# Summary :NOVIR Steering Group Meeting

Date: February 3rd 2023

Present: Elisabet Sepulveda, Annika Södergren, Elfa Svanhildur Hermannsdóttir, Estella Björnsson, Mika Minkkinen, Kenneth Hartman, Nanna Frørup Mikkelsen, Rune Johnsen, Anne Lise Solstad, Louise Karlsson

## 1.Short summary from last meeting

* The following demarcation for the two new networks was clarified:
* The target groups for the two networks are counselors who work with blind children in primary school.
* ICT: CTs fall into four main categories: computing and information technology, broadcasting, telecommunications and internet.
* Originally, 2 participants per country in each network were discussed. Sweden wants 3 people for the ICT network and 2 people for the Tactile reading and braille network. Some countries may only be able to participate with 1 participant in each network.
* Norway is making a plan for the start-up of the networks, for the meeting in May.
* The topic for the meeting in the steering group in May will be tasks, goals and participants in the various networks.

## 2.Members in Networks:  Each country enrolls members to the various networks. Remember names and email addresses.

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 2.Tactile reading & braille  Members:

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3 Content at [www.novir.net](http://www.novir.net/)   
  
From last meeting:       
 “Nanna joins our next meeting so that the members of the steering group can    
 make suggestions about the content.”   
Nanna informs that the website has now been improved and is now more accessible.

* Suggestions:   
   Members in the Novir Steering group can be updates [in this document](https://statped.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/TEstnovirmalnordsyn/EXaIEpD0f8ZGm1qeJGQg93sBDy4sGB5XNURjAcEU37kZlA?e=LAozw1).
* It should be considered whether Novir's mandate needs to be revised. [About NOVIR](https://www.novir.net/index.php/about-novir/)
* [Members & Contacts](https://www.novir.net/index.php/members-and-contact/) must be reviewed and updated where necessary. Send updated information to Nanna at [f52e@kk.dk](mailto:f52e@kk.dk)
* It is desirable to have a "menu" that makes it possible to publish projects and other academic material.
* At the present time, it is not desirable to publish newsletters from the various countries. This can be assessed again in May, or when the professional networks are up and running, in the autumn of 2023.

 4.Meeting plan 2023

Suggestion;

May: Teams 10 may

September: Teams

Bigger NOVIR-meeting in Norway?   
It was discussed whether there should be a physical "big meeting" in Novir in the autumn of 2023. This is according to the schedule that was previously determined. (a general meeting every three years). However, it was agreed that such a meeting in 2023 is not a priority.

December: Teams

Rune Johnsen/ Anne Lise Solstad, Norway