

Ideas for the future of Cohesion Policy and Cross Border Cooperation in Scandinavia

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Lisbon Treaty

Art. 174

- In order to promote its overall harmonious development, the Union shall develop and pursue its actions leading to the strengthening of its **economic, social and territorial cohesion**
- In particular, the Union shall aim at **reducing disparities** between the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of the least favoured regions.
- Among the regions concerned, **particular attention** shall be paid to:
 - rural areas
 - areas affected by industrial transition
 - regions which suffer from severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps northernmost regions with very low population density, island, **cross-border** and mountain regions

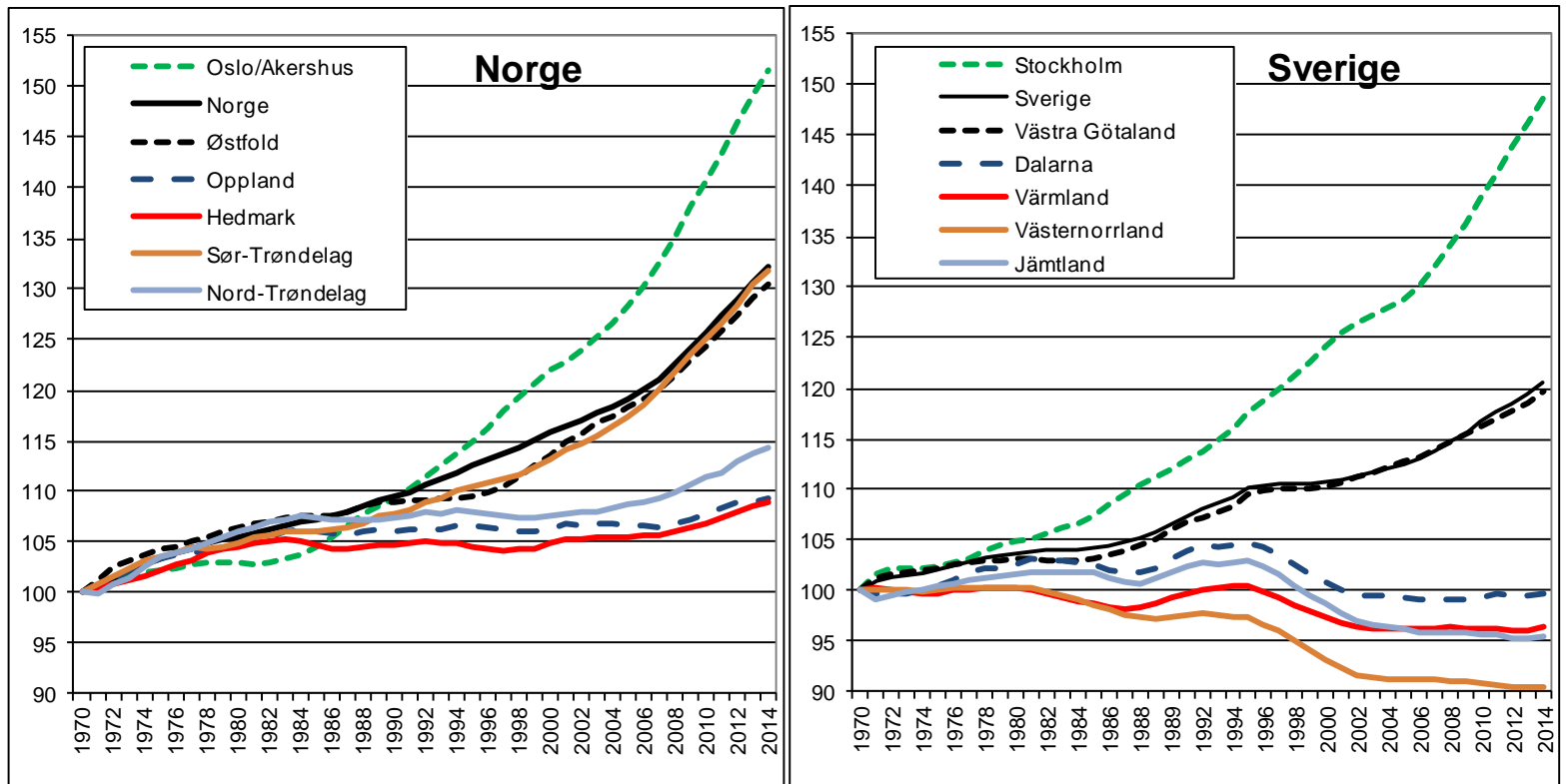


Norwegian regional policy

The aim of the policy for regions and peripheral areas is to reach a **regional balance** through growth, even living standards and sustainability in all parts of the country

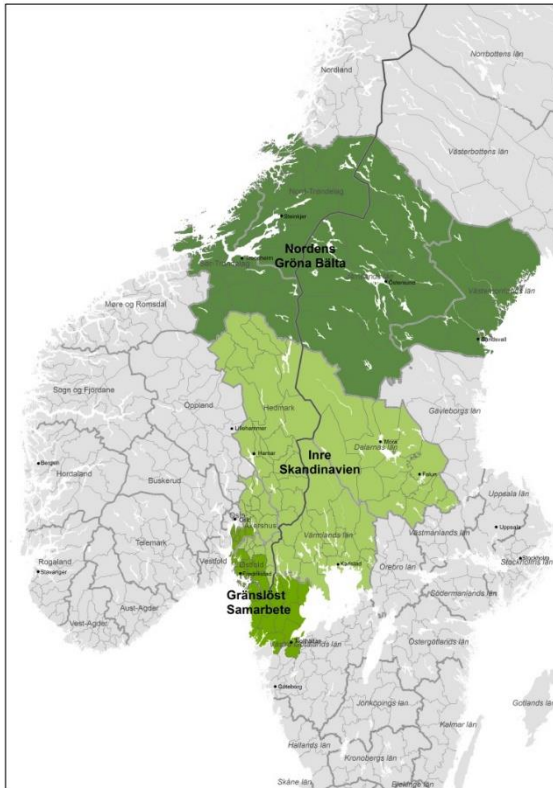
(National Budget Proposal 2018)

Territorial cohesion (?) in Scandinavia



Population trends in Scandinavia 1.1.1970 – 1.1.2014. Index. 1970 = 100

Interreg Sweden-Norway autonomous sub-programmes



Shared problems, issues and needs

Legitimacy and accountability

Multi-level governance

Specific CBC objectives

Europe 2020

Two key objectives for Cross Border Cooperation

Objective	Dimensions
Barrier Effect Reduction	Cultural - Social
	Institutional - Urban
	Economy - Technology
	Environmental - Heritage
	Accessibility
Mobilizing Territorial Capital	Institutional Building
	Socioeconomic Cohesion
	Physical connections
	Environmental Sustainability

Source: E. Medeiros, University of Lisbon in *Regional Studies, Regional Science* Jan. 2015.

A leaner Interreg-structure involving Norway

