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Arctic outlook

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The Arctic as a strategic region

- ▶ Geopolitical situation has shifted
 - ▶ Sweden and Finland are now NATO members
 - ▶ Military activity increased
 - ▶ A new east-west reality?
- ▶ Rapid industrial development and climate changes
- ▶ New demands on how we plan and cooperate
 - ▶ Long tradition for Nordic cooperation
 - ▶ Now more structured cooperation



Why cooperation is important

System perspective:

- Security requirements
- Major industrial investments
- Cross-border dependencies



- Dual-use infrastructure is no longer optional — it is a necessity.



- **Platform North**



The transport system in the North is vulnerable



Randklev bridge



Malmbanan breakdown



Levanger landslide

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Photo: Malmbanan / Trafikverket

Competitiveness in the North



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Security and societal resilience

- ▶ European cooperation is fundamental
 - ▶ TEN-T network
 - ▶ CEF financing system
- ▶ Nordic Transport Preparedness Cooperation (NTPC) strategy strengthens preparedness and cross-border mobility.
 - ▶ National strategies evolving om the same direction
- ▶ How do we coordinate National transport plans and priorities more effectively across borders?



Key messages

- ▶ Transport cooperation in the Arctic is about competitiveness, security and sustainability.
- ▶ East–west cooperation is now strategically essential.
- ▶ Civilian infrastructure is the foundation for military preparedness.
- ▶ And finally — coordination is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

Platform North plays a key role!

Thank you!





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