

Nordic cooperation for blue growth



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The Nordic Co-operation

- One of the oldest and most comprehensive regional collaborations in the world
- After WW2, small countries needed to work together
- Nordic Council (1952) – Inter-parliamentary forum
- Nordic Council of Ministers (1971) – Inter-governmental body
- Nordic Culture Fund set up in 1967



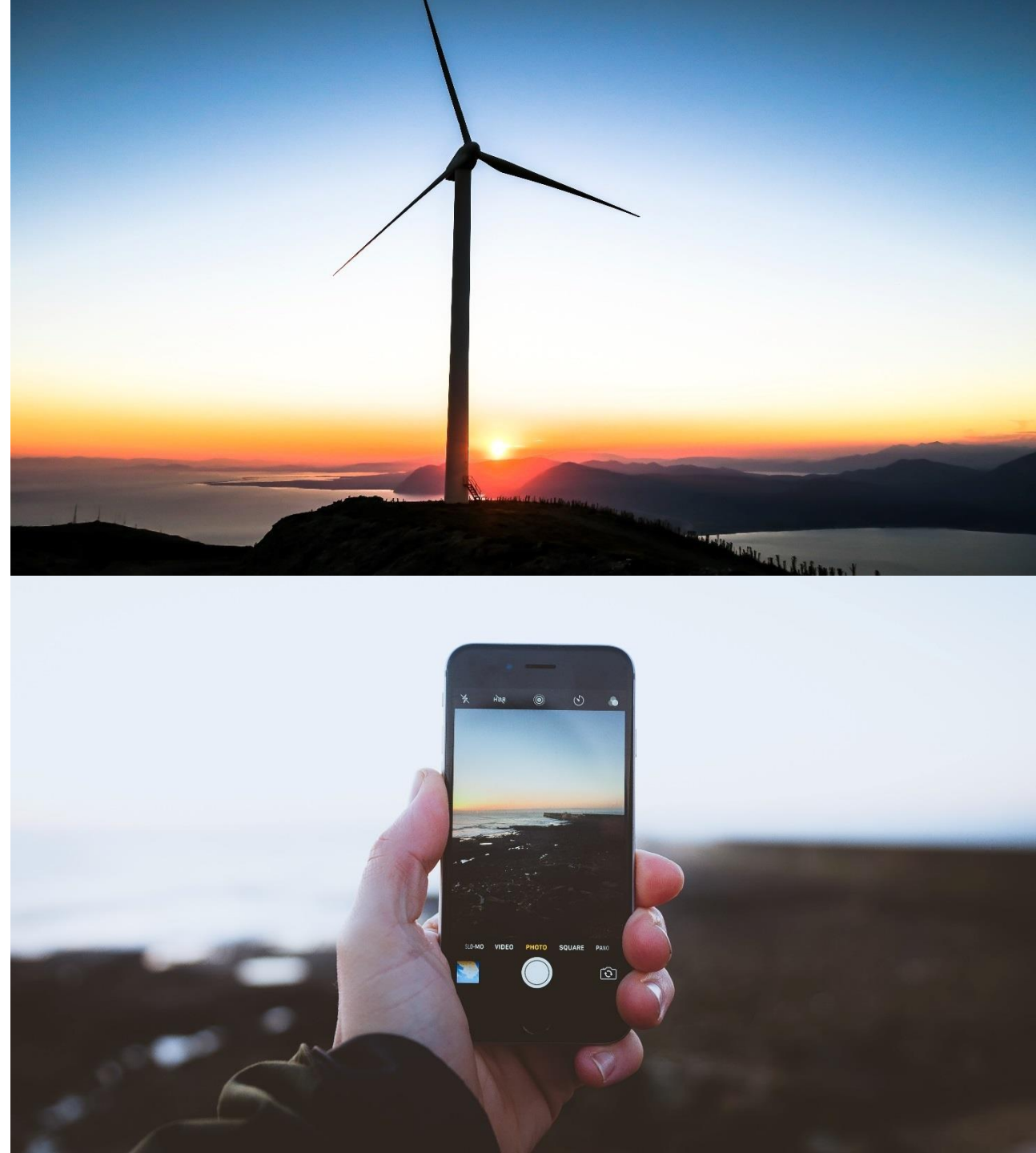
Together we are stronger

- 26 million inhabitants
- One of the strongest economies in the world
- High level of education
- Innovative power – creativity
- Welfare – fair distribution
- 200+ years of peace between the countries



Opportunities

- Cross-sectoral focus: sustainable development, youth, democracy and gender equality
- Growing international interest in the Nordic region.
- Nordic solutions to global challenges are in demand.
- Nordic countries among the most digitalised in the world.
- Great potential to export our expertise.



Look to the oceans

- Rich marine resources
- Important share of European seafood production
- Large exporters to the world market
- Sustainable fisheries
- Advanced aquaculture sector (mostly salmon and trout)
- Many common challenges
- Many common solutions

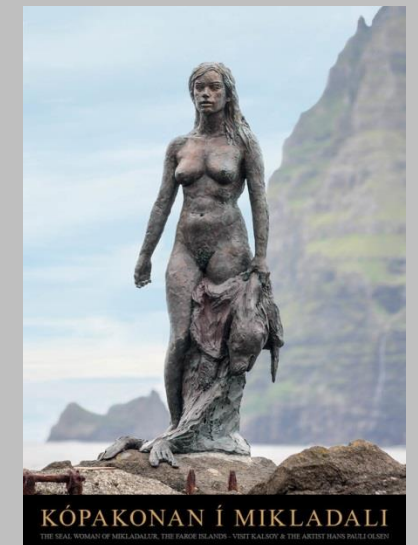


Dedictation to “blue growth”

- Iceland 2014-2016
 - Nordic Bioeconomy Initiative (NordBio)
- Denmark/Faroes/Gr.land 2015-2017
 - Everything ashore
 - Seaweed
 - Blue Fashion Challenge
 - Large Ocean Nation Forum
- Finland 2016-2018
 - Nordic roadmap for blue bioeconomy
- Norway 2017-2019
 - Fisheries crime
 - Clean Nordic Oceans
 - Pacific oysters – invasive species
- Sweden 2018-2020
 - Digitalisation and bioeconomy

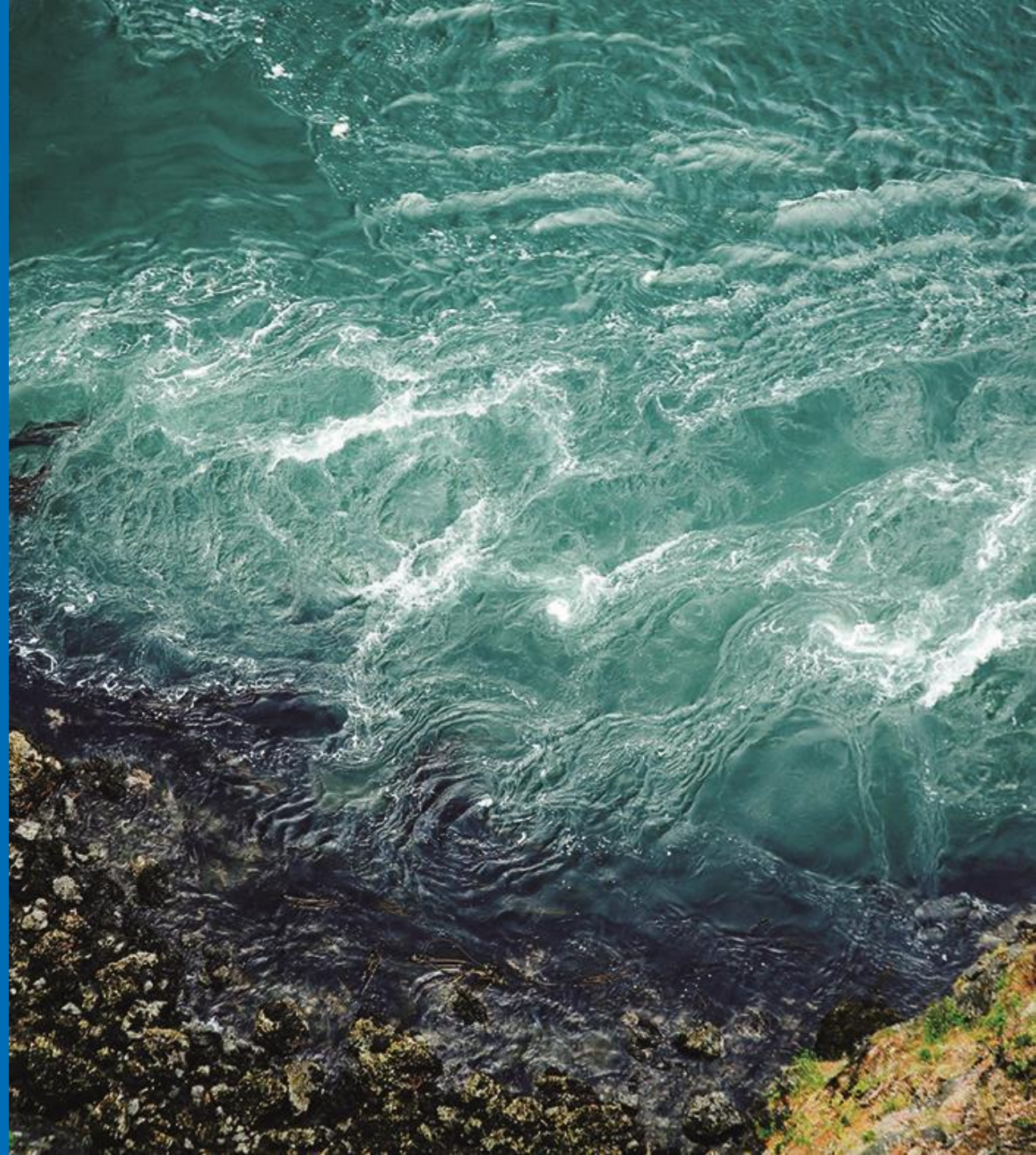


Large Ocean Nations
Forum on Blue Growth
Malta, 2–4 October 2017



Bioeconomy strategies

- Sverige
 - “Swedish Research and Innovation Strategy for a Bio-based Economy” (2012)
- Danmark
 - “Growth Plan for Water, Bio and Environmental Solutions” (2013)
 - “Growth Plan for Food” (2013)
- Finland
 - “The Finnish Bioeconomy Strategy” (2014)
- Vest-Norden
 - “Future Opportunities for Bioeconomy in the West Nordic Countries” (2014)
- Norge
 - “Familiar resources – undreamt possibilities” (2016)
- Norden
 - Bioøkonomiprogram (2018)



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COUNTRIES

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CRITERIA

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STRONGHOLDS

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CASES

NORDIC
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CASES FOR
SUSTAINABLE
CHANGE



**NORDIC
BIOECONOMY
PROGRAMME**

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**ACTION POINTS
FOR SUSTAINABLE
CHANGE**

INNOVATE

ACCELERATE

NETWORK



Continued engagement

- Increased focus on the bioeconomy internationally
- The importance of a new sustainable and innovative blue economy
- The need to solve common challenges in collaboration
- Across countries and sectors
- How can we realise the potential together?



Made by courage
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtlcIfGOWIc>

