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Nordic Council of Ministers in brief

• Established 1971
• The official body of intergovernmental collaboration in the Nordic region
• Prime ministers hold the overall responsibility for Nordic collaboration, also specifically appointed ministers for Nordic collaboration in each government
• Annual budget of appr. 132 million euros (2022)
• 11 Ministerial Councils ( + ad hoc on digital matters)
• Education is a central area of collaboration with long traditions
• Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark
The Nordic region

- Five countries and three autonomous areas
- 27 million inhabitants
- 10. - 12. biggest economy in the world
- High level of education
- Wellfare societies
- The most integrated region in the world
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.

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

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

A socially sustainable Nordic region
Together, we will promote an inclusive, equal and interconnected region with shared values and strengthened cultural exchange and welfare.
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
Nordic Statistics Database

- More than 200 matrices
- 19 different subjects
- 1 of them education

www.nordicstatistics.org
Nordic collaboration for quality education

Overall focus
• Good lifelong learning
• Active collaboration and mobility in the region
• Wellbeing of children and youth
• Equality and inclusion

Strategic investments on
• Digital literacy
• Democratic competencies
• Entrepreneurship and innovation
• Education for sustainable development
• Language competencies
Northern Lights on Civic and Citizenship Education

- A comparative analysis on the Nordic results in ICCS 2009 and 2016 by Nordic scholars together with a British colleague
- With thematic focus on Nordic students’ understandings of citizenship, Nordic principals understandings of the priorities of citizenship education, environmental citizenship education, and inequalities and citizenship education
- Strong common priority on critical and independent thinking
- “Reserved citizens”
- Developing Digital Citizenship
Ongoing work on Nordic level

**Green Nordic Region**
- *Education for Sustainability*, a 4-year project bringing together teacher education institutions, teacher organizations, school principals, municipalities (school owners) and teacher students

**Socially Sustainable Nordic Region**
- Educational collaboration (Nordic and Baltic countries) through Nordplus-programme, highlight on Social Sustainability in 2022 and 2023
- Expert education collaboration on policy level and concrete collaboration initiatives in the field of democracy education, inclusion and cohesion building
• Upcoming Northern Lights on TIMSS – development in mathematics and science
  - teaching methods and use of curricula and evaluation procedures
  - correlation between evaluation and learning development
  - role of digitalization
  - role of different backgrounds in learning
Thank you! Hvala! Tack! Kiitos!

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