

IEA`s Research for Education and Northern Lights series

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Nordic Council of Ministers in brief

- Established 1971
- The official body of intergovernmental collaboration in the Nordic region
- Prime ministers hold the overall responsibility for Nordic collaboration, also specifically appointed ministers for Nordic collaboration in each government
- Annual budget of appr. 132 million euros (2022)
- 11 Ministerial Councils (+ ad hoc on digital matters)
- Education is a central area of collaboration with long traditions
- Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark

The Nordic region

- Five countries and three autonomous areas
- 27 million inhabitants
- 10. - 12. biggest economy in the world
- High level of education
- Welfare societies
- The most integrated region in the world



Our vision 2030

A **green** Nordic region

Together, we will promote a green transition of our societies and work towards carbon neutrality and a sustainable circular and bio-based economy.

A **competitive** Nordic region

Together, we will promote green growth in the Nordic region based on knowledge, innovation, mobility and digital integration.



**The Nordic
region will
become the most
sustainable and
integrated region
in the world**

A **socially sustainable** Nordic region

Together, we will promote an inclusive, equal and interconnected region with shared values and strengthened cultural exchange and welfare.





Nordic indicators for Our Vision 2030

A Green Nordic Region

- Fighting climate change
- Sustainable energy
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Life on land
- Life in the sea



A Competitive Nordic Region

- Good education for all
- Decent working conditions and sustainable economic growth
- Sustainable industry, innovation, infrastructure
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Freedom of movement

A Socially Sustainable Nordic Region

- Good health and well-being
- Gender equality
- Reduced inequality
- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Strong cultural scene

Nordic Statistics Database

- More than 200 matrices
- 19 different subjects
- 1 of them education



⊖ Education

⊕ Education and training

⊕ Financial support

⊕ Level of education

⊕ Litteracy (PISA)

⊕ Studying abroad

Nordic collaboration for quality education

Overall focus

- Good lifelong learning
- Active collaboration and mobility in the region
- Wellbeing of children and youth
- Equality and inclusion

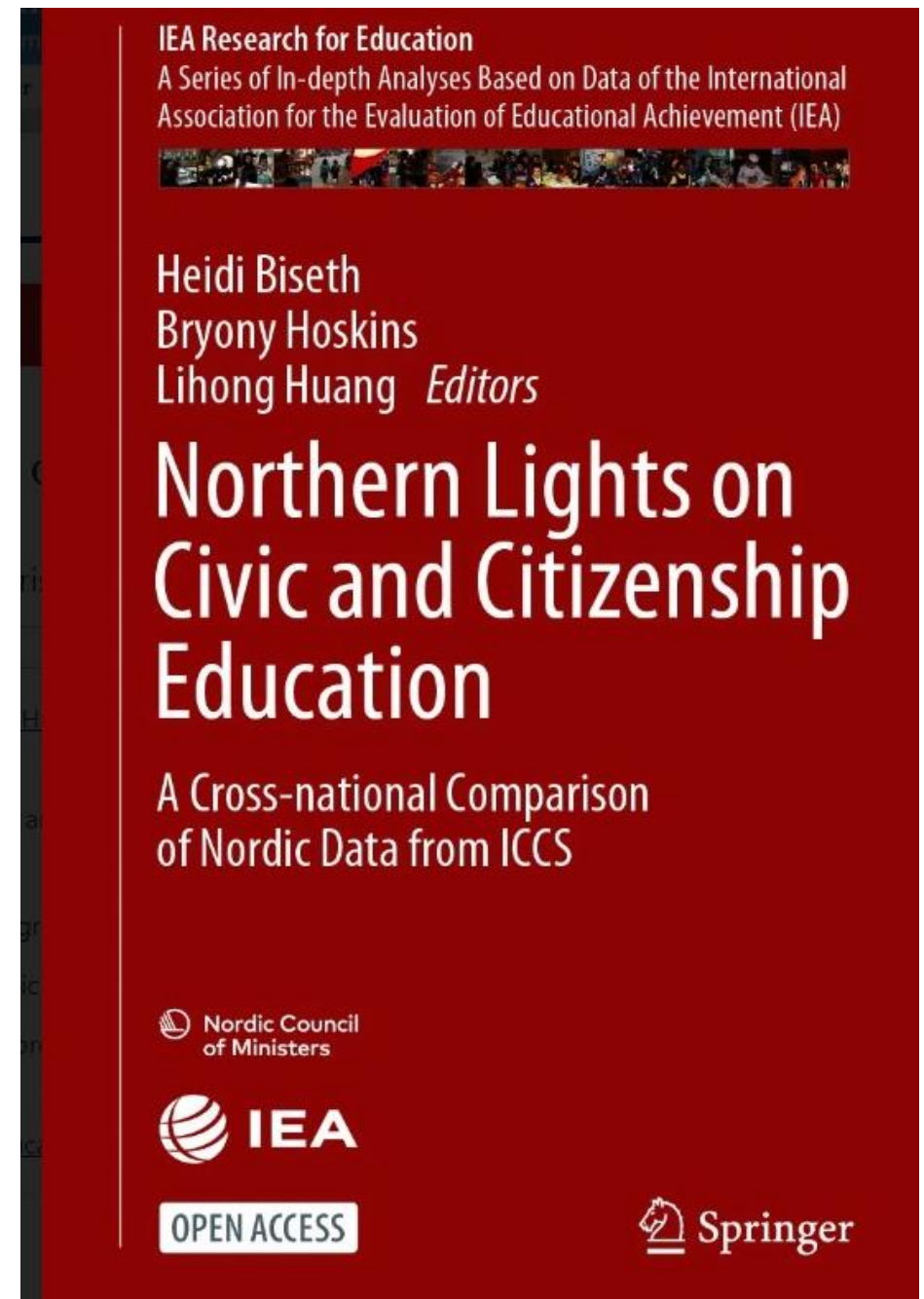
Strategic investments on

- Digital literacy
- Democratic competencies
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Education for sustainable development
- Language competencies



Northern Lights on Civic and Citizenship Education

- A comparative analysis on the Nordic results in ICCS 2009 and 2016 by Nordic scholars together with a British colleague
- With thematic focus on Nordic students' understandings of citizenship, Nordic principals understandings of the priorities of citizenship education, environmental citizenship education, and inequalities and citizenship education
- Strong common priority on critical and independent thinking
- "Reserved citizens"
- Developing Digital Citizenship



Ongoing work on Nordic level

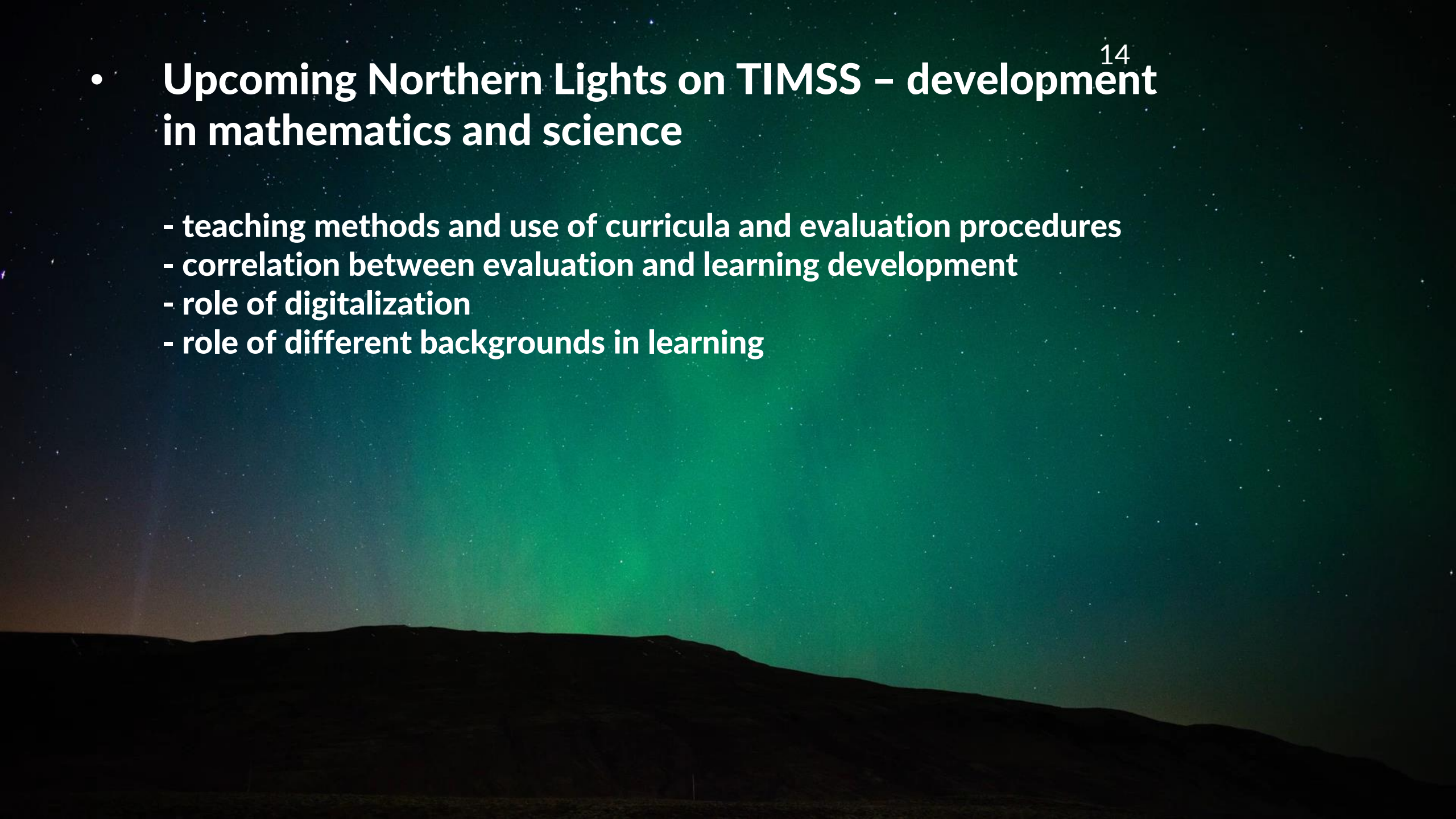
Green Nordic Region

- *Education for Sustainability*, a 4-year project bringing together teacher education institutions, teacher organizations, school principals, municipalities (school owners) and teacher students

Socially Sustainable Nordic Region

- Educational collaboration (Nordic and Baltic countries) through Nordplus-programme, highlight on Social Sustainability in 2022 and 2023
- Expert education collaboration on policy level and concrete collaboration initiatives in the field of democracy education, inclusion and cohesion building



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- The background of the slide is a photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in a dark, starry sky. The aurora appears as a vibrant green and blue glow, with some darker, more intense green patches. Below the aurora, the dark silhouette of a mountain range or hills is visible against the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.
- **Upcoming Northern Lights on TIMSS – development¹⁴ in mathematics and science**
 - teaching methods and use of curricula and evaluation procedures
 - correlation between evaluation and learning development
 - role of digitalization
 - role of different backgrounds in learning

**Thank you! Hvala! Tack!
Kiitos!**

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Researching education, improving learning

