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# NPA Peripheries: Change, Continuity, & Cooperation

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- ❑ Institute based at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow and Technical University of Delft (EPRC Delft)
- ❑ Work closely with NPA
- ❑ Research on territorial cooperation



# NPA PROGRESS



- 2007-2013 NPP



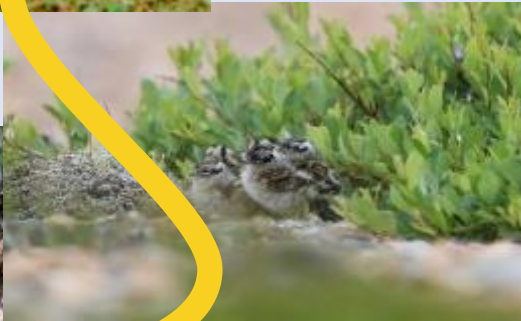
- 2014-2020 NPA



- 2020 +




- 2000-2006 NPP



- Article 10 Northern Periphery

- Nordic Scottish Cooperation

A snowy owl is shown sitting in a snowy environment. Above the owl's head is a dark grey thought bubble containing the text "...!!!???!...??". A large yellow arrow points from the left side of the frame towards the owl.

...!!!???!...??

- ...2020-2021

# NEW & HEIGHTENED CHALLENGES



**Covid:** Immediate health impacts;  
Economic/social shocks; Adapt; Resilience



**Climate change:** Intensified impacts;  
Pressure; Tensions; Targets



**International/border changes:** Shifting  
relationships; Anti-globalisation; New  
external borders



**Pace and unpredictability of change:**  
Technological change; Policy and political





# NORTHERN PERIPHERY AND ARCTIC COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2014–2020





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NPA 2021-2027 AREA  
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Coronavirus and the NPA  
Irene McMaster and Heidi Viikari  
EPRC briefing paper  
August 2020

### 1 INTRODUCTION

This briefing paper is based on the data in the NPA area policy analysis, which is available on the EPRC website. It provides an overview of the NPA area policy analysis, which is available on the EPRC website. It provides an overview of the NPA area policy analysis, which is available on the EPRC website. It provides an overview of the NPA area policy analysis, which is available on the EPRC website.

### 2 GENERAL EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON NPA AREA

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global health crisis, which has led to a significant impact on the NPA area. The pandemic has led to a significant impact on the NPA area, which is the focus of this briefing paper. The pandemic has led to a significant impact on the NPA area, which is the focus of this briefing paper. The pandemic has led to a significant impact on the NPA area, which is the focus of this briefing paper.





# Change...

- New challenges
- New opportunities
- Adaptability



NPA 2014-2020 +

Economy



Environment

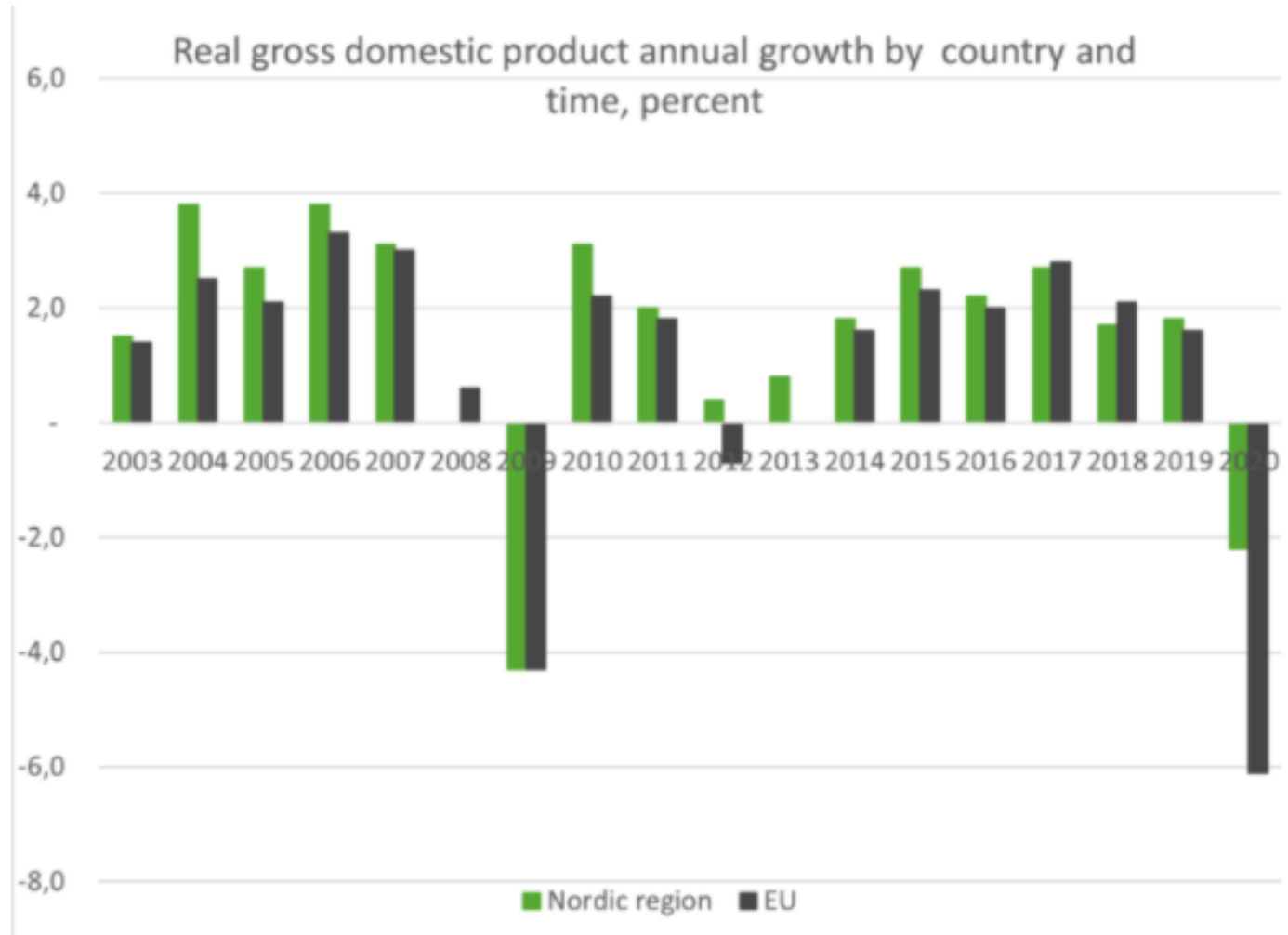
Connectivity



People & Communities

- Build on experience and expertise
- Address long standing issues
- Resilience

# ...Continuity



<https://www.nordicstatistics.org/gdp-growth-in-the-nordic-countries-during-the-pandemic/>



# NPA ECONOMY 2014...2020...



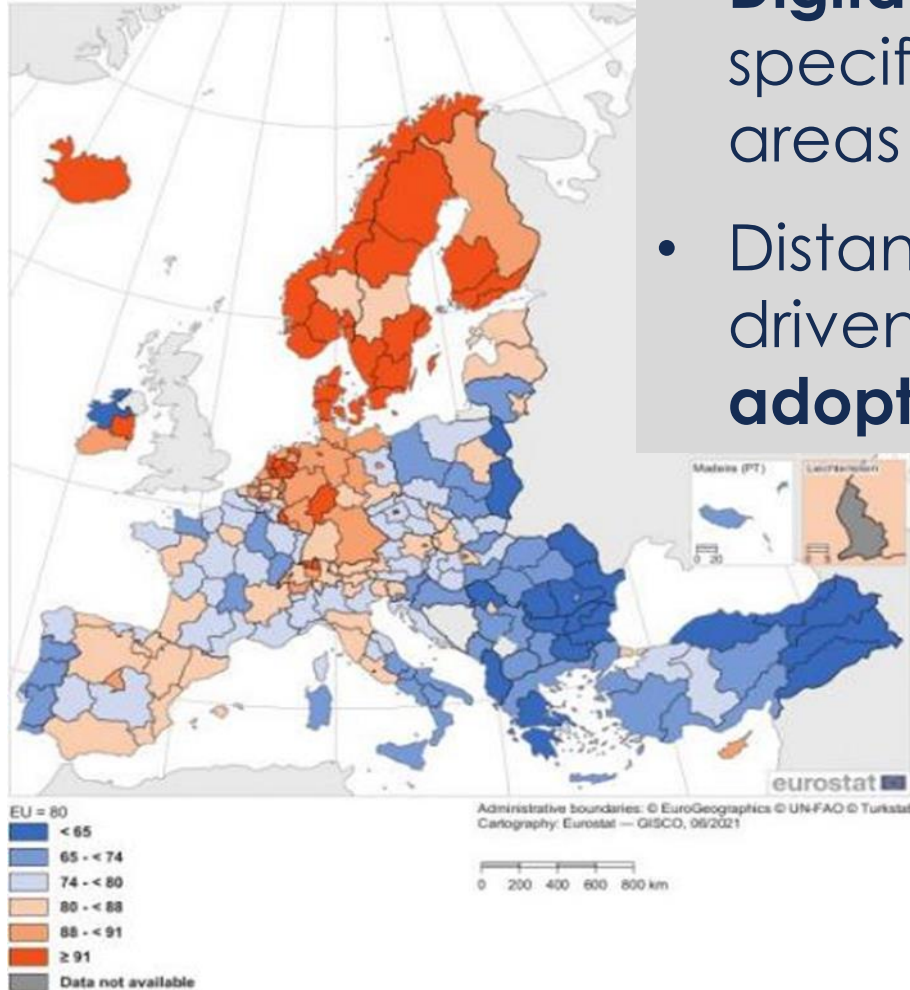
- **Managing recovery**
  - **GDP** above EU average
  - **Peripheral regions** below national averages and face challenging recovery
- **Big role of ...**
  - **SMEs** and micro enterprises
  - **Primary industries**
  - **Public sector employment**
- **Diversification and innovation**
  - **Leader** in green & blue tech, low carbon & sustainable solutions
  - **Area specialisms** and expertise
  - **Resilience** and managing change

# CONNECTIVITY 2014...2020...

- **Geographic and climatic conditions** challenges for aspects of accessibility
- **Changing experiences** of connectivity



Daily internet users during the three months preceding the survey, 2020  
(% of people aged 16-74 years, by NUTS 2 regions)



Note: Germany, Greece, Poland and Turkey, NUTS level 1. Albania: national data. France, Switzerland and Albania: 2019.  
Source: Eurostat (online data codes: isoc\_f\_juse\_i and isoc\_si\_ip\_fv)

- **Digitalisation** helping address specific challenges facing NPA areas
- Distance and challenges have driven **innovation, early adoption and leadership**





ENVIRONMENT SEP 3, 2021 - 5:55 PM EDT

## Inuk activist to address climate change at international gathering

Ashley Cummings to speak at Climate Justice Strategy Forum

By David Lochead

To tell the story of climate change, Ashley Cummings uses the example of a rock in Nunavut in the spring, ripped off the rock, either by increasing heat.

"Inuit are that moss, delicate rock," said Cummings, a University student.

Cummings said she



# Irish Examiner

Hottest day of the year so far  
sees temperature reach high of 29.5C

## Sweden and Norway 'concerned' by unusual pattern of forest fires

By Christina Abolm Mesterman - updated 22/09/2021



Climate change in Finland

How, what and why

Learn more about climate change in Finland

Climate change in Finland - Impacts, Adaptation, Mitigation

Finland's changing climate

Climate change

- Less snow
- Warmer winters
- Less ice in the Baltic Sea
- More forest fires
- More forest fires in Finland
- Climate in Finland has become warmer

## Projected climate change in Finland

Due to climate change, the temperature in Finland will rise, precipitation will increase, snow cover season will become shorter, and the amount of fog will decrease. Also, the sea level will rise and the number of forest fires will increase. The climate in Finland will change more in winter than in summer.

Finland's climate will change more in winter than in summer

In future, the average temperature in Finland will rise more than 1°C and the amount of snow cover will decrease. The amount of fog will decrease, and the number of forest fires will increase. The climate in Finland will change more in winter than in summer.

Temperature will rise

- The number of forest fires will increase
- The amount of snow cover will decrease
- The amount of fog will decrease
- The amount of precipitation will increase
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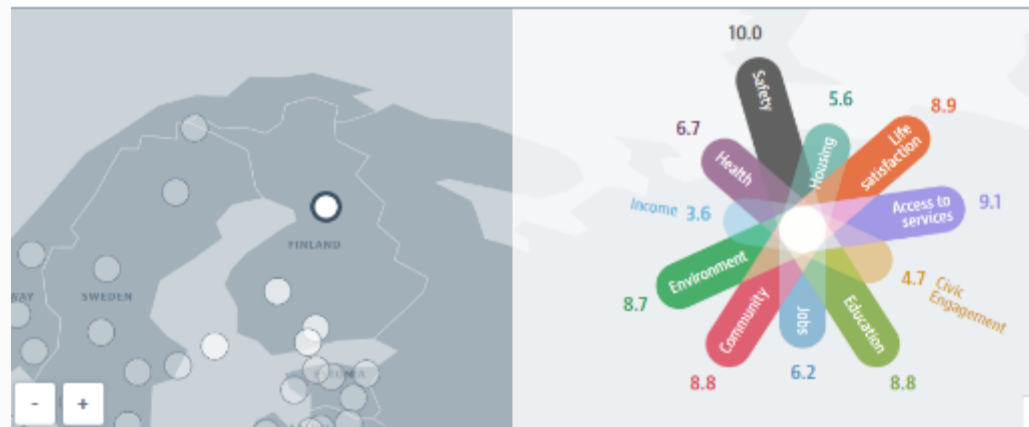
Weather forecast for the Faroe Islands

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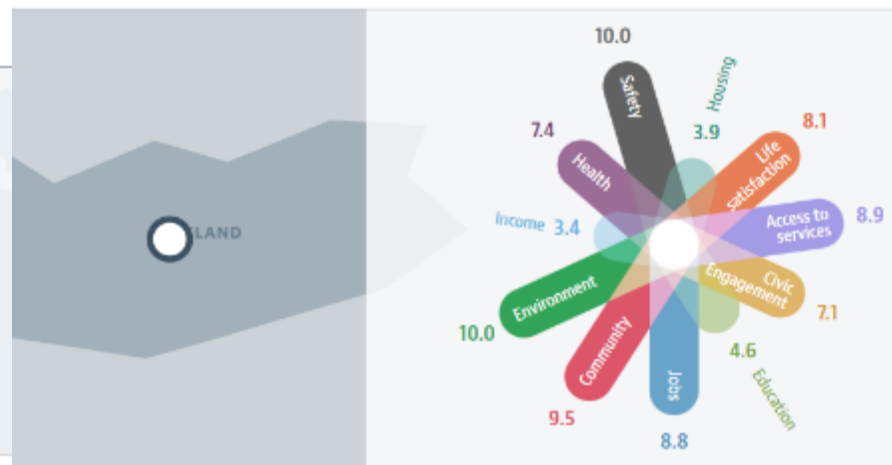


- **Diverse, unique environments** - abundant environmental & natural resources
- **Challenges of** management of natural resources, environmental protection & climate change
- **Driving:**
  - **innovation, capacity and leadership** - alternative energy, 'Green technologies', low/zero carbon solutions, circular economy,
  - **networks** for environmental monitoring, strategic analysis and policy

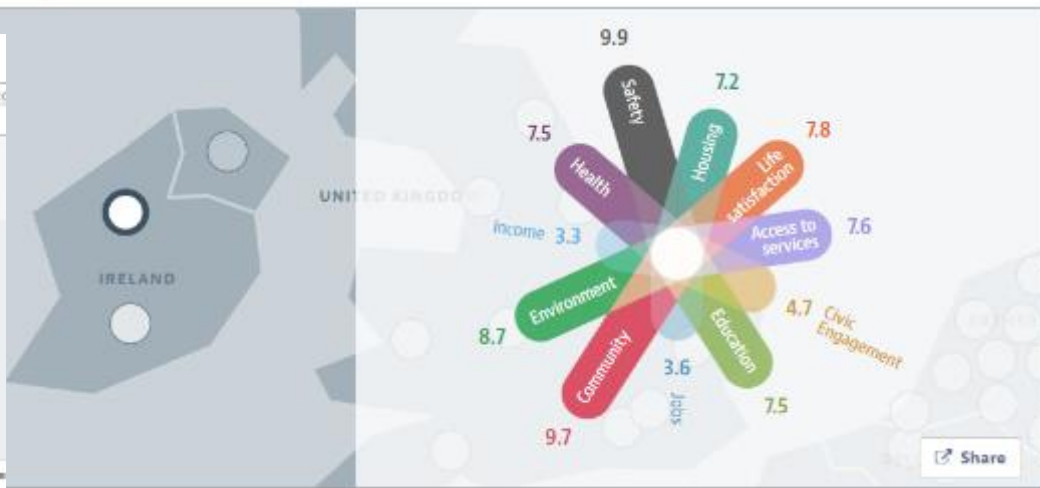
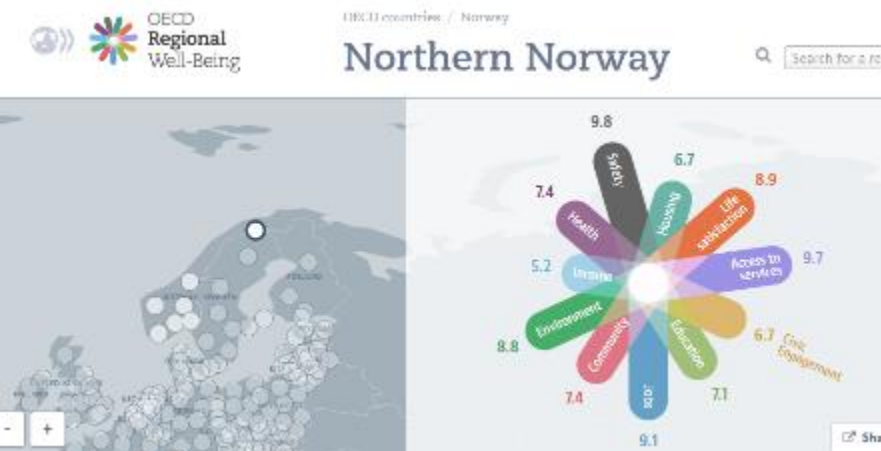
## Eastern and Northern Finland



## Other Regions



## Border, Midland and Western





# COMMUNITIES 2014....2020...

- Sparse populations and distinctive cultural identities
- High employment and tertiary education attainment
- Population change
  - Ageing populations
  - Outmigration of young adults
  - Implications for public service provision
  - Access to key skills and competencies
  - Inward Migration
    - Covid (flexible working, home working)



# COMMUNITIES 2020....

- **Local/community engagement** & capacity key to resilience
- **Cooperation capacity and tradition**
  - Arctic Collaboration
  - External links
  - Policy/programme synergies

# TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION



- **New challenges & barriers = need for more cooperation**
- **(even) Better cooperation**
  - Durable
  - Inclusive
  - Empowers communities
  - Better solutions
  - Synergies and wider links
- **Cooperation capacity vital development resource**
- **Proven capacity in the NPA area**



- 2020+

# Thank you for your attention

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