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1. We have one of the oldest and most wide-ranging forms of regional political collaboration in the world. It is based on the hypothesis that “together we are stronger”.

2. We are the 12th largest economy in the world. We have successfully adapted our welfare model to operate in an increasingly uncertain global economy.

3. We have an open and free labour market. For the last six decades, our people have enjoyed complete freedom of movement in the region.

4. We accept international responsibility. We are committed to international engagement, working with a wide range of international organisations and with our neighbours, e.g. on combating human trafficking and protecting the environment in the Baltic Sea and in the Arctic.

5. We are highly focused on opportunities for children and young people. For example, we fund their studies at higher education institutions throughout the Nordic region.
We have thriving architecture, film, food, fashion and music scenes that are of great interest to the rest of the world. We want to enhance our visibility and to support Nordic culture both at home and elsewhere in the world, e.g. via the Nordic Council prizes.

We have fantastic and varied natural scenery, habits and resources. We are good at protecting and exploiting these resources, e.g. for sustainable energy, and are world leaders in innovation, working together to find new, smart and bio-economic solutions.

We have one of the most highly educated populations in the world. We are strongly committed to working together on research both within the region and with international partners, e.g. on combating the consequences of climate change.

We share knowledge and experiences, working together to address challenges more effectively. We work on the basis of the “One Health” principle, which transcends national and professional boundaries to combat antibiotic resistance.

We top many international rankings. We lead the world in transparency, trust, the environment, gender equality and happiness.
Nordic co-operation

Nordic co-operation is one of the world’s most extensive forms of regional collaboration, involving Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland.

Nordic co-operation has firm traditions in politics, the economy, and culture. It plays an important role in European and international collaboration, and aims at creating a strong Nordic community in a strong Europe.

Nordic co-operation seeks to safeguard Nordic and regional interests and principles in the global community. Common Nordic values help the region solidify its position as one of the world’s most innovative and competitive.