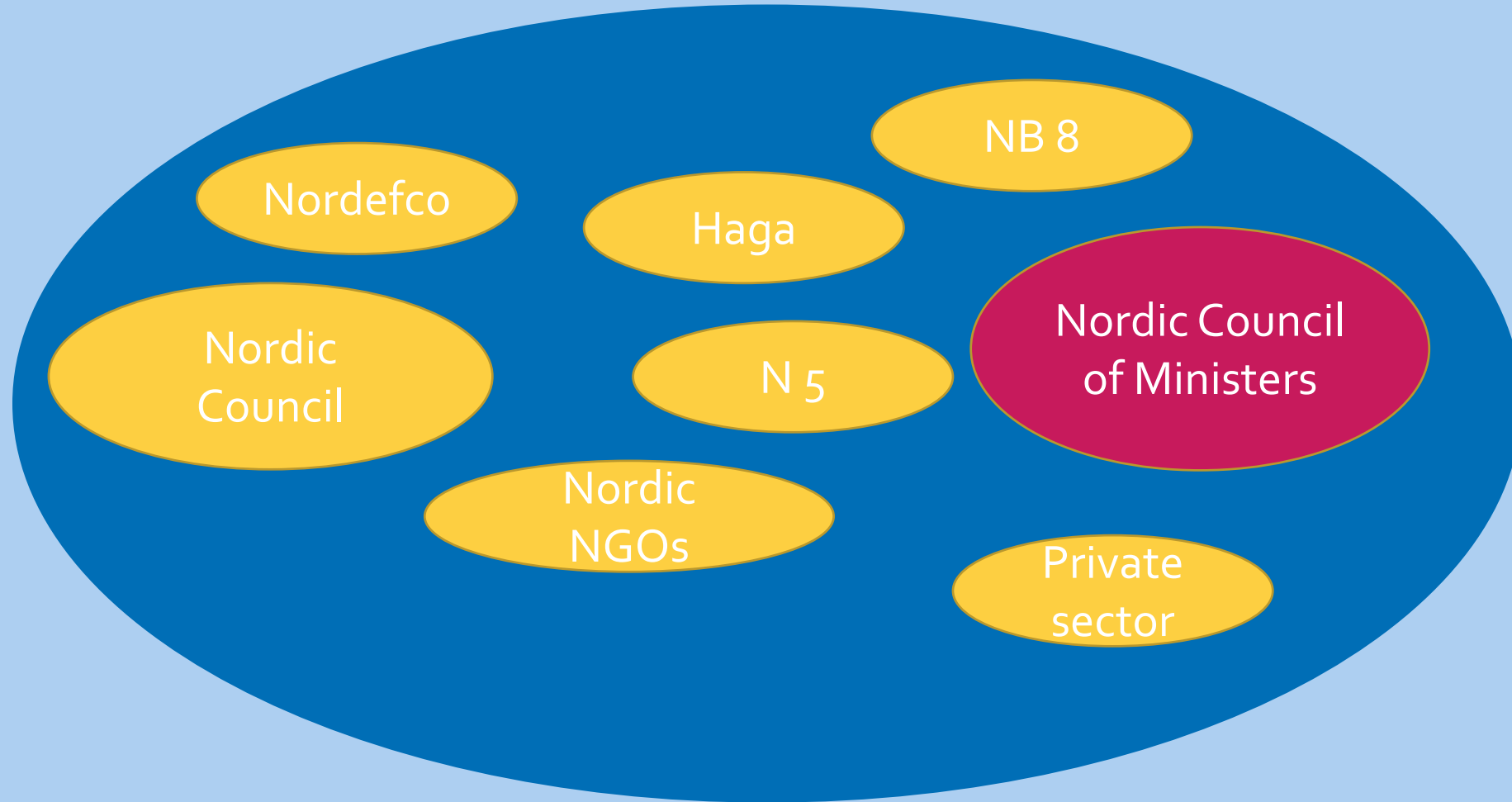


Intergovernmental Collaboration in the Nordics – Nordic Council of Ministers

Nordic Co-operation



Nordic Council of Ministers

Prime ministers

Ministers for Nordic Co-operation

Presiding country (rotating)

2022: Norway

2023: Iceland

Secretary General: Jonas Wendel



Facts about the Nordic Region

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



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



Secretary General The Nordic Council of Ministers' Secretariat



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**

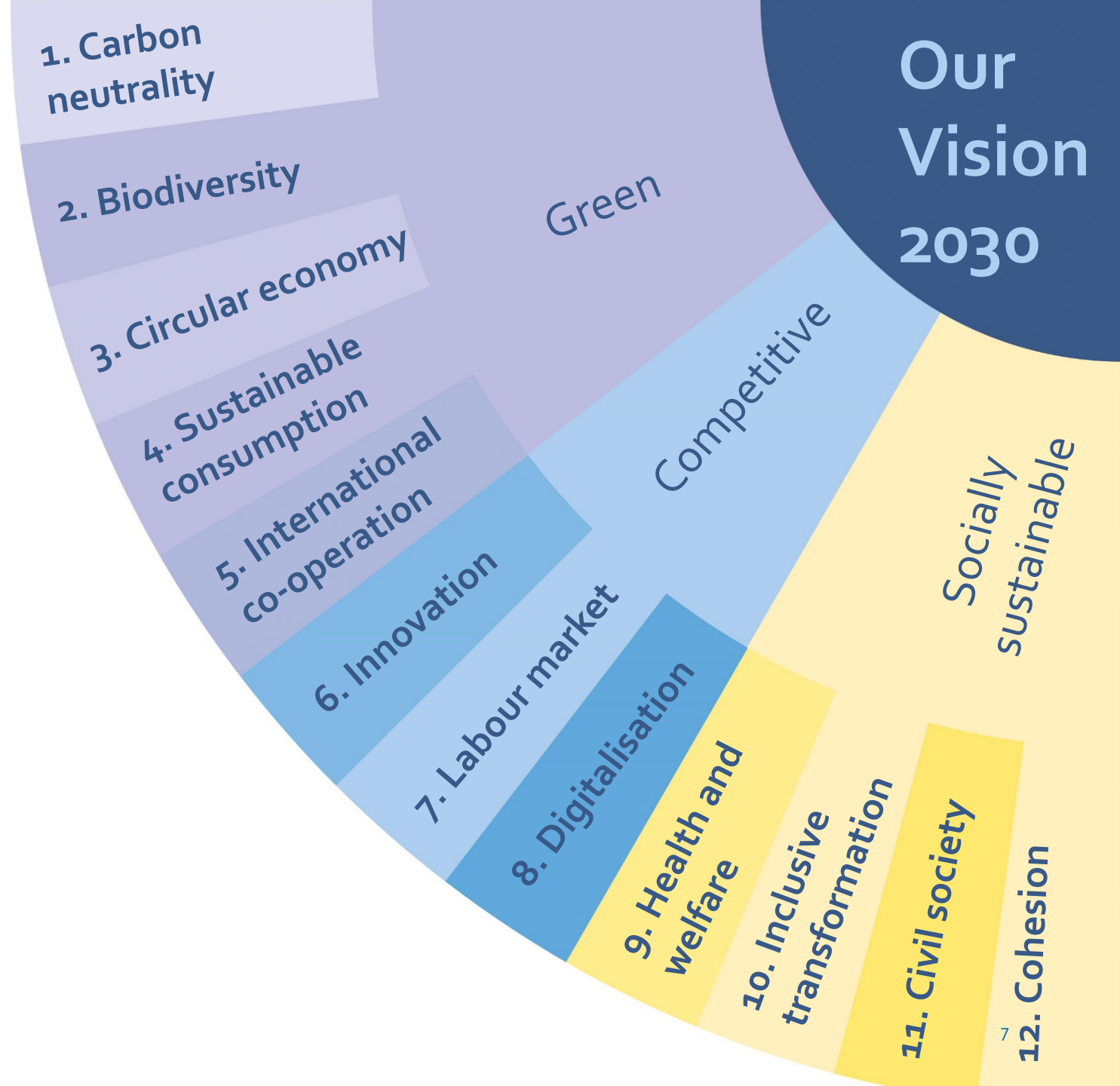
A **socially sustainable** Nordic region

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



12 specific objectives

All the activities of the Nordic Council of Ministers must help us to achieve our goals.



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

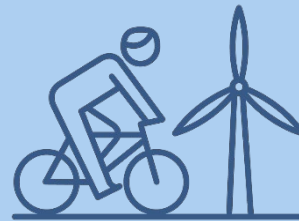
2023: 18,2 MDKK

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**



Political Commitments

— Nov. 2021

MR DIGITAL adopted a joint statement to strengthen Nordic-Baltic common efforts on digital inclusion

<https://www.norden.org/en/declaration/common-statement-importance-promoting-digital-inclusion-central-part-digital>

— Sep. 2022

A new commitment to strengthen Nordic-Baltic cooperation on digital security in government

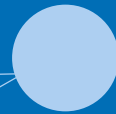
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Common perspective



Openness and a belief in everyone's right to express their views



Trust in each other and, because of proximity to power, trust in leaders



New ways of thinking in relation to initiatives for creativity and innovation



Sustainable management of nature and exploitation of natural resources



Compassion, tolerance, and the conviction that all people are of equal value



Take-aways!

- What's next: developing plans for the upcoming period under Vision 2030 – from 2025 and onwards
- We need your input and ideas!



Thank you!

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