A Strategy for the Nordic Region

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The Northern Lights / Aurora Borealis from Malin Head in Inishowen, County Donegal © Adam Rory Porter Photography @ The Northern Light Gallery - www.inishowenart.ie

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The population of the Nordic countries totals 27 million.

This prosperous region is a natural partner for Ireland as we build a sustainable economic recovery from Covid-19.









The Nordic countries are important trading partners for Ireland.

Trade with Sweden alone is above €5 billion per year.





The Arctic region is a shared high priority for the Nordic countries. With melting ice and shifting climate trends increasingly impacting upon Ireland, we have been working to enhance our engagement with the Arctic region.

Launch of the Network of Arctic Researchers in Ireland (NARI) at Iveagh House in February 2020. © DFA





Ireland are Norway are working closely together at the UN as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council, having previously served at the same time twenty years ago.



The evolution of UN peacekeeping under Swedish Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld saw Irish and Swedish contingents serving sideby-side in Congo and later in Cyprus as part of largescale peacekeeping missions in the 1960s

The United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)
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Ireland and Finland joined the UN on the same day, 14 December 1955

Irish and Finnish
peacekeepers have served
side by side in Lebanon
and in Chad

A United Nations convoy escorts an African Union delegation of former Presidents of African countries on their way to visit the Djabal Refugee Camp, Chad © United Nations