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| **Purpose of the group** | The group is needed for sharing experiences, skills, coordination, work routines, and the usage of each other's resources. Another thing is that this gives the Nordic countries a better position towards actors from other countries in this area |
| **Reporting for 2017/2018** |
| **Progress compared to last year*** **Please inform also how the strategic goals of the Nordic Cooperation Strategy have been implemented**
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| The WG International Services had a common booth on FIG WW 2017 through Kartverket/Lantmäteriet and made a common presentation there on how the Nordic countries work together. Also on the World Bank Land and Poverty conference both 2017 and 2018 Kartverket and Lantmäteriet had common presentations. Finland (Maanmittauslaitos) and Sweden (Lantmäteriet) made an agreement about International Services 2014 and in 2016 a similar agreement was made between Norway (Kartverket) and Finland (Lantmäteriet). Now the WG International Services is working with a draft of a new agreement about International Services with all the Nordic countries.The planning of a common Nordic Mentor program for the International Services is going on.When it comes to the six common strategic goals within the Nordic Cooperation the WG International Services would summarize the implementation like this:Goal number 1. Needs of society - present needs and future trends* First, we should realize the needs of our society and where it is heading. With a clear view of needs and trends our organization leaders can have well founded discussion with stakeholders and end users or our data and services
	+ This is something what Kartverket and Lantmäteriet discuss on regular meetings about what is going on in development projects and what common activities, trends and needs there are in future projects in development countries.

Goal number 2. Positioning of the NMCAs’ role in the future society* Based on needs and trends we can find out the best position/role of the NMCA’s in our future society.
	+ Shared competence and use of each other's resources to become stronger within International Services is something that the WG International Services work with.

Goal number 3. Future services and data solutions* When our role is clear we can develop and work with the right deliverables, solutions, services etc.
	+ Good and actual information sharing with each other’s within the WG International Services.

Goal number 4. Efficient organizations* To succeed our organizations, should work efficiently in today’s competitive environment.
	+ The idea to have an agreement within the Nordic countries about International Services is crucial to get success within International Services.

Goal number 5. Shared competences* In our specialized world we need to cooperate and share knowledge and resources where feasible.
	+ Formal and informal Meetings within the WG International Services will help to share the competence. Also, a common Mentor Program is a good way to share competence and knowledge.

Goal number 6. Cooperation in the international arena* The Nordic NMCAs are stronger together in the international arena and can specialize and share workload.
	+ Examples are common activities within FIG and World Bank conferences.
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| **Tasks/ activities for 2018-2020** |
| 1. **Common Mentor Program with start 2018-2019. Maria Lodin and Peter Wasström are responsible. Goal number 5 and 6, by sharing competence and to get stronger on the international arena.**
2. **FIG 2018. Kartverket and Lantmäteriet had a common booth at FIG in Istanbul in May. Elena Busch and Peter Wasström was responsible for the booth. Goal number 2 and 6, by getting a better position in the future and joint international activities.**
3. **World Bank Conference 2018. Maria Lodin and Kent Nilsson are responsible. Goal number 2 and 6, by getting a better position in the future and joint international activities.**
4. **One-day seminar “Land and Development” in 2019 in junction with the WPLA Workshop 2019 in Norway. Elena Busch. Goal number 1, 2 and 6, by having international actors, development agencies and ministries more involved in the activities within the WG International Services.**
5. **A Framework Agreement for the Nordic NMCA’s development work within International Services signed in 2018-2019. The work has started and will be discussed on next meeting. Maria Lodin and Peter Wasström. Goal number 1-6, by getting a more efficient cooperation on the international are.**
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| **Planned meetings for the next year** |
| **Skype meeting16th of August 2018.** |
| **Coordination with other working groups** |
| Within the Common Mentor Program there is a need to have a coordination with the WG Competence and Governance. |
| Tasks or Consequences for another Nordic WG/Network |
| The “Mentor program” has a connection to all the other working groups and that the “Mentor program” will have positive effects to all other working groups.In the other parts of the work that will be done in the WG International Services there is not any direct connection to the other working groups. Although the work that is done in the other working groups about strategies and knowledge are very important issues for the WG International Services when it comes to work with beneficiary organizations in the international projects |
| Future strategy of the group - 2 years view |
| **Future priorities** | A strategic document with work plan has been used since summer of 2016. This is a living document which is updated and will give relevant tasks for the future work in the working group for International Services. |
| Anything else you would like to tell? |
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