

Intergovernmental collaboration – the Nordic Council of Ministers



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of Ministers

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The Nordic Council of Ministers (NMR) consists of the Ministers for Nordic co-operation and **12 ministerial councils (MRs)**, which cover different sectors and are supported by 16 committees of senior officials (EK).

The **Secretary General** is responsible for the day-to-day running of the intergovernmental co-operation.

12 Nordic institutions and the three Baltic offices



The Nordic Council of Ministers



Ministerial Council for Digitalisation

8 countries

Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland,
Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden

3 autonomous areas

Faroe Islands, Greenland, Åland

2022: 17,1 MDKK

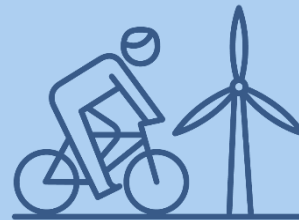
2023: 18,2 MDKK

2024: 19,3 MDKK

1 annual ministerial meeting

3-4 high-level group meetings

12 sector-driven strategic initiatives



Ministerial declaration Digital North 2.0 Priorities 2021-2024

Goal 1

Increasing mobility and integration in the Nordic and Baltic region by building a **common area for digital services**

Goal 2

Promoting sustainable development in the Nordic-Baltic region through data-driven innovation, **data-sharing and open data**

Goal 3

Promoting Nordic leadership in the EU-/EEA and globally on digital transformation of society in a **sustainable and inclusive manner**



Our vision 2030

A **green** Nordic region

Together, we will promote a green transition of our societies and work towards carbon neutrality and a sustainable circular and bio-based economy.

A **competitive** Nordic region

Together, we will promote green growth in the Nordic region based on knowledge, innovation, mobility and digital integration.



**The Nordic
region will
become the most
sustainable and
integrated region
in the world**

A **socially sustainable** Nordic region

Together, we will promote an inclusive, equal and interconnected region with shared values and strengthened cultural exchange and welfare.



Nordic Innovation + MR DIGITAL

- 2 calls for proposals to open this fall
- Funding up to 6 MNOK per call

- Exploring the Innovation Potential In Patient Journals

<https://www.nordicinnovation.org/news/exploring-innovation-potential-patient-journals>

- Developing an AI-solution For Nordic Patient Journals

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Organisational barriers

- The political will and motivation
- Different starting points and priorities for development of digital services
- Need for international guidance to boost national development
- A great number of parties that need to work in collaboration towards the desired outcome
- In order to gather sufficient funding, a joint political ambition is required from all participating countries

Legal barriers

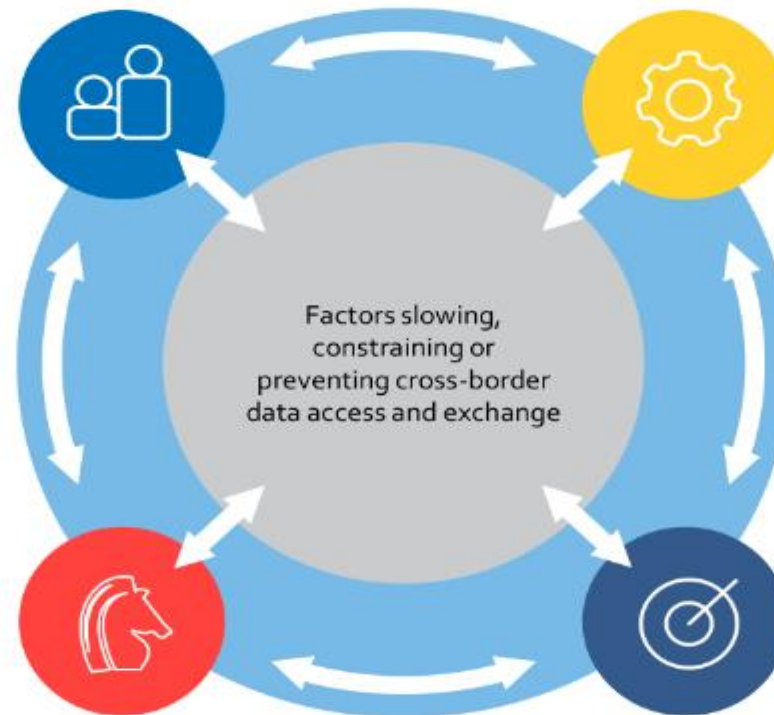
- Tackling legal barriers is the basis for all future work
- Different legislation considering what data can be transferred, between which parties and how
- Legislation related to data privacy, encryption, and overall cyber security of the information that is exchanged
- Lack of joint frameworks, interoperability requirements, and agreed rules

Technical barriers

- Different data formats, data models and technologies
- Varying digital maturity levels in the Nordic and Baltic countries
- Data security and privacy issues are highly critical and must be aligned

Semantic barriers

- Lack of
 - translations
 - commonly used metadata standards
 - commonly used thesauri/vocabularies



Thank you!

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