# Scandinavian collaboration

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# Nordic/Scandinavian – is there a difference?

# Nordic countries- common history

| Century | Nordic political entities | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Danes | Greenlanders | Faroese | Icelanders | Norwegians | Swedes | Finns |
| 8th | Prehistoric Danish | Prehistoric Greenlandic *(Paleo-Eskimo and Norse)* | Prehistoric Faroese *(Norse)* | Prehistoric Icelandic *(Norse)* | Prehistoric Norwegian | Prehistoric Swedish | Prehistoric Finnish |
| 9th | | | | | Hereditary Kingdom of Norway | | |
| 10th | Denmark | | | Icelandic Commonwealth | | | |
| 11th | | | | | | | |
| 12th | | | | | | Sweden | |
| 13th | | | | | | | |
| 14th | | | | | | | |
| 15th | Kalmar Union | | | | | | |
| 16th | Denmark-Norway | | | | | Sweden | |
| 17th | | | | | | | |
| 18th | | | | | | | |
| 19th | Denmark | | | | United Kingdoms of Sweden and Norway | | *Grand Duchy of Finland* |
| 20th | Denmark | *Greenland* | *Faroe Islands* | Iceland | Norway | Sweden | Finland |
| 21st | | | | | | | |

# Nordic countries – some facts

- 5 countries
- 26 million people
- 3 425 804 sq km – 7th largest "country" by land
- 8 languages
  - 5 Germanic (Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic and Faroese)
  - 3 non-Germanic (Finnish, Greenlandic and Sami)
- Common cultural background
- The "Nordic model" - market economy, strong labour unions, a large welfare sector and a high degree of income redistribution
- Happy taxpayers!

# Nordic union

| Organisation | Denmark | Finland | Iceland | Norway | Sweden |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CoE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| EEA | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| EU | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |
| Eurozone | No | Yes | No | No | No |
| NATO | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| OECD | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| UN | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| WTO | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

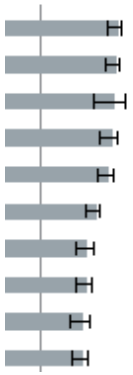
# Happy nations?

**Figure 2.2: Ranking of Happiness 2014-2016 (Part 1)**

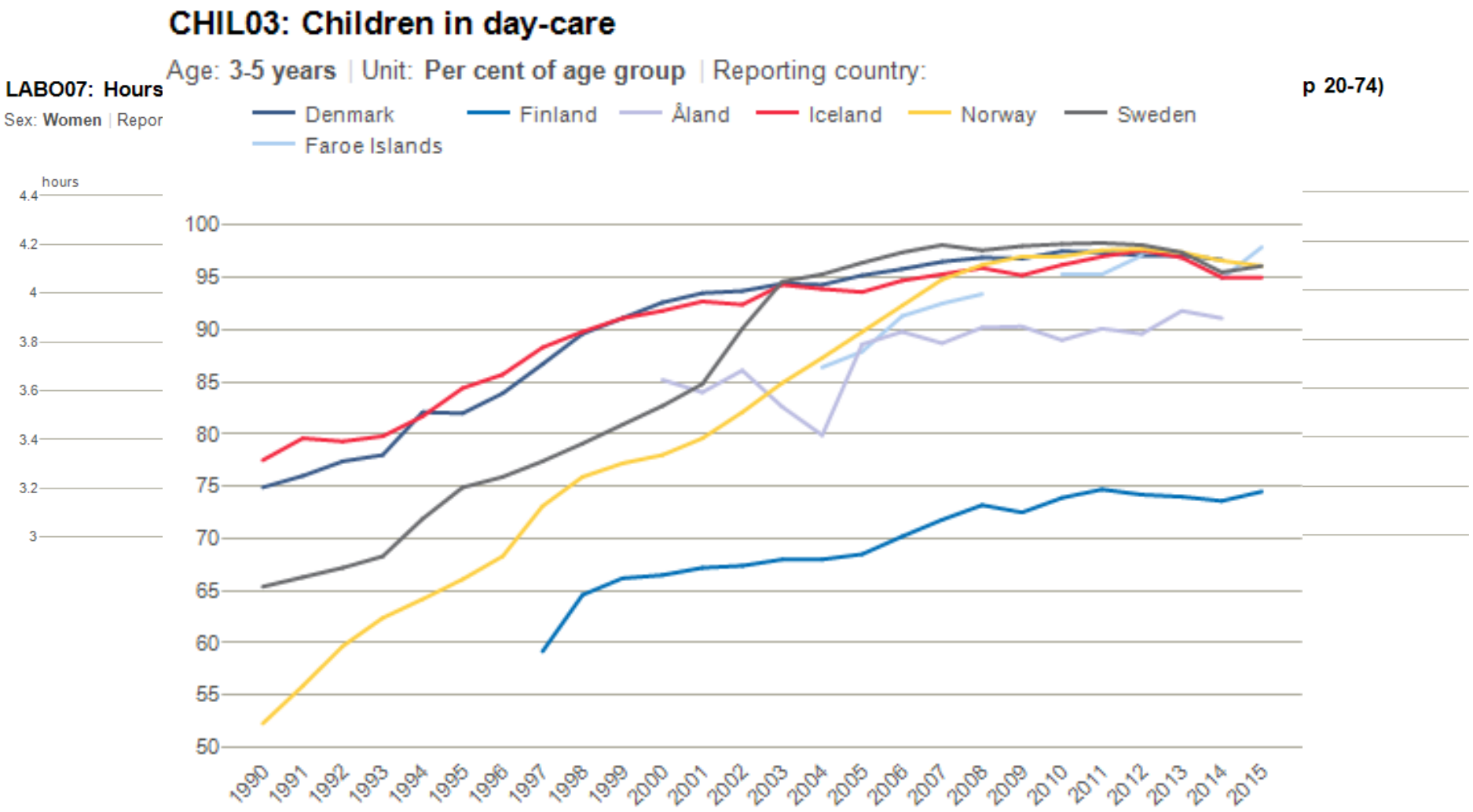
1. Norway (7.
2. Denmark (
3. Iceland (7.
4. Switzerlan
5. Finland (7.
6. Netherlanc
7. Canada (7.
8. New Zeala
9. Australia (
10. Sweden (7.

## The world's 20 biggest coffee drinkers

1. Finland - 12kg per capita per year
2. Norway - 9.9
3. Iceland - 9
4. Denmark - 8.7
5. Netherlands - 8.4
6. Sweden - 8.2



# Typical traits in a Nordic welfare society



# Nordisk Kirurgisk Förening - Scandinavian Surgical Society

- Long tradition of surgical collaboration in the Nordic countries
- The worlds oldest international surgical society – founded in 1893
- All Nordic surgeons are members through their national surgical associations
- Was almost pronounced dead…

# Scandinavian Surgical Society today

- …but is alive & kicking again!
- Bi-annual meetings by the national delegates
- Last meeting May 4th, 2017 in Copenhagen
- Audit program for short visits to other Nordic countries
- Scandinavian Surgical Society lectures/sessions at national meetings
- Common training courses/ meetings for surgical trainees

# Scandinavian Journal of Surgery

- Official journal for the Scandinavian Society of Surgery
- IF 1.924
- Original and review articles from all surgical fields and specialties
- Free on-line access

# Collaborations

OBES SURG (2015) 25:1893–1900
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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## Formation of the Scandinavian Obesity S
## Registry, SOReg

## About the register

The Scandinavian Quality Register for Thyroid, Parathyroid and Adrenal Surgery (SQRTPA) started in 2004 on the initiative of Anders Bergenfelz and has since then gained a wide multidisciplinary support within each specific medical association. The module for adrenal surgery was added in 2009. The registry is supported by the stately governed counsel for The National Healthcare Quality Registers in Sweden and by the National Board of Health and Welfare. In the registry, data from patients that have undergone thyroid, parathyroid or adrenal surgery are registered. This means that there are a great number of possible diagnoses for each operation. It also means that there are both common diagnoses such as nodular goitre, and Primary hyperparathyroidism registered in the registry, as well as more uncommon diagnoses such as parathyroid and adrenal cancer. Coverage and validity is high. Apart from the Swedish clinics, clinics in Denmark also participate in the register.

As of March 2017, the following
and Austria is expected during 2017. The
the remaining sites will be published when scheduled.

"It's a new idea where you plunder them just a little bit on a regular basis – it's called 'taxation'."