

# ***Finnish and Ålandic co-presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2025***

Nordic networking seminar: celebrating results and looking forward

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# THE NORDICS IN 2025: STRONG AND UNITED

- The Nordic Council of Ministers is guided by the prime ministers' shared vision of the Nordic Region as the most sustainable and integrated region in the world by 2030.
- The cross-cutting priority themes for the Presidency are:
  - **social security**, including crisis preparedness and resilience, and
  - **children and young people**



# Social security

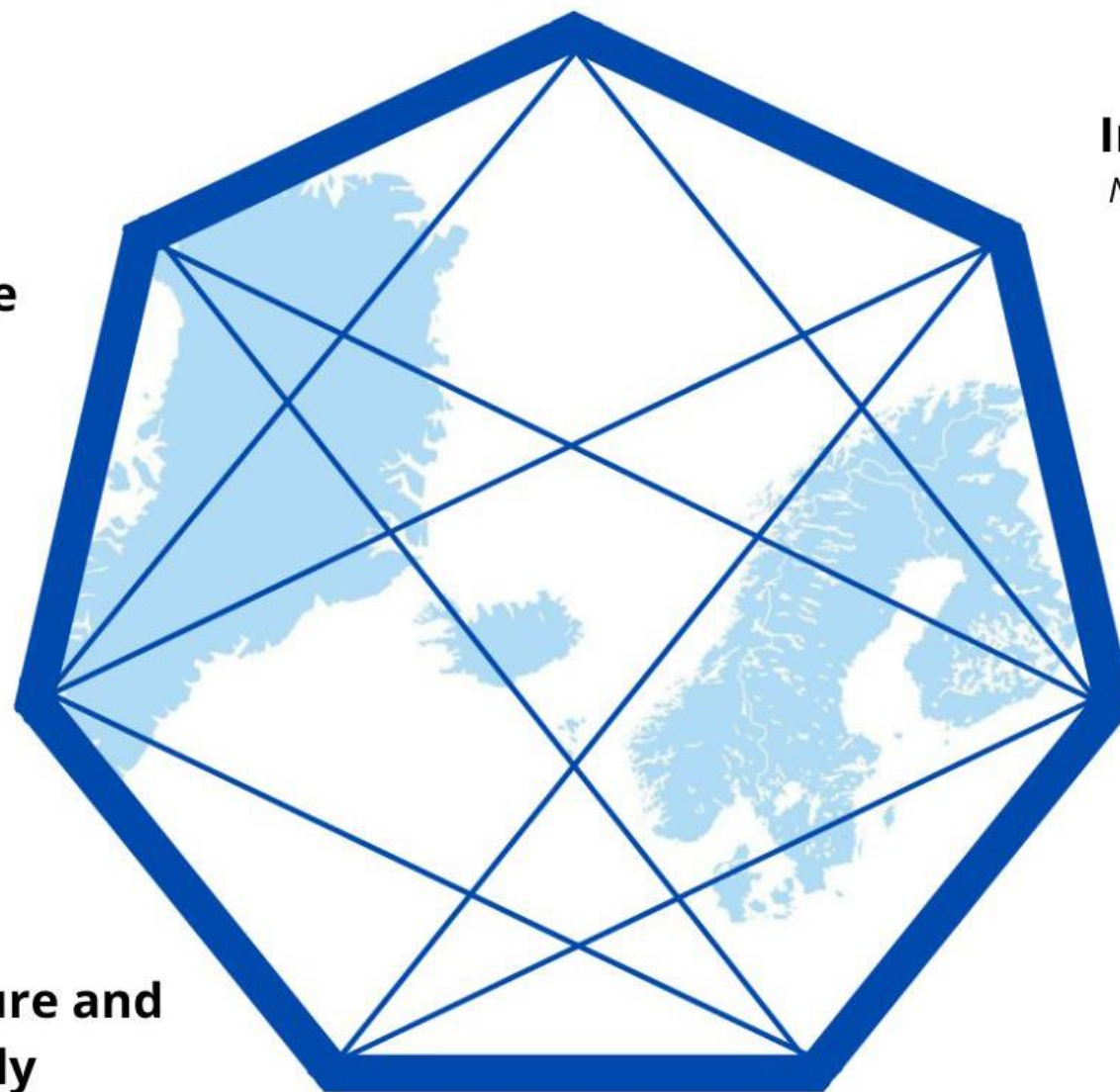


- During the presidency, **efforts relating to preparedness and resilience will be pursued within the various sectors of the Nordic Council of Ministers.**
  - These efforts include skills development, foundation studies, research, and progress towards joint preparedness, such as in the form of risk mapping.
- Finland stresses **the importance of a clear overall picture** to improve preparedness and develop co-operation. The efforts within the Nordic Council of Ministers help to make the Nordic Region as strong, prepared, and resilient as possible.

## Leadership

Prime ministers

Sectoral ministers in respective areas of government



## Psychological resilience

Nordic Council of Ministers:

MR-A, MR-JÄM, MR-K,  
MR-S, MR-U

## Functional capacity of the population and services

Nordic Council of Ministers:

MR-S ink. Svalbardgruppen,  
MR-U, MR-FINANS

## Economy, infrastructure and security of supply

Nordic Council of Ministers:

MR-SAM, MR-E, MR-N, MR-R,  
MR-FJLS, MR-MK, MR-S, MR-FINANS

## International and EU activities

*Nordic foreign and security policy cooperation:*

*Foreign Ministers (N5)*

*(not part of the Council of Ministers)*

## Defence capability

*Nordic defence*

*cooperation: Nordefco*

*(not part of the Council of Ministers)*

## Internal security

Nordic Council of Ministers:

MR-SAM, MR-JUST, MR-S, MR-FINANS, MR-DIGITAL  
*Haga cooperation (not part of the Council of Ministers)*

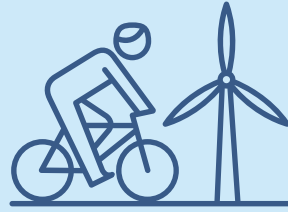
# Children and young people

- During the presidency we pay attention to the realisation of the rights of children and young people and their wellbeing.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child guides the work of the Nordic Council of Ministers
- Children's rights must be protected by putting children's best interests first, which also means strengthening the participation of children and young people



The presidency program is guided by:

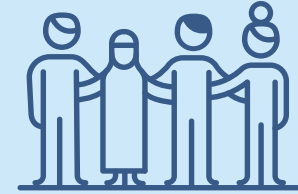
## VISION 2030



A Green Nordic Region



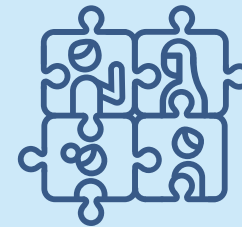
A competitive Nordic Region



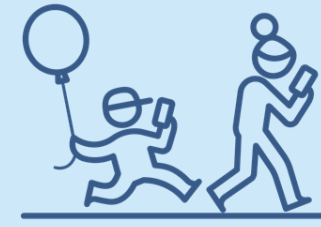
A Socially Sustainable  
Nordic Region

## CO-OPERATION PROGRAMS AND WORKING PLANS FOR THE DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

## COMMON PRIORITIES



Social Security



Children and Young people

# Nordic Co-operation Programme for the Nordic Council of Ministers for Education, Research and Language 2025–2030



- Goal 1: Everyone in the Nordic Region must have access to high-quality education from an early age and through all stages of life, regardless of their background
- Goal 2: Future educational programmes in the Nordic Region must reflect the competency needs of society and the labour market
- Goal 3: Nordic research must be of a high international quality and capable of ensuring good knowledge preparedness and new knowledge within strategically important areas for the Nordic Region
- Goal 4: As a Nordic community, we must preserve and develop our languages and language communities
- Goal 5: The Nordic Region must be developed as an integrated region for education and research

# Themes of Finland's Presidency in the field of education and research

- Strengthening competence and responding to skills shortages
- Strengthening basic skills
- Raising the level of education
- Digital and green expertise
- Training cooperation between language minorities (especially Sámi)



# Events in the field of education and research

- **Nordic language seminar 1.4.2025**
  - impacts and opportunities of language technology on the vitality of Nordic languages and the development of language skills
- **Nordic seminar on inclusion and support for language development in early childhood education and care (April/may)**
- **Conference on media and democracy Education**
  - responding to the challenges of the digital era (autumn)
- **Meeting of experts** to accelerate the green transition, meeting of public officials (October)





Thank you!

Kiitos!

Tack!