the strategic period 2014-2017 | EC, Secretariat, Board |

9 External funding

Background: NOVA UN activities should be increased by external funding. External funding possibilities will be investigated.

| Measures to be taken | Responsibility |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A task force will be formed to explore external funding possibilities | Secretariat, Board |