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- 1.** We have one of the oldest and most wide-ranging forms of regional political collaboration, and we aspire to be the most integrated region in the world.
- 2.** We are the 11th largest economy in the world and have successfully adapted our welfare model to the global economy.
- 3.** We have an open labour market. For the last six decades, our people have enjoyed the freedom to work anywhere in the Region.
- 4.** We accept global responsibility. We are committed to international engagement, working with a wide range of international organisations and with our neighbours, e.g. on combating human trafficking and protecting the environment in the Baltic Sea and in the Arctic.
- 5.** We prioritise opportunities for children and young people. For example, we fund their studies at higher education institutions throughout the Nordic Region.

6. We have thriving architecture, film, food, fashion and music scenes that are of great interest to the whole of the world. We want to enhance our visibility and to support Nordic culture both at home and elsewhere e.g. via the Nordic Council prizes.

7. We have fantastic and varied natural scenery, habitats and resources. We are good at protecting and exploiting these resources, e.g. for sustainable energy, and are world leaders in innovation, working together to find new, smart and bio-economic solutions.

8. We have one of the most highly educated populations in the world. We are strongly committed to working together on research both within the Region and with international partners, e.g. on combating the consequences of climate change.

9. We have one of the most equal regions in the world, and gender equality has made a significant contribution to our economic success. The proportion of women in work is among the highest anywhere, and Nordic men hold the record in paternity leave.

10. We top many international rankings. We lead the world in transparency, trust, freedom of speech, the environment and happiness.

Nordic co-operation is one of the world's most extensive forms of regional collaboration, involving Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland.

Nordic co-operation has firm traditions in politics, the economy, and culture. It plays an important role in European and international collaboration, and aims at creating a strong Nordic community in a strong Europe.

Nordic co-operation seeks to safeguard Nordic and regional interests and principles in the global community. Shared Nordic values help the region solidify its position as one of the world's most innovative and competitive.