



NSR 2025

Glostrup 17th to 19th of January



Audience Feedback

Agenda point: Advancing Joint Projects in the Nordic Region

Søren Steensgaard from Denmark delivered a presentation titled: *"Discussion Related to Joint Projects Forward: How Can We Improve Our Service?"*

He proposed enhancing collaboration, building on the success of previous NSR projects. Søren's presentation is available on the NSR website.

Following his presentation, Søren facilitated a discussion among the participants, which resulted in several key proposals. The IR group was tasked with taking these suggestions and creating a framework for how the collaboration could be structured, organized, and implemented.

Key Proposals and Comments

1. Greater Visibility for Lions in the Nordic Region

- **Nina Moilanen (Finland):** Proposed that all Nordic countries adopt and use the "Red Feather" initiative to increase visibility for Lions in the region. She believed this could be implemented without requiring changes to the NSR Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Immediate Action on Collaboration

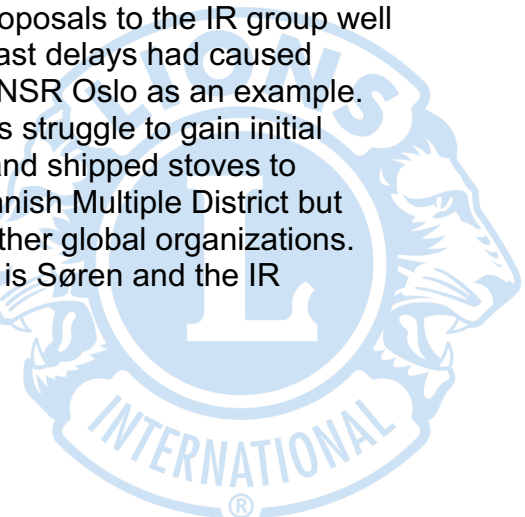
- **Benny Nissen Raun (Denmark):** Supported the idea of increased collaboration within the NSR framework and encouraged immediate implementation.

3. Balancing Existing and New Projects

- **Knud Løkkegaard (Denmark):** Reminded participants of the existing minimum contribution of €1.60 per member for NSR projects and emphasized that new initiatives should not compete with this commitment.

4. Timely Submission of Project Proposals

- **Aarne Kivioja (Finland):** Supported Nina Moilanen's suggestion and highlighted the importance of submitting project proposals to the IR group well in advance of the next NSR. He pointed out that past delays had caused challenges, citing the Swedish project selected at NSR Oslo as an example.
- Aarne also noted that excellent projects sometimes struggle to gain initial support. He mentioned the project that produced and shipped stoves to Ukraine, which initially lacked backing from the Finnish Multiple District but eventually gained support from Lions, LCIF, and other global organizations. He emphasized that if rule changes are needed, it is Søren and the IR Committee's responsibility to present a proposal.





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5. Targeted Projects for Gaza

- **PID Svein Berntsen (Norway):** Supported NSR as a platform for more joint projects and suggested the IR group begin by establishing a project focused on Gaza.
- **Annette Pemmer (Norway):** Also proposed launching a project for Gaza immediately.

6. Bridging Disaster Relief and NSR Projects

- **Tapani Rahko (Finland):** Highlighted the need for projects that fall between disaster relief efforts, like those described by UNICEF, and traditional NSR projects.

7. Utilizing National Funds

- **Sumarlidi Asgeirsson (Iceland):** Suggested that countries make use of their national funds where available to support joint initiatives.

Closing Remarks

Søren concluded the session by assuring participants that the IR group would follow up on the feedback and proposals, presenting a structured plan based on the input received.

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