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# Nordic Council of Ministers – Arctic issues

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# Nordic regional cooperation





# Nordic Council of Ministers

- Official governmental cooperation between the Nordic countries, established in 1971
- The Prime Ministers have the overall responsibility for the cooperation
- Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark with approx. 100 employees
- Annual budget 125 million Euro

# 11 Nordic Councils of Ministers



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- Business, energy, and regional cooperation (MR-NER)
- Environment (MR-M)
- Education and research (MR-U)
- Health and social affairs (MR-S)
- Labour (MR-A)
- Primary sectors (MR-FJLS)
- Finance (MR-FINANS)
- Culture (MR-K)
- Gender equality (MR-JÄM)
- Legislation (MR-LOV)
- Cooperation Ministers (MR-SAM)

# The Arctic



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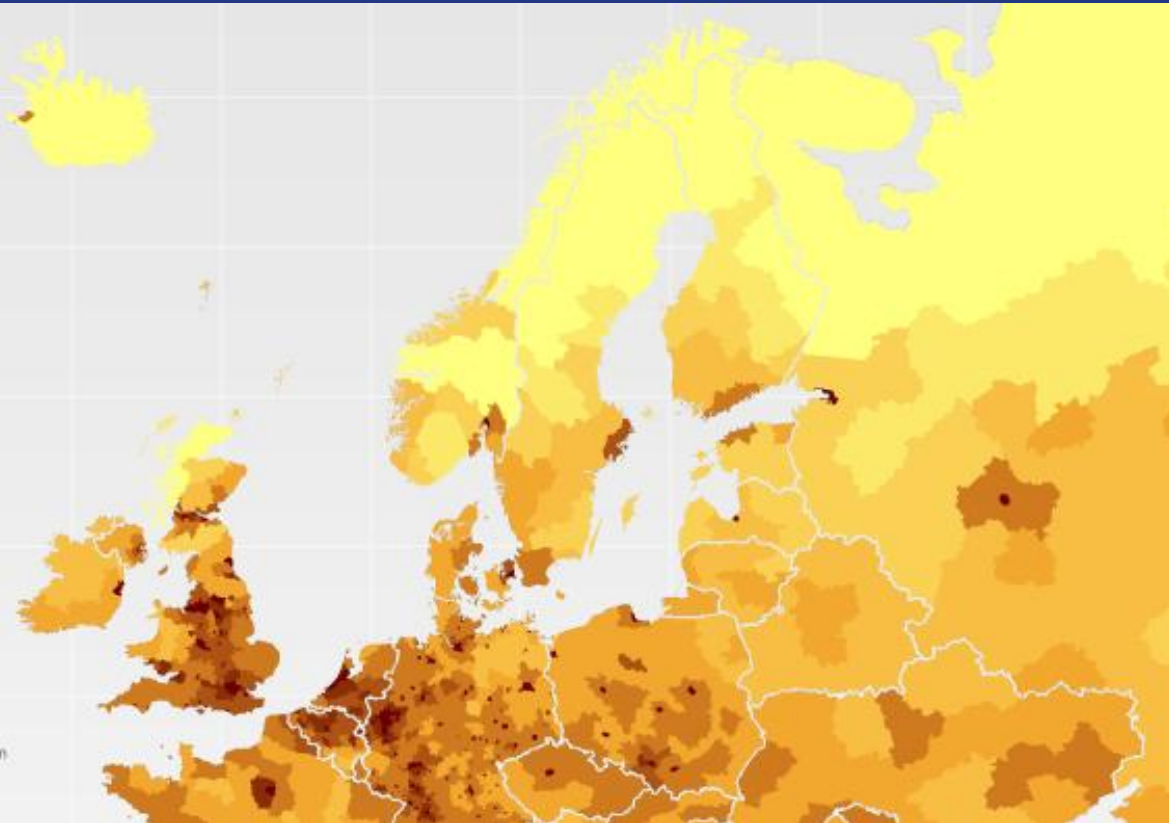
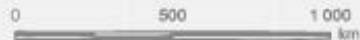
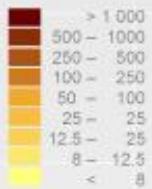
- Saami Council (SC)
- Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)
- Aleut International Association (AIA)
- Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC)
- Gwich'in Council International (GCI)
- Arctic Athabaskan Council (AAC)



# Nordic population

## Population Density

People per square kilometre as of January 2010.  
source: Nordregio



# People are priority





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# Arctic Co-operation Programme 2012-2014



Climate



Education and  
competence  
enhancement



Environment  
and nature



Population



Sustainable industry  
development







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## Top-level Research Initiative

### - a major Nordic venture for climate, energy and the environment

The Top-level Research Initiative (TRI) is the largest joint Nordic research and innovation initiative to date. The initiative aims to involve the very best agencies and institutions in the Nordic region, and promote research and innovation of the highest level, in order to make a Nordic contribution towards solving the global climate crisis.

The Top-level Research Initiative consists of six sub-programmes. Read more about these and the Top-level Research Initiative on these pages!



Effect studies and adaptation to climate change



Interaction between climate change and the cryosphere



Energy efficiency with nanotechnology



Integration of large-scale wind power



Sustainable bio-fuels



CO<sub>2</sub> - capture and storage

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[Projects funded within "Integration of Large-scale Wind Power"](#)  
May 19, 2010

[Seven applications for NCoE proceed to the next stage within "Effect studies and adaptation to climate change"](#)  
May 06, 2010

[Call for tenders on continuous evaluation of the Top-Level Research Initiative](#)  
Mar 04, 2010

# TRI: Cooperation between our best institutions and groups!



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## Today: 27 projects – 700 MNOK (90 MEUR)

- 10 thematic networks gathering more than 100 Nordic universities, institutions, governmental agencies and businesses
- 6 new Nordic Centers of excellence within climate gathering ca. 100 partners from the Arctic countries
- 12 thematic integrated projects where industry, academia and governments work together
- Business affiliation in the programmes on wind, bioenergy and nanotechnology is from 25-50%.

# September 28th 2011 - new MoU with Russia





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