

Nordplus Higher Education
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The presentation

- Activities
- Budget and administration
- Assessment process
- Programme objectives
- Quality criteria
- The future?



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Activities

Mobility

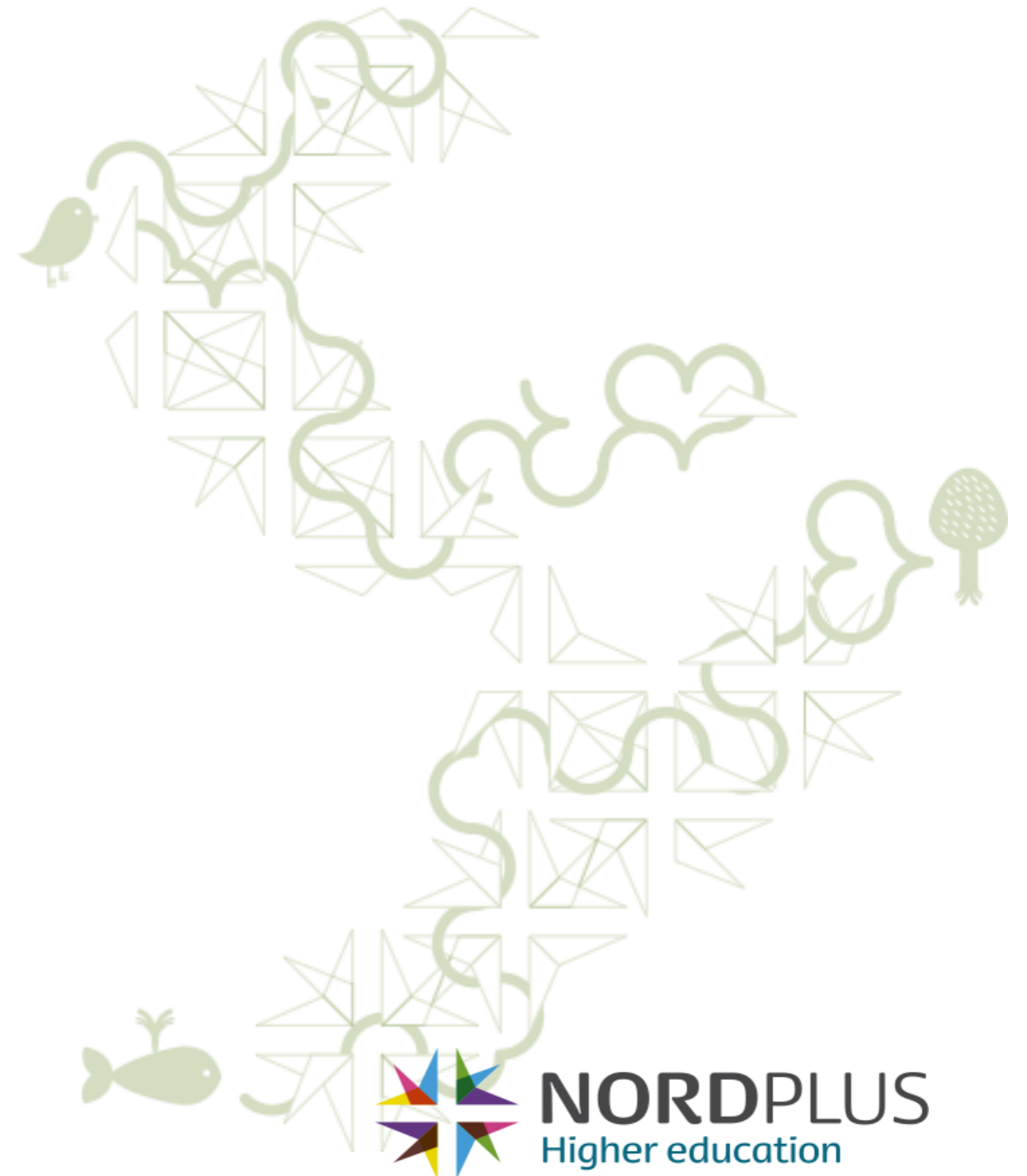
- students
- teachers

Projects

- intensive courses
- joint study programmes
- development projects

Networks

- *meetings*
- *seminars*
- *short visits*
- *dissemination*
- *language training*



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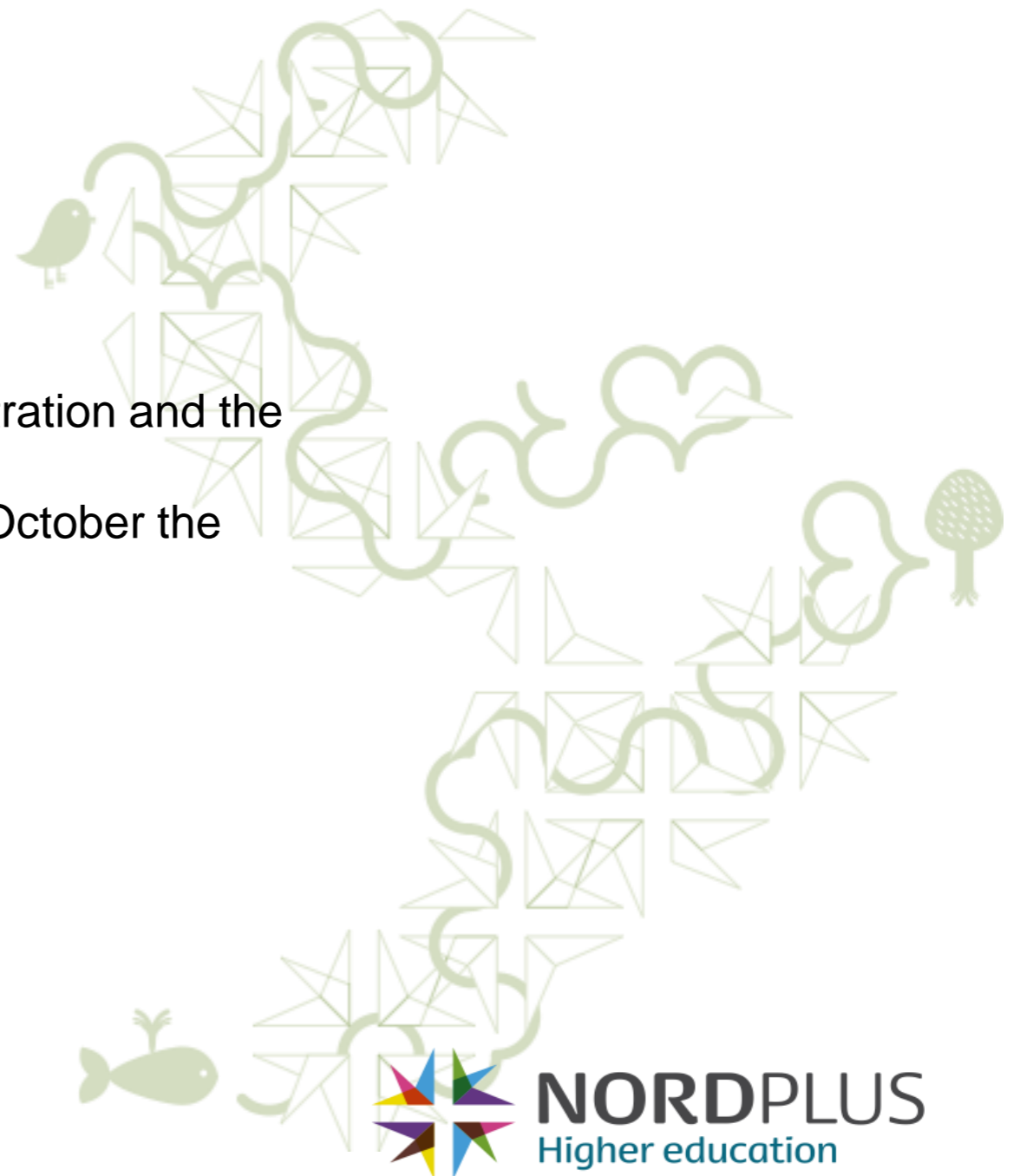
Budget and administration

Budget

- annual budget approx. 4 M€
- 70 % to mobility and 30 % to projects

Administration

- annual application DL 1st of March
- electronic application
- the applications are assessed by the administration and the Programme Committee decided in late May
- contract period starts 15th June and ends 1st October the following year
- final report at the latest 1st November



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Assessment of the Applications – the Process

- Eligible check (CIMO assisted by co-administrators)
- History/past performance (CIMO)
- Quality assessment (CIMO + co-admin.). Two independent evaluators from the administration
- Consensus meeting (CIMO + co-admin). If disagreement -> third evaluator
- Joint proposal presented by CIMO to the Programme Committee (joint committee for all N+ programmes since 2012)
- Committee decision in late May



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Mobility, projects and network for higher education –
Specific objectives and target groups

To link Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in the participating countries, to establish networks for exchanging and disseminating *experiences, best practices and innovative results*

To contribute to cooperation between HEIs and *other institutions or organisations* involved in or having vested interests in the area of higher education

To contribute to cooperation between HEIs and the *labour market*

To facilitate high quality individual *academic or workplace based exchanges* for students and teachers in Nordplus countries



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Quality criteria

Example: intensive course

Relevance (according to Nordplus objectives)

- Rationale and background, current situation, preparatory work, needs analysis
- Concrete aims and objectives, expected change
- LO of the course
- Integration in the curricula
- Innovative elements

Organisation and implementation

- Main pedagogical and didactical approaches
- Ways of assessing the intended LOs
- Work Programme (at least tentative)
- Division of tasks and responsibilities, competences and complementarities
- Monitoring and evaluation (participant and project level)

Dissemination

- Envisaged outputs (materials, reports, exercises, multimedia products)
- Follow-up activities (also outside the network)
- Spin-offs

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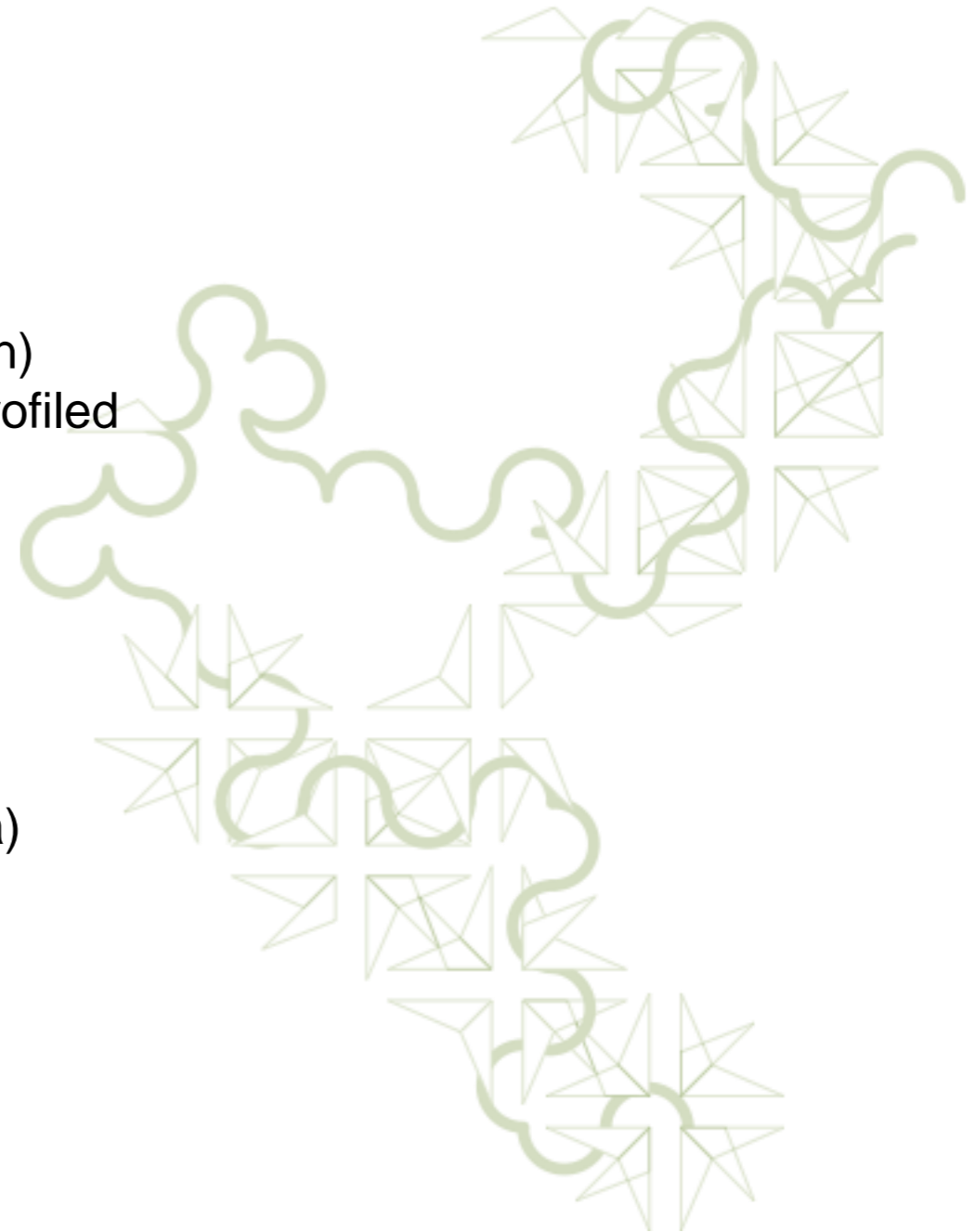
The future?

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- No decisions yet
- Nordplus programme period ends in 2016
- The programme is being evaluated (narrow evaluation)
- Erasmus + has an impact: Nordplus supplementary/profiled
- Discussion: the role of mobility in N+?

Nordic Master

- No final decisions yet
- Supports Nordic joint programmes on master level
- CIMO the main administrator from 1st August 2014
- Funding for 3 programmes (about 200 000 €/consortia)
- Funds mainly for mobility?
- First call in the beginning of 2015



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