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## NMKL Annual Report 2025

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## OBJECTIVE

NMKL is linked to, and funded by, the Nordic Council of Ministers EK-FJLS Food (500 000 DKK/ Year), to support reaching strategic goals such as a green Nordic region with sustainable consumption.

NMKL was established in 1947 with the purpose of ensuring that reliable analytical methods and procedures for food, feed and water are available for the Nordic countries and conveyed to private and official laboratories in line and in dialogue with competent authorities. NMKL has expanded to involve the whole Nordic-Baltic region with the purpose of 1) being a network for knowledge sharing and collaboration between official and private food laboratories and food safety authorities in the Nordic-Baltic region, 2) providing reliable, suitable, well-documented, and effective methods and procedures for the analysis of food, feed and water in

line with international regulations, 3) offering courses in relevant topics, 4) ensuring safe rapid kits for food, feed and water testing by NordVal certification according to EU legislation and international rules, and 5) promoting Nordic-Baltic interests in related topics in international collaborations.

The NMKL secretariat is hosted by the Institute of Marine Research (Org. No. 971 349 077), in Bergen, Norway since Nov 2020. Eystein Oveland is the Executive Director supported by the Administrative Assistant Veslemøy Villanger. NMKL had 77 dedicated members from Nordic and Baltic countries and extends to stakeholders world-wide through international networks.

About NMKL:

<https://www.nmkl.org/about-nmkl>

## DELIVERABLES

**Projects.** The NMKL workplan 2025 presented to EK-FJLS Food contained different short-term and continuous projects that were addressed in the four NMKL groups: Microbiology (9), Chemistry (9), Sensory (5), NordVal International (6), and intergroup projects (3).

### New publications.

New editions were made and published: [NMKL 71](#) *Salmonella. Detection in foods.*, and [NMKL PROC 11](#) *Procedure for sensory analysis of drinking water*.

Several actual methods and procedures were reassessed and concluded to still be valid whereas withdrawal was done for [NMKL 10](#) *Gravimetric determination of fat in milk*,

*cream and milk powder and milk powder products* and [NMKL PROC 8](#) *Measurement of uncertainty in quantitative microbiological examination of foods* .

No newsletter was published in 2025.

### Dissemination.

NMKL had 21 online subscribers to methods and procedures in addition to single purchase customers and sold 884 methods and 106 procedures counted from unique downloads.

The website nmkl.org had 20 800 unique visitors with 71 000 page views from 140 different countries.

NMKL offered free access to NMKL publication for educational purposes to assist sustainable development and young people in the Nordic-Baltic region, e.g. offered to laboratory technology students at Erhvervsakademi MidtVest (DK).

Experts in NMKL addressed 10-20 queries from stakeholders about analytical methods and procedures, thus striving to be an interconnecting network for food analysts in the industries, the governmental sectors, and scientific disciplines.

**NordVal International certificates.** In 2025 NordVal International certified one additional alternative method (rapid kit) for anal-

ysis Listeria in food matrices and environmental samples ([NordVal 064](#)), and approved renewal of 21 certificates (validity 2 years at a time), holds per date [33 certificates](#), and has 14 new alternative method applications in the certification process.

#### Workshop and courses.

The [NMKL and AOAC EUR Novel Food Symposium 2025](#), initially planned in Helsinki, was changed to digital symposium and successfully held 2-3 June.

The [NMKL General Microbiology Course in Food Analysis](#) planned to take place in Oslo 9 Feb 2026 was unfortunately cancelled due to low number of registered participants.

## MEETINGS AND COLLABORATION

### NMKL meetings and communication

**Å2025.** The NMKL's 79th Annual Meeting 2025 was held 14-16 Sept in Tartu, Estonia as a hybrid meeting. Angela Ivask, Estonian Research Information System, presented Innovative coating materials for antimicrobial purposes.

**Internal meetings.** The NMKL groups and NMKL Board conducted 2 digital meetings, and the NMKL project groups and NordVal International conducted several digital meetings. NMKL members and project members communicate by e-mail and NMKL Intra Teams/SharePoint.

### Collaborating organizations.

Through our [collaborations](#) NMKL was involved in different meeting activities:

**ISO.** NMKL is a liaison organization. An NMKL representative attended the ISO TC 34/SC 9 Microbiology meeting, and NMKL representative attended the ISO/TC 34/SC 9/ WG 3 Method Validation work. ISO SC9 contributed digitally to NMKL Annual Meeting.

**IAM.** The NMKL executive Director attended the digital meetings to prepare and align opinions from the different standardization organizations in food analysis for the CCMAS44.

**CODEX.** NMKL attended the CCMAS44 virtual meeting in May addressing endorsement of (NMKL) methods.

**AOAC Europe.** The NMKL Executive Director is a board member and attended several digital meetings, and common activity on analytical challenges with novel foods.

**MicroVal.** The NMKL executive Director is a member of the MicroVal General Committee (MGC) and participated in digital meetings, and NordVal members attended relevant technical committee presentations.

**FoodBalt 2025.** A brief information slide was presented aimed at strengthening our collaboration with the Baltic countries.

**Nordic Council of Ministers.** NMKL, represented by the Executive Director, presented NMKL work plan digitally to the

Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) EK-FJLS Food section contributing to the Nordic cooperation MR-FJLS 2025-30.

**EPLO-IRIDE.** NMKL, represented by the Executive Director and the NMKL Lithuanian national contact point member, presented in the International Conference on

major public risks, focusing on effective regulatory supervision, Vilnius.

**Mikroseminar.** NMKL, represented by the Executive Director, presented to the Microbiology seminar in Lørenskog, Norway.

## ACCOUNTS

NMKL reported the accounts for 2025 to the Nordic Council of Ministers 15 February 2026.

The income including DKK 500 000 from NCM was in total DKK 1 201 327, and the expenses were in total DKK 1 009 715, resulting in a positive annual result of DKK 191 612.

The income is used for NMKL project work.