

**Nordic Council of Ministers'
Conference on Green Economic Growth**

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**The Nordic Prime Ministers'
Task Force on Green Growth**

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Task Force mandate from the Nordic Globalisation Forum, May 20-21, 2010

Remit: To identify Nordic positions of strength and potential for increased cooperation on green growth:

- Areas and sectors within green growth**
- 2-3 tangible green growth initiatives**
- 2-3 strategic priorities**
- Opportunities for linking with existing measures and funding sources**

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Background documents

McKinsey & Company (February 2011), "Green Growth for Nordic Prosperity"

Vista Analyse (2011), "Greening the economy: Nordic experiences and challenges" (TemaNord 2011:532)
(Council of Ministers for the Environment)

Sweco Eurofutures AB (2011), "Kunnskap för grön tillväxt"
(Council of Ministers for Education and Research)

"Green business models in the Nordic region. A key to promote sustainable growth" (October 2010)
(Council of Ministers for Trade, Energy, Regional Policies)

Recommendations for priorities

1. Developing Nordic **test centres** for green solutions
2. Working together on **education, training and research** for green growth
3. Promoting **flexible consumption of electricity**
4. Working together on **green-technology norms and standards**
5. Working together on **green procurement** in the public sector
6. Developing techniques and methods for **waste treatment**
7. Promoting the **integration** of environmental and climate considerations **into development aid**
8. Co-ordinating and improving **funding for green investment** and companies.

Responsible ministers

1. Test centres: **Energy**, with trade, research, transport and agriculture
2. Education/research: **Education and research**, with energy and trade
3. Electricity market: **Energy**, with trade
4. Norms and standards: **Trade, energy**, housing and environment
5. Green procurement: **Trade**, with environment and energy
6. Waste management: **Environment**, with energy and trade
7. Development aid: **Aid/development** ministers
8. Funding and investment: **Finance**, with trade and energy

Timeline and schedule

- Globalisation Forum, May 20-21, 2010**
- Task Force meetings, Nov 2010-May 2011**
- Globalisation Forum, Oct 31-Nov 1, 2011**
- Project proposals developed, Jan-Feb, 2012**
- NSK meeting, February 21, 2012**
- Report to Prime Ministers, May, 2012**
- Globalisation Forum, June, 2012**