

General framework of the Nordic cooperation on disability



Nordens Velfærdscenter



The world's most integrated region in 2030

- 26 million inhabitants
- 5 time zones, common Scandinavian languages
- 200+ years of peace between the countries
- strong economy
- common values

➤ Goal: Through the Nordic cooperation welfare for everybody and democratic participation in society = Nordic added value!



Nordic cooperation

- The Nordic Council – the interparliamentary forum
 - 87 Nordic Members of Parliament from different political groups
 - One main annual session
 - Makes recommendations for the Council of Ministers
 - Accepts the budget for the Council of Ministers
- The Nordic Council of Ministers – the intergovernmental body
 - Decides about the Nordic cooperation and policy





Denmark



Finland



Iceland



Norway



Sweden



The Faroe
Islands



Greenland



Åland

The Nordic Council of Ministers

The Nordic Council of Ministers consists of the ministers for Nordic Co-operation, **10 ministerial councils** covering different sectors and one ad hoc Council of Ministers for Digitalisation. They are supported by 16 committees of senior officials and a high-level group (digitalisation).

Labour

Sustainable
Growth

Fisheries and
Aquaculture,
Agriculture,
Food and Forestry

Gender
Equality

Culture

The Ministers
for Nordic
Co-operation

Legislative
Affairs

Environment
and Climate

Health and
Social Affairs

Education and
Research

Finance

Ad hoc-Council
of Ministers:
-Digitalisation

Secretary General The Nordic Council of Ministers' Secretariat

The **Secretary General** is responsible for the day-to-day running of the intergovernmental co-operation.

12 Nordic institutions and the three Baltic offices

Nordic Institute
for Advanced
Training in
Occupational
Health (NIVA)

Nordic
Innovation

NordGen

Nordic Energy
Research

Nordregio

Nordic Culture
Point

The NMR
office in Estonia

The Nordic House
in Reykjavik
(NOREY)

The NMR
office in Latvia

Nordic House in
the Faroe Islands
(NLH)

The NMR
office in Lithuania

The Nordic
Institute in Åland
(NIPÅ)

The Nordic Institute
in Greenland
(NAPA)

Nordic Welfare
Centre (NVC)

NordForsk

Nordic Welfare Centre

- An institution under the Nordic Council of Ministers
- Offices in Stockholm and Helsinki
- 30 employees



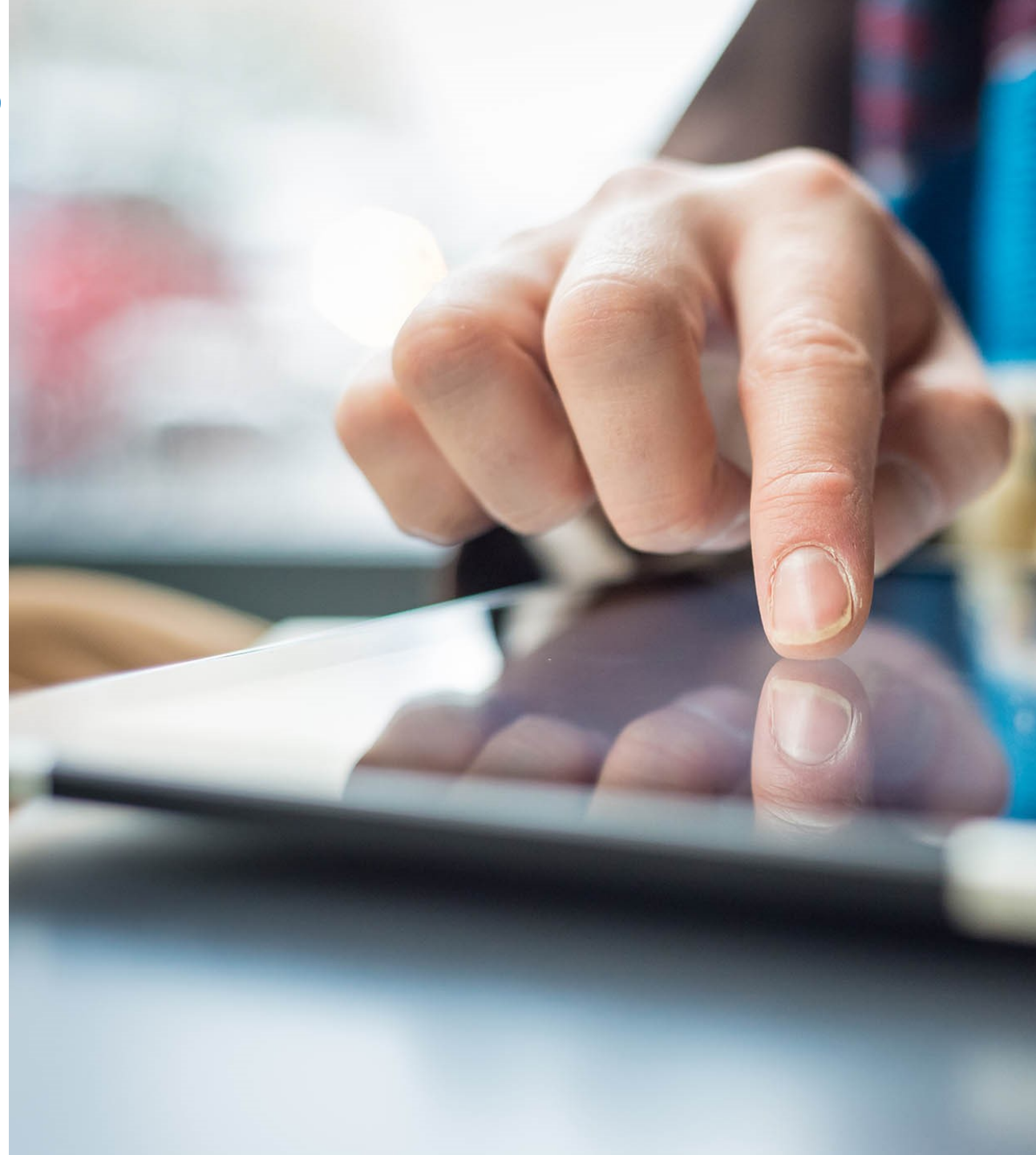
Mission

- To contribute to the development of welfare initiatives in the Nordic region by compiling and disseminating knowledge on welfare issues
- Our target audience includes, among others, politicians, decision makers, and researchers - other experts, also NGOs



How do we operate?

- Seminars and conferences
- Publications
- Networks
- Dissemination and marketing



Focus areas

Welfare policy

Disability issues

Integration

Public health



Three main tools for Nordic cooperation on disability

Nordic Welfare Centre

Nordic Disability Council
mandate: 2018-2022

Action Plan on Nordic
Cooperation on Disability
2018-2022



UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities

- Support, strengthen and monitor national implementation of the UN Convention in the Nordic countries
- Facilitate implementation of the convention, and further overall accessibility



Council for Nordic cooperation on disability

- Advisory role for the Nordic Council of Ministers on issues related to disability
- 16 members, 8 representing the governments and 8 representing the disability organizations from the 5 Nordic countries and 3 autonomous areas.
- Support all sectors
- Monitor the Nordic Council of Ministers' action plan for disability cooperation



Action plan for Nordic cooperation on disability 2018-2022

Human rights

1. How to implement UNCRPD
2. Indigenous people and disabilities
3. Children and young people, school and leisure

Sustainable development

4. Integrating disability in all policy sectors in Nordic Council of Ministers
5. Universal design, inclusion and democracy
6. Inclusion in working life

Freedom of movement

7. To prevent border obstacles
8. Student mobility and disability
9. Planning and designing the inclusive smart city

