NorduGrid traces its history back to May 2001, when NORDUnet funded a project aiming to build a Grid infrastructure suitable for production-level research tasks. To meet the specific needs of the Nordic computing resource owners, the project came up with an original middleware architecture and implementation, which allowed to set up the infrastructure in May 2002. Since its first release, the ARC middleware is deployed and being used in production environments by ever growing multidisciplinary user group.