

Regional Co-operation in the Nordic Countries

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WHY?

To maximise the return on the
Nordic investment in forest research

*"The more we work together ...,
the happier we will be!"*

WHY *NOT* ?

The more we work together ...,
the costlier it will be!

We confront a dual challenge

- To maximise scientific gains
- To minimise *additional* costs

The solution we are about to introduce:

Virtual Centres of Advanced Research
(CARs)

A Centre of Advanced Research

- is a *network* of Nordic groups of scientists
- has a *specified core* in terms of *scientific subject matter and leadership*
- carries out the research in a *decentralised* manner
- progresses by way of *planning processes* among the CAR partners themselves
- is *funded* primarily by the participants
- has a duration of 4-5 yrs., then evaluated

So – what is the big deal?

How does the CAR concept differ from

(a) EU Integrated Projects (IP)

(b) COST actions

(c) EU Networks of Excellence (NoE) ?

	Delive- rables	Manage -ment	Funding
CAR	Knowledge	Overall Mngmnt. & Co-ord.	Of man- agement & coord. only
IP	---"---	---"---	Percentage of total costs
COST	---"---	Co- ordination	Reimburse- ment of joint meeting costs
NoE	Structuring of how research is carried out	Overall Manage- ment	Grant for integration

