Welcome



The Nordic Region 27 million inhabitants Greenland

One of the strongest economies in the world

High level of education

Innovative power – creativity

Welfare – fair distribution

More than 200 years of peace between the

countries







Finland

Council or Council of Ministers?

- The Nordic Council is the forum for cooperation between Nordic parliamentarians.
- The Nordic Council of Ministers is the formal forum for co-operation between the Nordic governments.





Nordic Council of Ministers 1971



Nordic Council of Ministers

Prime ministers

Ministers for Nordic Co-operation

Presiding country (rotates)

Secretary General: Karen Ellemann





Our vision 2030

A green Nordic region

Together, we will promote a green transition of our societies and work towards carbon neutrality and a sustainable circular and bio-based economy.

A competitive Nordic region

Together, we will promote green growth in the Nordic region based on knowledge, innovation, mobility and digital integration.

The Nordic region will become the most sustainable and integrated region in the world

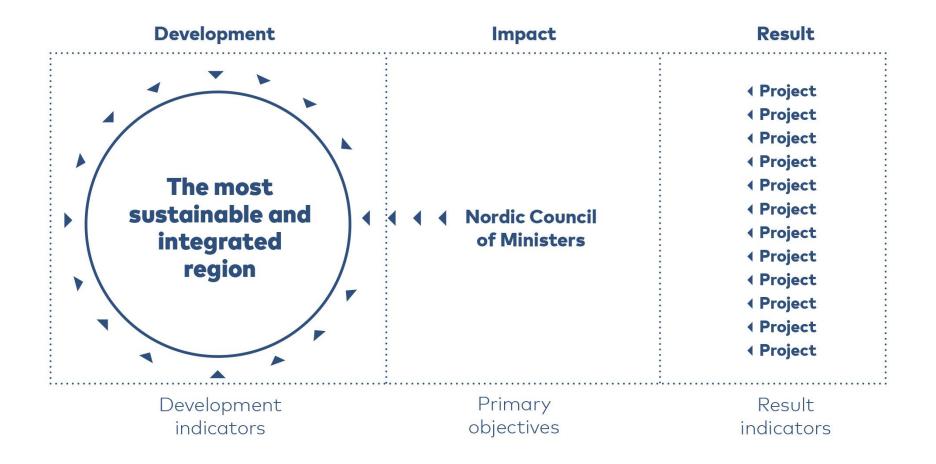
A socially sustainable

Nordic region

Together, we will promote an inclusive, equal and interconnected region with shared values and strengthened cultural exchange and welfare.



Following up efforts relating to the vision





Nordic indicators for Our Vision 2030

A Green Nordic Region

- Fighting climate change
- Sustainable energy
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Life on land
- Life in the sea



A Competitive Nordic Region

- Good education for all
- Decent working conditions and sustainable economic growth
- Sustainable industry, innovation, infrastructure
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Freedom of movement

A Socially Sustainable Nordic Region

- Good health and well-being
- Gender equality
- Reduced inequality
- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Strong cultural scene





The Nordic Council of Ministers consists of the Ministers for Nordic Co-operation, eleven ministerial councils covering different sectors. They are supported by 16 committees of senior officials.

















The Secretary General is responsible for the day-to-day running of inter-governmental co-operation.

12 Nordic institutions and three Baltic offices

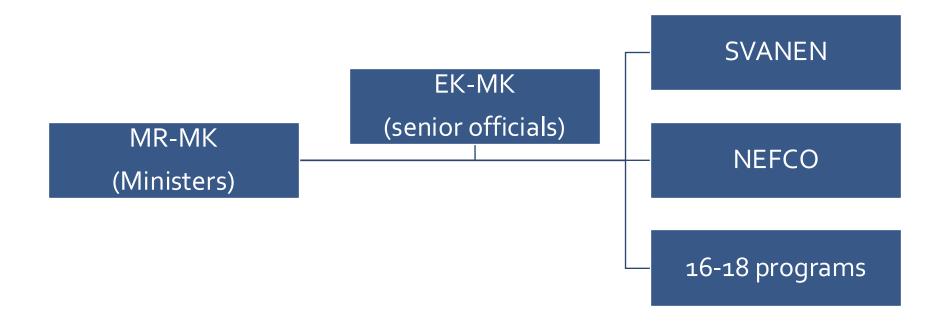
Nordic Council of Ministers



Environment & Climate (MK) sector

- two ministerial meetings and four senior officials meeting per yer

Ownership – guidance – decision making – strategic partners





New Cooperation Program(s) 2025-2030 (www.norden.org)



Overall guidance

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New Cooperation Program 2025-2030 Environment & climate

(https://pub.norden.org/politiknord 2024-725/)



Operational guidance

- Environmental, strategic guidance
- Political guidance
- "Nordisk nytte" Nordic (added) value
- Previous work and good experiences



Environmental guidance (baseline)

— https://www.norden.org/da/node/81716

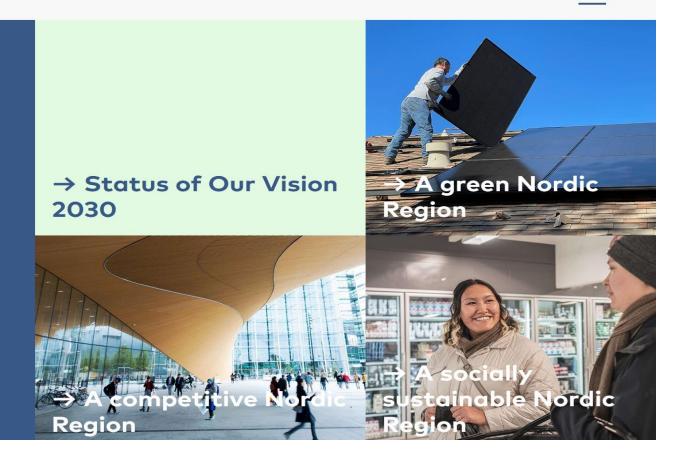


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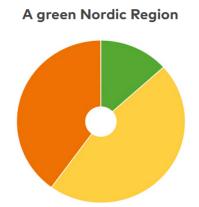
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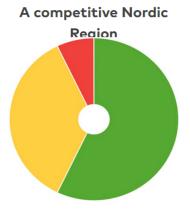
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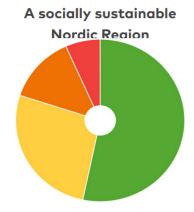
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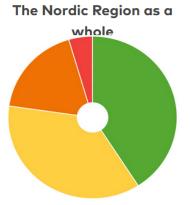


Baseline on the 3 strategic parameters





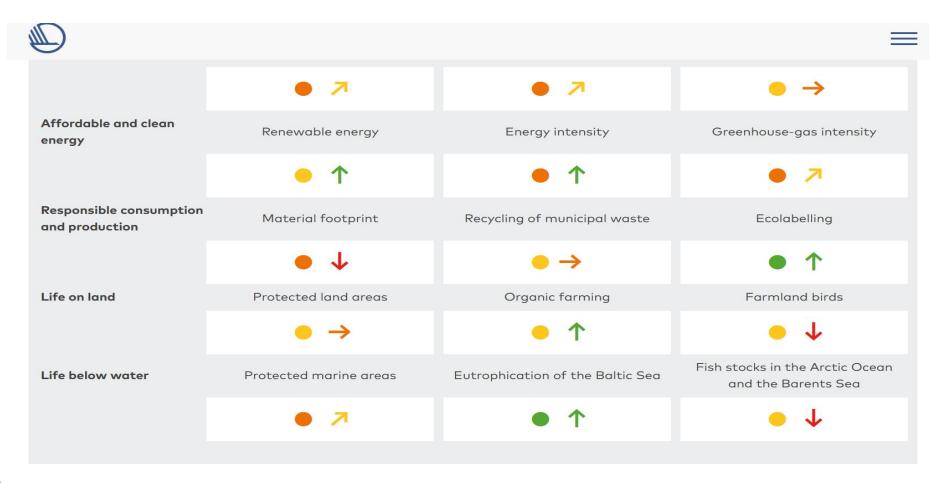




Green Ambitions achieved
 Yellow Still some challenges
 Orange Still significant challenges
 Red Still major challenges



A green Nordic Region





More specific, common Nordic challenges and opportunities

Climate change: All to become climate neutral by 20235-2050, but

- Transport
- Buildings (construction)
- Agriculture and forests (landuse)
- Consumption based / per capita generated emissions

Nature/Biodiversity: All to preserve 30 % wild nature by 20230, but

- Where (at sea and land)?
- Common, interconnected/cross-border nature areas?
- Area planning and monitoring (data-sharing, managing multiple interests)
- Nature restoration techniques (at sea, coastal areas, on land..)
- Private sector engagement?

Environment: Improvements, but remaining challenges on

- New chemicals (PFAS)
- Plastics
- Waste management (waste crime, hazardous waste management and monitoring)
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Increasing the circularity of the Nordic countries

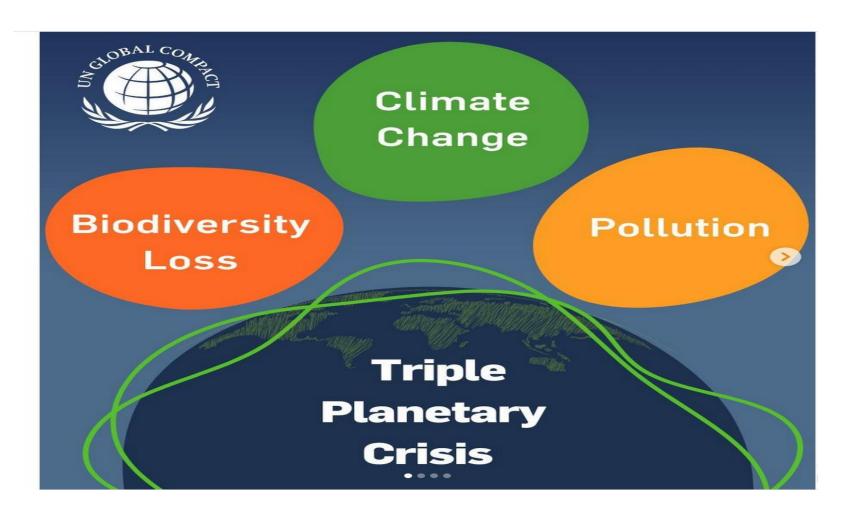
Political guidance (ministers)

- The latest on COP28: https://niva.org/norden-news-entries/our-commitment-to-co-operation-on-climate-and-environmental-issues-extends-far-beyond-our-own-borders/
- Nordic ministerial declaration on the call for a global agreement to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics: https://www.norden.org/en/declaration/nordic-ministerial-declaration-need-new-global-agreement-prevent-marine-plastic-litter
- Nordic Ministerial Declaration on Nordic Leadership in Making the Nordic and Greater Baltic Sea Area
 Sustainable Cruise Destinations: https://www.norden.org/en/declaration/cleaner-cruises-through-more-shore-power-nordic-leadership-making-nordic-and-greater
- Ministerdeklaration om naturbaserade lösningar: https://www.norden.org/sv/node/76373 og https://www.norden.org/sv/news/framgang-nordens-linje-pa-cop15-nya-fn-avtalet-stodjer-naturbaserade-losningar
- Grøn skibsfart: https://www.norden.org/da/declaration/erklaering-om-udledningsfri-skibsruter



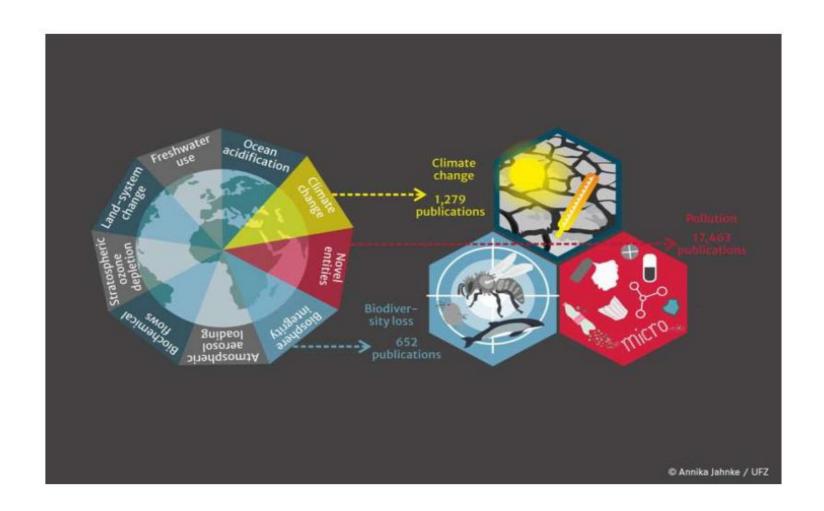
Byggeri: https://www.norden.org/en/declaration/nordic-declaration-low-carbon-construction-and-circular-principles-construction-sector

Strategic guidance: Trippel planetary crisis (UN) – A call for coordination and synergies to tackle multiple crisis





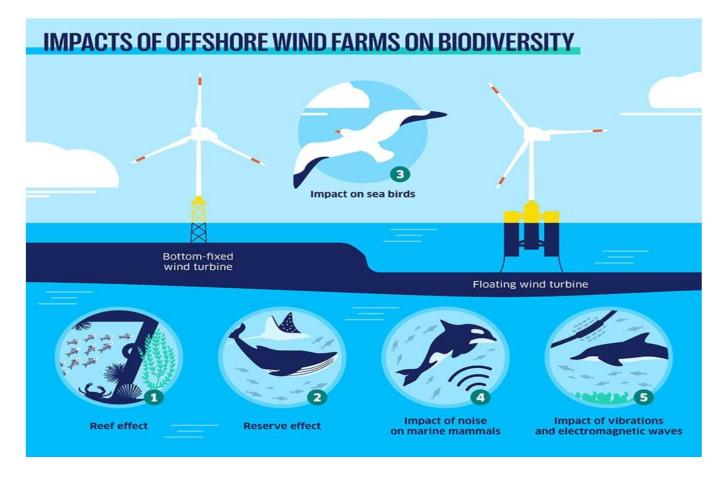
Synergies: Plastics contribute to "trippel planetary crisis" impacts





Synergies: Offshore wind and biodiversity

- balancing nature preservation, fisheries, reneable energy, transportation, tourism....





Nordic Value ("Nordisk Nytte")

- Inter-regional: From common Nordic 🛑 to national value
- **EU-level**: From common Nordic to EU value
- International level: From Nordic common (to international value (UN and regional conventions)

OPERATIONAL: At least 3 of the 5 Nordic countries agree.



Nordic Co-operation Programme for the Environment and Climate 2025–2030

Together for a Green Future in the Nordic Region and the World

- <u>Goal 1</u>: The Nordic Region will be a leading player in the transition to climate neutrality and climate resilience, and it will work towards an ambitious implementation of the long-term goals in the Paris Agreement
- Goal 2: The Nordic Region will reverse biodiversity loss by bolstering and developing its co-operation with actors within the business and industry sector, civil society and academia
- Goal 3: The Nordic countries will reduce their ecological footprint through a circular economy and by contributing towards the reduction of harmful chemicals and pollutants both globally and locally



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Working Plan 2025-2027 - 16-18 programs

- Green shipping corridors in the Nordic region
- Sustainable cargo transportation
- Increased electrification of road transportation
- Nature based solutions
- Nordic cooperation on implementation of New Nature Agreement (CBD/Kunming-Montreal)
- Nordic program on Climate & Air pollution
- Circular Economy (including textiles & waste management
- The Nordics against plastic pollution (international & regional)

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Working Plan 2025-2027 - 16-18 programs (part II)

- Chemicals program
- Sustainable Oceans program
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Environmental economy program
- Nordic cooperation on CCUS/BECCS
- [The Built Environment]
- [Engagement of the private sector]
- [Smaller communities' engagement in the green transition (SSG)]

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A few more project/programs

- A support program to engage the **youth in biodiversity and climate activities** (ungdomsfond/-pulje) 2024-2026
- Nordic Coastal Cleanup (NCC) is a unique collaborative project involving eight Nordic organizations
- Elderly and climate change



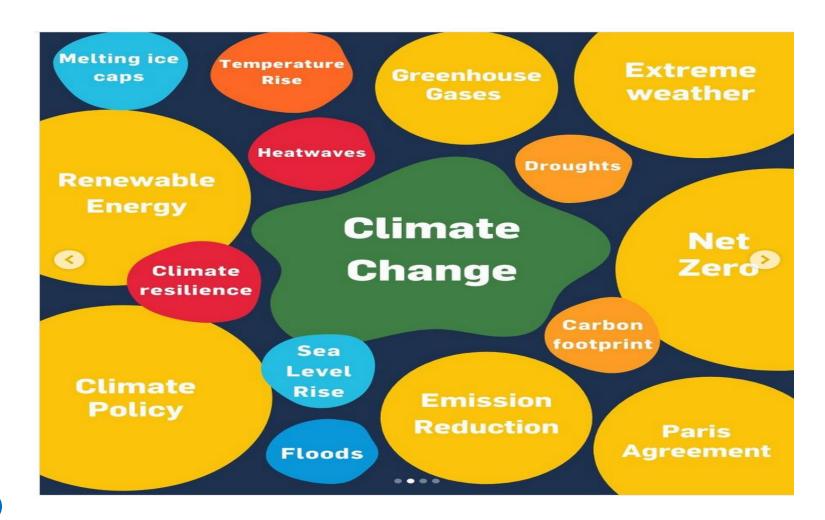


Pollution



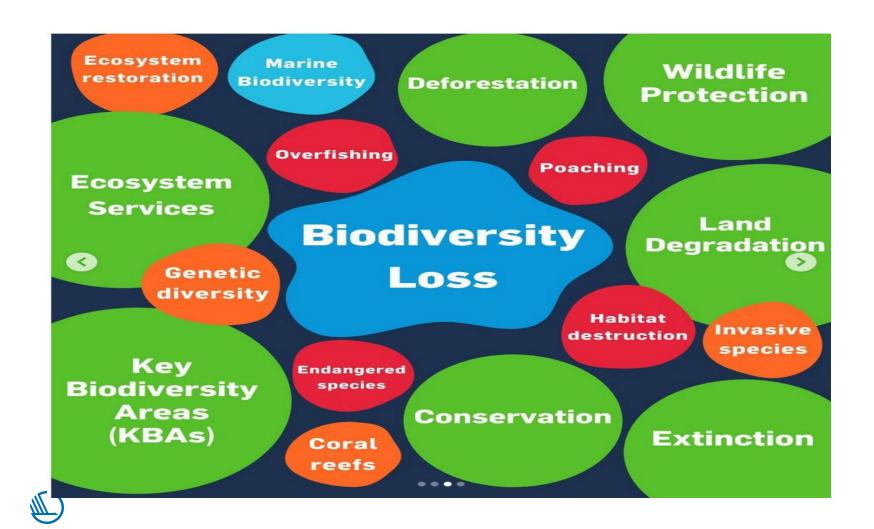


Climate change (mitigation & adaptation)





Nature/Biodiversity loss



Interpretations



