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Important for Norway, important for the world

Priority areas:
- International cooperation
- Business development
- Knowledge development
- Infrastructure
- Environmental protection and emergency preparedness

Knowledge development
16% of the companies in North Norway face recruitment difficulties, compared with 9% nationwide.

750 million NOK was spent on research relating to the Arctic through the Research Council of Norway in 2016.

Infrastructure
60% of the investments in projects in Norway’s three northernmost counties.

Environmental protection and emergency preparedness
1831 high-risk vessels passed through Norwegian waters in 2016, according to the Vardø Vessel Traffic Service. These vessels are over 130 metres in length, vessels carrying dangerous or polluting cargo, including radioactive material, and vessels towing or pushing a tow where the combined length exceeds 200 metres. Of these, nearly 400 were oil tankers.

Business development
24.5 billion NOK was the value of fish exports from North Norway in 2016. This amounts to around 60% of the region’s total exports of goods.

https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/fad46f0404e14b2a9b551ca7359c1000/arctic-strategy.pdf
Euro-Atlantic security architecture – NATO
Arctic development crucial to Norwegian security
Competition and cooperation between major players remains low
- US
- Russia
- China
- EU

High attention to Russian military buildup
- Modernization of strategic weapons
- Limitations on freedom of movements
- Threat to transatlantic link
- Norway is NATO northern flank bordering Russia

Pragmatic and practical cooperation
- Fisheries
- Search & Rescue
- Environmental protection
- Science and education
- People to people cooperation

The Arctic the new hotspot
«NATO and the transatlantic security community remains the cornerstone of Norwegian security and defence policy.»
Security policy challenges

Short – long term

Russia

The century of the oceans

The maritime system is becoming more heavily used, more stressed, and more contested than ever before

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Arctic maritime perspectives and opportunities for cooperation
THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
NEW SEA ROUTES – INCREASED ACTIVITIES
THE ILULISSAT DECLARATION

ARCTIC OCEAN CONFERENCE ILULISSAT, GREENLAND, 27 – 29 MAY 2008

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POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

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