

The Nordic Welfare Watch



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- [1.The Nordic Welfare Watch - in response to crisis](#)
- [2. Welfare consequences of financial crises](#)
- [3. Nordic welfare indicators](#)

- <http://eng.velferdarraduneyti.is/nordicwelfarewatch/about/>

What/how?



- 1) Examine emergency response plans amongst the Nordic states focusing on the role of social services (2014-2015)
- 2) Evaluate the activities of the Icelandic Welfare Watch (2014-2015)
- 3) Map the known the risks that the Nordic welfare system could face in coming years (2015-2016)
- 4) Evaluate if there is a need for a Nordic welfare watch (2016)

Who?

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Task 6.2: The Nordic welfare system

Cases of best practices, one from each country, of how municipalities can enhance resilience of the local community and the inhabitants will be examined and compared

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