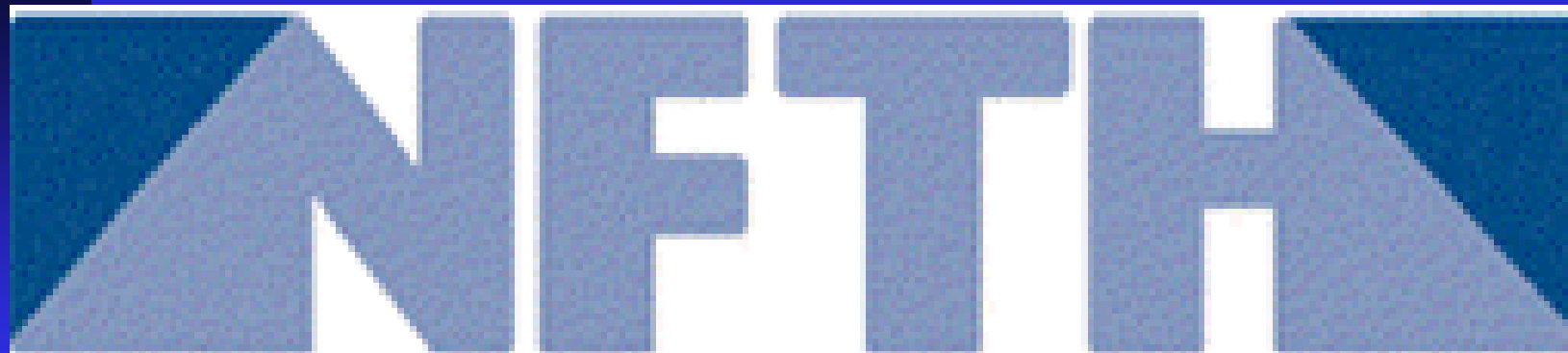


The Nordic Forum for Telecommunication and Disability (NFTH)



NFTH - purpose

- ◆ to deal with relevant areas of telecommunication that concern disabled people
- ◆ to support efforts in the Nordic countries to integrate disabled people into society

NFTH - tasks

- Activities with a common Nordic relevance
- Tasks where joint efforts can have a lasting, significant impact

NFTH - tasks

- To produce recommendations and guidelines, which deal with
 - ◆ existing problems
 - ◆ problems expected to arise

NFTH - organization

Established in 1987 by The Nordic Cooperation on Disability (NSH) under the Nordic Council of Ministers.

From 2007 a project under NUH

NFTH - organization

The Nordic countries represented in NFTH:

- ◆ Denmark
- ◆ Finland
- ◆ Greenland
- ◆ Iceland
- ◆ Norway
- ◆ Sweden

NFTH organization

A representative (more or less on equal terms) is appointed by:

- ◆ the predominant national telecommunication company
- ◆ the Ministry of Social Affairs
- ◆ the Ministry of Telecommunication

NFTH - organization

Meetings

- ◆ Twice a year
- ◆ Meetings shifting between the countries
- ◆ National user representatives invited

NFTH - organization

Conferences

- ◆ In connection with each meeting
- ◆ Arranged by host country
- ◆ Subjects of common interest
- ◆ Speakers and guests from outside NFTH

NFTH workingprocedure (1)

A typical example:

- The topic is discussed at a NFTH meeting
- A structure of the document is worked out
- The document is filled in with information from the different countries
- The document is discussed at a NFTH meeting and is completed....

NFTH workingprocedure (2)

- The document is sent into hearing with the relevant user organizations.
- Comments from the hearing is discussed at a NFTH meeting.
- Relevant comments are added to the document.
- The document is published at NFTH website

NFTH - funding

- NFTH secretariat is paid by NUH
- Each member organization pays own representative costs

NFTH – products (examples)

- Regulation and financing of telecommunications services
- Mobile telephony for people with disabilities - A guide to choosing a mobile phone
- Nordic Guide to Text Telephony
- NFTH newsletter

NFTH – ongoing tasks

- Updating of the documents:
 - ◆ Overview Telecommunication in the Nordic countries for people with disabilities
 - ◆ Regulation and financing of telecommunications services
 - ◆ Telecommunication legalisation

NFTH – upcoming tasks

Document about problems concerning disabled persons possibilities for sending and receiving alarm signals.

Nordic guide about IP-telephony

All publications can be
downloaded from

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Thank you for listening...

