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Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues ...

... works on behalf of the Nordic governments
... identifies challenges in social policy
... helps improve the basis for policy decisions
... creates new value in Nordic countries through Nordic cooperation

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Nordic countries are 5+3

- Nuuk
- Reykjavik
- Tórshavn
- Oslo
- Helsinky
- Mariehamn
- Stockholm
- Copenhagen

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**Our goals**
Knowledge
Development
Dialogue

**Target groups**
Politicians
Policy makers
Professionals
User organizations
Nordic Strategies of disability policy

**Sweden:** The strategy on disability policy 2011-2016,

**Finland:** A strong basis for Inclusion and Equality – 2010-2015

**Norway:** Jobstrategy for persons with disability (2011-2012),

**Denmark:** New Activity plan October 2013

**Iceland:** Plan of Action on Disabled Persons' Affairs until 2014
A way to secure UNCRPD – but How?

NVC project
Nordic strategies of Disability Policy:
- goals
- structure,
- Implementation
- evaluation and
- the role of the User organisations
Way of proceedings for implementation in the nordic strategies of disability policy - based on achievements

Concrete goals, continuity and enlarged responsibility:

- Important to involve research in the policy
- Cooperation between increased amount of actors - different levels and different sectors
- Increased resources
- New and changed legislation
- To increase and distribute knowledge
- Support contributions
Follow up the strategy of the disability policy – How? Can we learn from each others?

Sweden: A coherent follow up system (Arvid Lindén, Handisam)

Finland: Follow up 2013 in general, 2014 focused on the socio-economical position for persons with disability

Norway: Intern and extern follow up of the implementation and results (december 2013)

Iceland: Follow up with of the expansive cooperation with focus on the service of municipalities
To ratify the UNCRPD

**Sweden**  Convention ratification: 4.12.2008 the UNCRPD and Optional protocol

**Denmark**  Convention ratification: 24.7.2009 but not the Optional protocol

**Norway**  Convention ratification: 3.6.2013 but not the Optional protocol

**Iceland**  Have not ratified the UNCRPD

**Finland**  Have not ratified the UNCRPD
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THANK YOU!

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