

## Memorandum of Understanding

Iceland and the Åland Islands have many things in common as small Nordic Islands and members of the Nordic Council of Ministers. This background is reflected in their approach to sustainable development, including:

1. Both island nations have created formal platforms to coordinate work on sustainable development, i.e. Sustainable Iceland and Bärkraft.ax.
2. These platforms aim for a broad cooperation within the government as well as with the various stakeholders.
3. Public participation in the development of a wide strategy is encouraged.
4. Being small islands, both the Åland Islands and Iceland are faced with specific challenges, in particular in relation to climate change, such as ocean acidification and ecosystem changes.

To build on this shared background, we, the Ministers for Nordic cooperation in Iceland and the Åland Islands, today sign this Memorandum of Understanding to express our will of further cooperation in the field of sustainable development.

According to this Memorandum of Understanding, Iceland and the Åland Islands will seek to deepen our cooperation within the Nordic framework. This cooperation will focus on sharing experiences and learnings from the work on sustainable development, inspired by Sustainable Iceland, the Everyone can flourish Idea and the Åland Framework for sustainable governance.

Signed in duplicate in Reykjavik, Iceland, on the 31th of May 2023,

For the Government of Iceland,

For the Government of Åland,

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