

Nordic Politics Unveiled: Recent Government Shifts, EU Referendums, and De

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1. In Iceland, what significant political event is Prime Minister Kristrún Frostadóttir's government planning to hold in the coming months of 2026?

- A) A general election
- B) A referendum on restarting EU accession talks
- C) A vote on NATO membership
- D) A constitutional reform

2. What is a key focus of the 'Plan for Norway' announced by Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre for implementation starting in 2026?

- A) Reducing defense spending
- B) Restricting immigration and boosting the economy
- C) Decreasing investment in renewable energy
- D) Pulling out of international climate agreements

3. Which Nordic country has recently approved stricter rules for citizenship applications, increasing the general residency requirement to eight years from June 6, 2026?

- A) Denmark
- B) Finland
- C) Sweden
- D) Norway

4. As of early 2026, what significant change has occurred regarding the permanent seats on the Nordic Council Presidium?

- A) The Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland have gained permanent seats.
- B) Seats have been reduced to encourage consolidation.
- C) Only Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden have permanent seats.
- D) The Presidium has been dissolved.

5. Finland's government, led by Prime Minister Petteri Orpo, has been engaged in final budget negotiations for 2027-2030. What is a significant area targeted for spending cuts?

- A) Military spending
- B) Border security initiatives
- C) Social and healthcare services
- D) Investment in technological infrastructure

6. In March 2026, leaders from Canada and the Nordic countries met in Oslo. What was a primary commitment agreed upon during this meeting?

- A) To reduce defense industrial capacity
- B) To deepen cooperation in defense manufacturing and economic ties
- C) To withdraw from NATO
- D) To sever all trade relations with the United States

7. What new law is Norway's government proposing to introduce by the end of 2026 regarding social media usage?

- A) A ban on all social media platforms
- B) An age limit for children under 16
- C) Mandatory parental supervision for all users
- D) A requirement for age verification for all accounts

8. Iceland's government has proposed a referendum date in August 2026 for what significant decision?

- A) Joining the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- B) Leaving the Schengen Area
- C) Resuming negotiations for European Union membership
- D) Establishing a new defense pact with the United States

9. What recent development has occurred in the Nordic Council concerning the participation of self-governing territories?

- A) Greenland, the Faroe Islands, and Åland have gained permanent seats on the Presidium.
- B) Their representation has been reduced to observer status.
- C) They have been granted full voting rights in all matters.
- D) Their participation is now limited to cultural events only.

10. In response to geopolitical tensions, what is a notable trend in Nordic defense policy as of early 2026?

- A) A significant reduction in military spending across the region.
- B) Increased investment in military expansion, modernization, and closer defense planning.
- C) A withdrawal from NATO by all Nordic countries.
- D) A focus solely on cyber warfare capabilities.

11. Which Nordic country's government is considering measures to make public transport cheaper as a way to ease the effects of the energy crisis?

- A) A resolution supporting Greenland's territorial integrity was unanimously adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
- B) Denmark announced plans to grant Greenland full independence.
- C) A trade agreement was signed exclusively between Denmark and Greenland.
- D) Greenland was designated as a military-free zone.

12. What new policy is Finland's government preparing to allow municipalities to implement to raise revenue from the tourism sector?

- A) The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- B) The World Health Organization (WHO)
- C) The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- D) The World Food Programme (WFP)