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## COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Our communication activities aim to fulfill Nordregio's mission as an active knowledge-broker between practitioners, researchers and policy-makers in the fields of regional development and planning.

Our main target groups include politicians and civil servants at local, regional and national levels in the Nordic countries and Europe, as well as researchers and other experts in relevant fields of expertise.

### Output and channels:

- [nordregio.org](http://nordregio.org) and [nordmap.org](http://nordmap.org), an interactive site where you can create your own maps
- Bimonthly *Nordregio Magazine*, plus a monthly newsletter that covers our ongoing output
- Policy briefs, reports and working papers. Our flagship publications are *State of the Nordic Region* and *Nordic Economic Policy Review*
- Workshops and seminars throughout the Nordic Region and the rest of Europe. Our flagship event is the annual Nordregio Forum.

Find our publications at [nordregio.org/publications](http://nordregio.org/publications)

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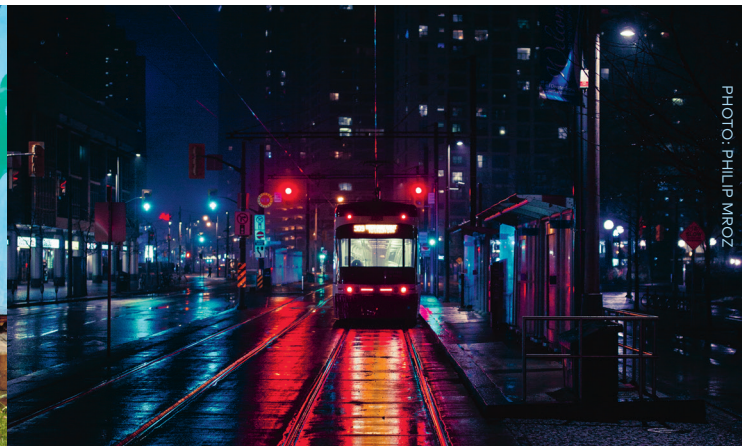


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**Nordregio** is an international research centre for regional development and planning, established by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

We conduct solution-oriented and applied research within the fields of rural, regional and urban development and planning.

We address current issues, taking into account the viewpoints of both policy-makers and practitioners, and produce a broad range of publications and other output.

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– an international  
research centre for  
regional development  
and planning



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RESEARCH – POLICY – OUTREACH





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## MISSION

Nordregio conducts solution-oriented and applied research within the broad fields of both rural and urban studies. We address current topics from a scientifically sound, evidence-based perspective, taking into account the viewpoints of policy-makers and practitioners.

### Nordregio's primary competences are within:

- Rural and demographic development
- Urban planning and sustainable development
- Regional innovation and green growth
- Governance and policy – regional reform and strategies
- GIS analysis and mapping

### Mandate:

- We conduct applied research on regional development, planning and policies
- We provide policy-relevant knowledge and comparative case studies for Nordic decision-makers and practitioners at all levels of governance
- We support sustainable regional development and policy – both urban and rural
- We enhance Nordic collaboration on regional development, planning and policies, and create Nordic added value
- We develop our role as a leading research institute in Europe within regional studies, and facilitate knowledge transfer between the Nordics and the EU

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## RESEARCH COMPETENCES AND SKILLS

### GIS and maps

The work with Geographic Information Systems and maps is a key asset that makes a major contribution to the overall work of Nordregio.

Our GIS team produces high-quality maps and spatial analyses, based primarily on socio-economic indicators.

### Qualitative research – comparative case studies

Nordregio researchers work within a broad field of disciplines, including multilevel policy analyses, expert and focus group interviews, discourse analyses and literature studies.

We carry out a wide variety of comparative case-studies at different territorial levels, both prospective and retrospective.

Other core competences include evaluations of policy programmes and projects, as well as studies of the potential outcomes of prospective policies.

### Advanced analyses – combining comparative qualitative research with spatial analyses

Finally, we combine comparative research with GIS analyses to understand, visualise and communicate the results from our fields of analysis.

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## CLIENTS AND SCOPE

Operating at national, regional and local levels, Nordregio's research is geographically wide-ranging, with the emphasis on the Nordic and Baltic Sea Regions, Europe and the Arctic.

As an institution under the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM), much of our work springs from the Nordic Cooperation Programme for Regional Development and Planning. We also produce the biannual NCM flagship publication *State of the Nordic Region*, and act as secretariat for the Nordic Arctic Cooperation Programme.

In addition, we lead and participate in a wide range of EU programme projects, e.g. ESPON, Horizon 2020, Interreg and BONUS.

Nordregio also works on commissioned projects from, e.g. the EU General Directorate for Regional Development, the Nordic ministries or other national authorities, as well as separate regional and local authorities.

Read more about our project portfolio at [nordregio.org/research](https://nordregio.org/research)