

Where should our resources go to fast-track Nordic Arctic development?



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## Scope of the project



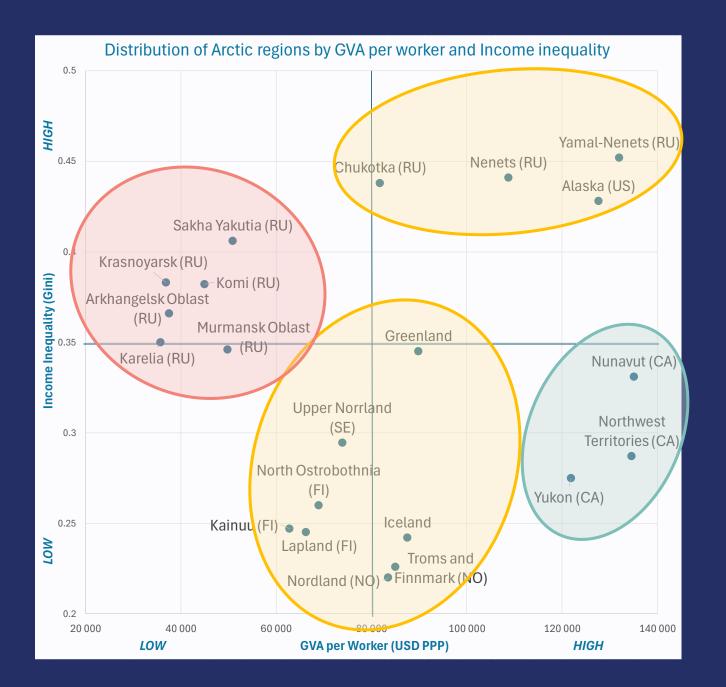
Region	Total change	Above working age	Working age	Below working age
Yukon (CA)	27.2%	10.3%	13.4%	3.4%
Iceland	20.3%	6.1%	13.0%	1.3%
Nunavut (CA)	19.0%	2.3%	11.6%	5.1%
Västerbotten (SE)	6.5%	4.1%	0.3%	2.1%
Troms (NO)	6.0%	5.8%	2.3%	-2.1%
North Ostrobothnia (FI)	4.6%	7.1%	-O.9%	-1.6%
Sakha Yakutia (RU)	4.1%	4.2%	-1.7%	1.6%
Northwest Territories (CA)	3.4%	5.3%	-0.8%	-1.1%
Nordland (NO)	2.2%	5.2%	-0.9%	-2.1%
Alaska (US)	1.5%	5.9%	-3.0%	-1.4%
Finnmark (NO)	0.9%	5.1%	-1.0%	-3.1%
Greenland	0.9%	2.8%	-0.3%	-1.6%
Norrbotten (SE)	0.3%	4.0%	-4.2%	0.4%
Nenets (RU)	-1.7%	4.1%	-5.2%	-0.6%
Yamal-Nenets (RU)	-2.4%	4.8%	-7.8%	0.6%
Krasnoyarsk-North (RU)	-4.0%	2.6%	-6.5%	0.0%
Lapland (FI)	-4.2%	7.1%	-9.5%	-1.7%
Chukotka (RU)	-5.0%	2.6%	-6.1%	-1.4%
Kainuu (FI)	-10.4%	6.2%	-13.7%	-2.9%
Murmansk Oblast (RU)	-17.0%	-0.7%	-16.0%	-0.4%
Karelia (RU)	-17.9%	O.1%	-16.0%	-1.9%
Arkhangelsk Oblast (RU)	-18.5%	-0.2%	-16.4%	-1.9%
Komi (RU)	-19.2%	1.5%	-18.1%	-2.6%

Arctic Demographics 2011-2023

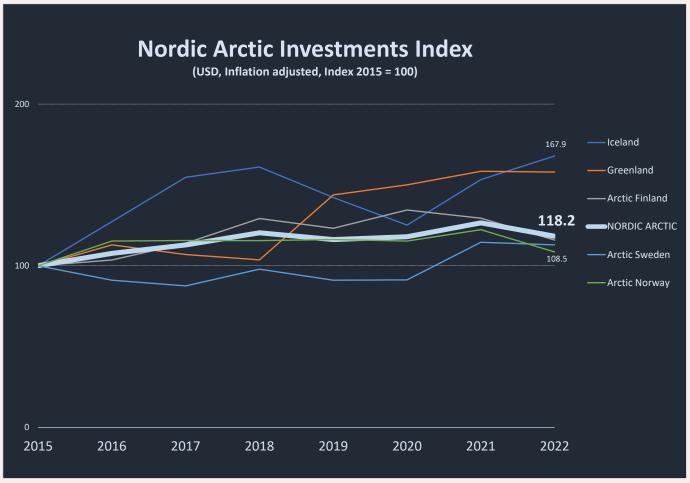
Declining working age population – a risk of negative feedback loop?

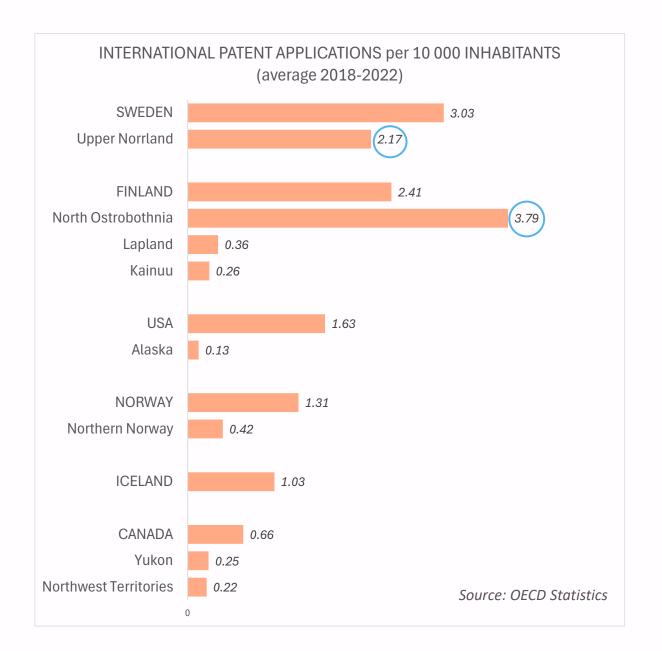
Economic value creation and income inequality:

different profiles









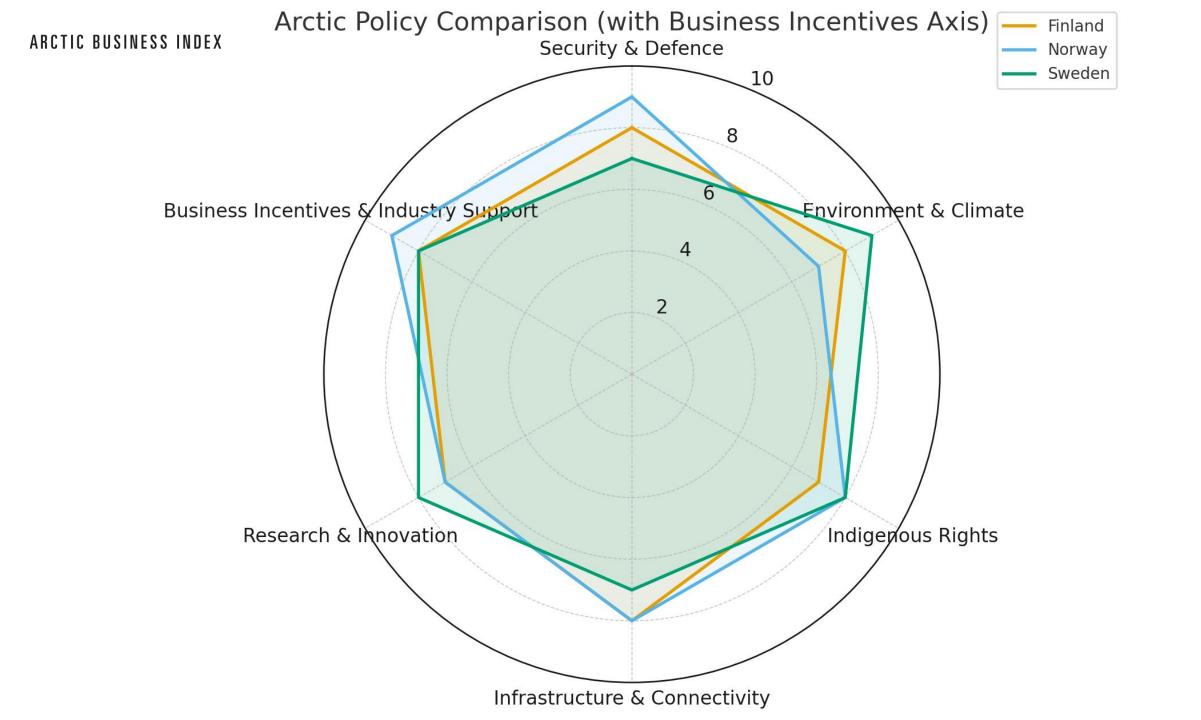
# Relative Lack of Innovations except North Finland and North Sweden

## Arctic Strategies Timeline (2018–2025)

**Arctic** Norway 2025 • Norway in the High North – Arctic Policy for a New Reality Non-Arctic • KOD 2025-2027 Arctic Council Chairship program Kingdom of Denmark (KOD) 2025 Canada 2024 Arctic Foreign Policy The U.S. 2024 Department of Defense Arctic Strategy **Greenland 2024**  Greenland in the World
 – Nothing About Us Without Us Russia 2023 • Amendments to Foundations of the RF State Policy in the Arctic for the Period up to 2035 The U.S. 2022 National Strategy for the Arctic Region India 2022 • India's Arctic Policy - Building a Partnership for Sustainable Development **European Union 2021** • A Stronger EU Engagement for a Peaceful, Sustainable and Prosperous Arctic Iceland 2021 • Iceland's Policy on Matters Concerning the Arctic Region Finland 2021 Finland's Strategy for Arctic Policy • The 14th Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development and Long-Range Objectives China 2021 Sweden 2021 Sweden's Strategy for the Arctic Region Russia 2020 Strategy for Developing the Russian Arctic Zone and Ensuring National Security through 2035 Canada 2019 Arctic and Northern Policy

China 2018

China's Arctic Policy



## Business growth impact potential from Arctic policies

#### Cross Nordic growth sectors

#### **Green transition industries:**

hydrogen, renewables, batteries, green steel.

#### Sustainable resource use:

forestry, aquaculture, mining.

Arctic technologies: coldclimate digital infrastructure, AI, resilient logistics.

**Tourism & culture**: especially tied to Sámi heritage and Arctic landscapes.

Security & defence-linked industries: construction, logistics, and dual-use tech supporting NATO and resilience policies.

#### Norway

#### **Energy & Offshore**

- Oil & gas significant driver in the Barents Sea,
- Windpower
- Data senters

#### **Ocean Economy**

- Aquaculture (ocean and land, marine biotechnology).
- Low-Zero-emission maritime technology (vessels, logistics).
- Ocean surveillance and security

#### **Tourism**

 Arctic, adventure and cultural tourism (especially Sami culture).

### **Construction & Defence-linked** industries

- Infrastructure for dual use, logistics, security installations tied to NATO
- Space through Andøya Space launch pad

Missing: People, resource extraction and access to land for wind power strategies. Stronger University and innovation system

#### Finland

#### **Clean Energy & Green Transition**

- Wind power, solar in Lapland, and hydrogen production for fuel and metals
- Rare earth extraction. Mining and refining of battery minerals (nickel, cobalt, lithium).

#### **Digital & Arctic Technologies**

 Arctic data cables, ICT, smart cold-climate technology, healthscience ict.

#### Forestry & Bioeconomy

 Value-added wood products, sustainable bio-materials, circular bio systems

#### **Tourism & Wellbeing**

• Lapland tourism, year-round Arctic experience industry.

#### **Defence & Resilience industries**

 Logistics, dual-use infrastructure (civil + military).
 Strong infrastructure and local resilience and wellbeeing

Missing: Stronger University systems and commersialisation of health related ICT

#### Sweden

#### Mining & Critical Raw Materials

 Expansion towards emission free iron ore mining (LKAB), rare earths, and other strategic minerals.

#### **Green Industry & Steel**

- Hydrogen reduction green steel.
- Batteries
- Data senters

#### **Space & Research**

 Kiruna's Esrange Space Center, satellite launches, Arctic research hubs.

#### Forestry & Bioeconomy

 Sustainable forestry and biomass industries.

#### **Tourism**

• Eco-tourism, winter tourism, Sámi cultural tourism.

Missing:People. Bridge building efforts between Norway and Finland

## Major drivers across the Nordic northern areas

•Norway The maritime leader: ocean economy & offshore/energy/arctic security.

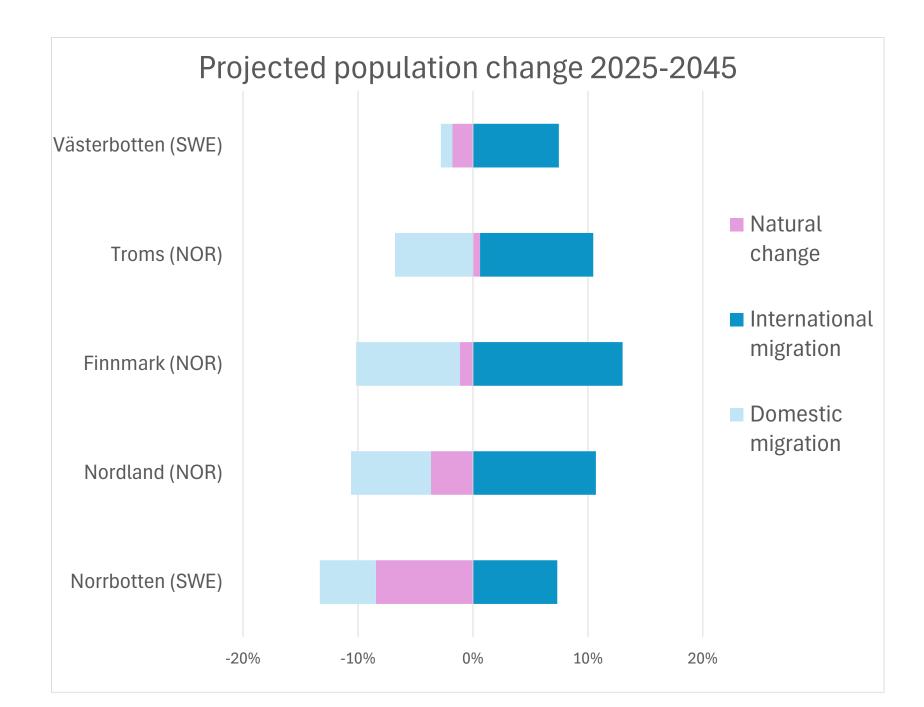
•Finland The technology hub: clean energy, minerals, digital Arctic tech/infrastructure.

•Sweden The green industry spearhead: mining, green steel, batteries, space industry.

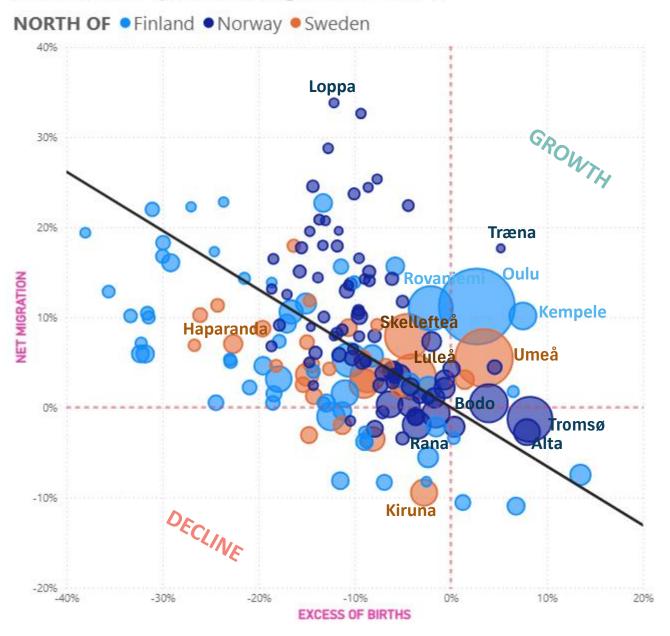
All countries will see **tourism and population-supportive industries** more vital if we can increase attractivity of living in the North.

How to innovate beyond the security and natural resources?





#### Arctic Nordic Population Change, 2025-2045, %





**North-Norway 2040** 

Commuter Society?



North-Norway 2040

Petroleum and Rorbuer?



**North-Norway 2040** 

Raw material supplier 2.0?



North-Norway 2040

Most is North?



## The Nordic Arctic needs a <u>coordinated</u> strategy

People

Energy

Knowledge

Connectivity

Security

How to facilitate for a bottom-up approach?