

# More and more different?

A comprehensive analysis of administration reforms  
across the Nordic countries

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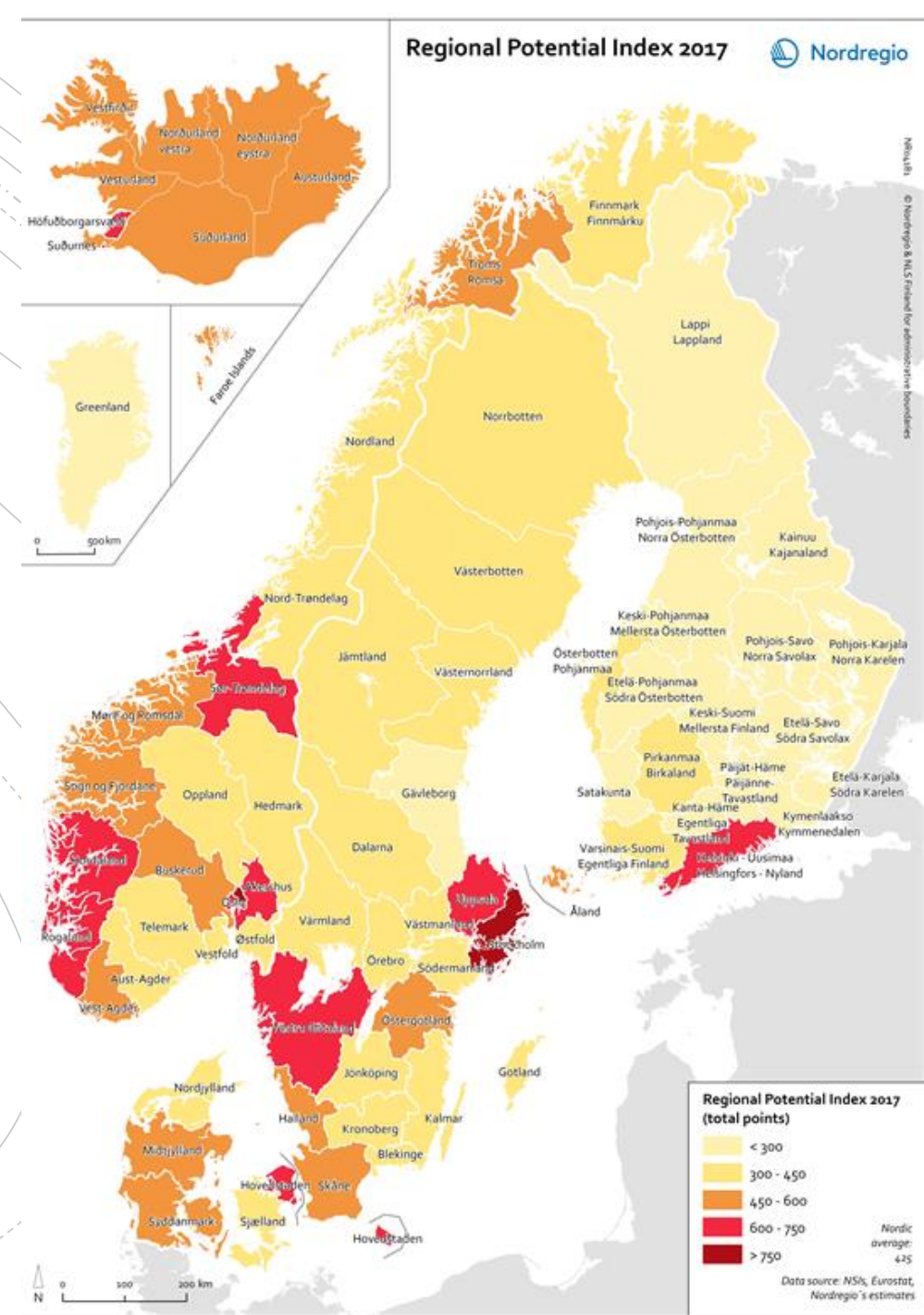
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The Nordic reform scene 2018-2020

Regional government: The divergence trend continues – but there is some convergence too

Trending: growing differences in the formal role of local government

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# The Reform Scene 2018

	<b>Territory</b>	<b>Function</b>
<b>Downscaling</b>		Finland (LG)
<b>Upscaling</b>	Norway (LG) Norway (RG)	Finland (RG) Norway (RG) [Sweden RG; minor changes 2019]

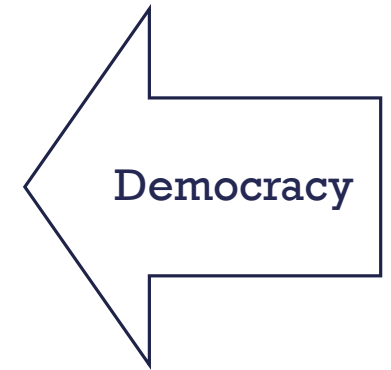
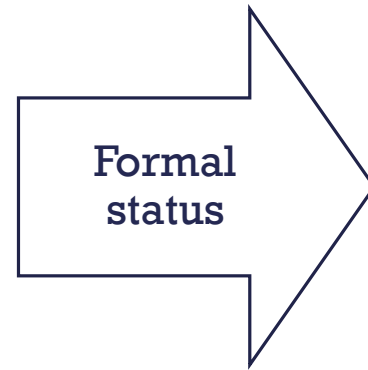
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# Regional government

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# Converging and diverging trends in Nordic regional government

## CONVERGENCE



## DIVERGENCE



# Representative democracy



## Direct elections to regional councils introduced (year)

Country	Year
Sweden	1910
Denmark	1970
Norway	1976
Finland	2019 (?)



# Policy scope

Service provision

Regional development

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government  
Main sources of  
revenue  
2000 and 2020

	2000	2020
<i>Denmark</i>	Regional	National
<i>Finland</i>	Local	National
<i>Norway</i>	National	National
<i>Sweden</i>	Regional	Regional



Trending: Growing differences in the formal role of local government



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