

Executive Summary

Political impact

Recommendation 1: Increase civil society's collective organization

It is recommended: That the Nordic civil societies increase their general collective organization to strengthen their strategic representation of interest and their political impact.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Organizations of civil society.

Recommendation 2: Involve civil society earlier

It is recommended: That policy processes are planned, so that civil society is involved earlier in the formative stages of the process.

The recommendation is targeted towards: National politicians and civil service in the central administration.

Recommendation 3: Strengthen skills within political representation of interest

It is recommended: That the organizations of civil society prioritize to strengthen their insight in the political dynamics and acquire tools for usage within strategic and tactical representation of interest.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Organizations of civil society.

Partnerships

Recommendation 4: Reach out, be ambitious and think long term

It is recommended: That civil society and relevant partners from other sectors establish ambitious and impact-oriented partnerships to create permanent change on complex and unsolved social issues.

The recommendation is targeted towards: National politicians, the civil service in the central administration, organizations of civil society, and philanthropic foundations.

Recommendation 5: Spread well-functioning models for local cocreation

It is recommended: To spread successful models for local partnerships between civil society organizations and municipalities.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Municipal politicians, civil service, and organizations of civil society.

Framework

Recommendation 6: Create financial security for civil society

It is recommended: That a sustainable state-financed model is established, to secure civil society's core tasks.

The recommendation is targeted towards: National politicians and civil servants in the central administration.

Recommendation 7: Spread the use of social impact bonds

It is recommended: To spread the use of social impact bonds with focus on gaining and sharing experience among other things about possible pitfalls.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Civil society's organizations, national politicians, and civil servants in the central administration, municipal politicians and civil service, private corporations, and philanthropic foundations.

Organization

Recommendation 8: Make room for all sorts of volunteering

It is recommended: That civil society secure the future of its popular anchorage through different forms of volunteering.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Civil society's organizations.

Recommendation 9: Lower the administrative requirements for civil society's organizations.

It is recommended: That the administrative requirements for applications and handling of funds from especially philanthropic foundations and private corporations are lowered.

The recommendation is targeted towards: Private corporations and philanthropic foundations.

The Nordic

Recommendation 10: Create a strong platform for civil society cooperation

It is recommended: To establish a strong platform for cooperation among civil society organizations in the social sector across the Nordic region with the aim of enhancing networking and sharing of knowledge and inspiration.

The recommendation is targeted towards: The social sector of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Recommendation 11: Establish funds that support specific cooperative projects

It is recommended: To establish funds that support specific cooperative Nordic projects amongst civil society organizations in the social sector.

The recommendation is targeted towards: The social sector of the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Nordic Council, National politicians, civil servants in the central administration, and philanthropic foundations.

