Management of legal obstacles in the European Union

– The Nordic Model

Nordic synergy

- Integrated labour market (1954)
- Passport Union (1957)
- Common education market
- Common social rights
- Nordic Language Convention

and more…

Nordic co-operation

- One of the oldest and most comprehensive regional partnerships in the world
- Insight after the world wars – small countries need to work together
- Nordic Council 1952: inter-parliamentary forum
- Nordic Council of Ministers 1971: governmental co-operative forum
- Nordic Culture Fund set up in 1967

Our vision 2030

A **competitive** Nordic region

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

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.

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 Council of Ministers

Prime ministers and Ministers for Nordic Co-operation

Common solutions and soft power

12 different councils of ministers

Secretary General: Karen Ellemann

"The potential though?

The Freedom of Movement Council

— FMC prioritizes and proposes solutions to border obstacles

— The national level is responsible to solve the problems

— A strong network with stakeholders is the key

Prioritisation

Freedom of Movement Group

Nordic Council

The Freedom of Movement Council

Nordic Council of Ministers Secretary General

Nordic Council of Ministers Committees of Senior Officials

Solution

Minister

Identification

Info Norden

Regional cross-border information services

Nordic Council of Ministers Secretariat

Coordination

Ministries

Regional Committees

Freedom of Movement Database

Documentation

On the agenda

- **Crossborder obstacles**
  - 30 obstacles prioritized
  - 100+ obstacles in the database

- **Five thematic areas**
  - Tax related obstacles
  - Pensions
  - Digitalisation
  - Cross-border statistics
  - Population registration cooperation

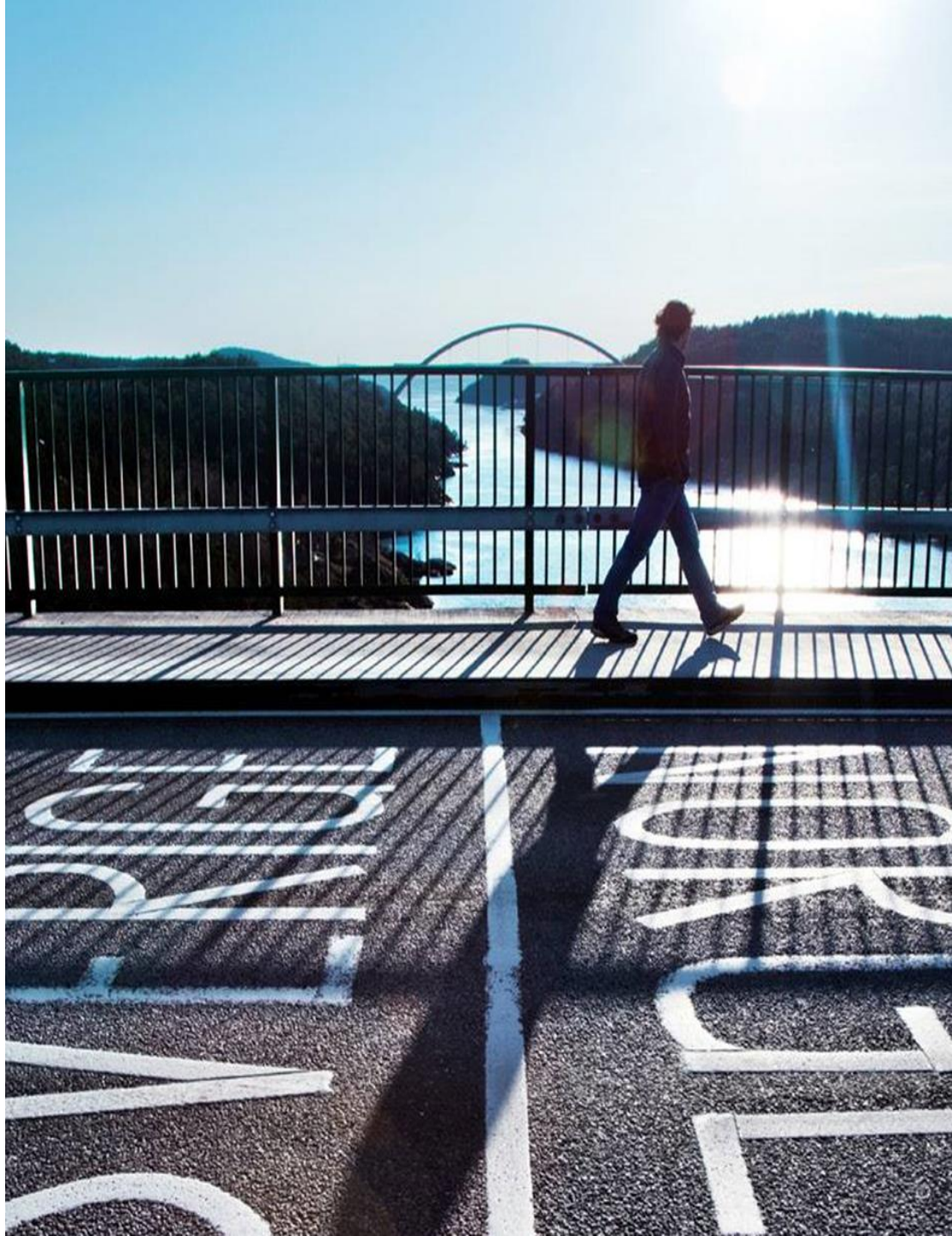
"The potential though?

Freedom of Movement in the Nordics 2.0

—A higher level of ambition

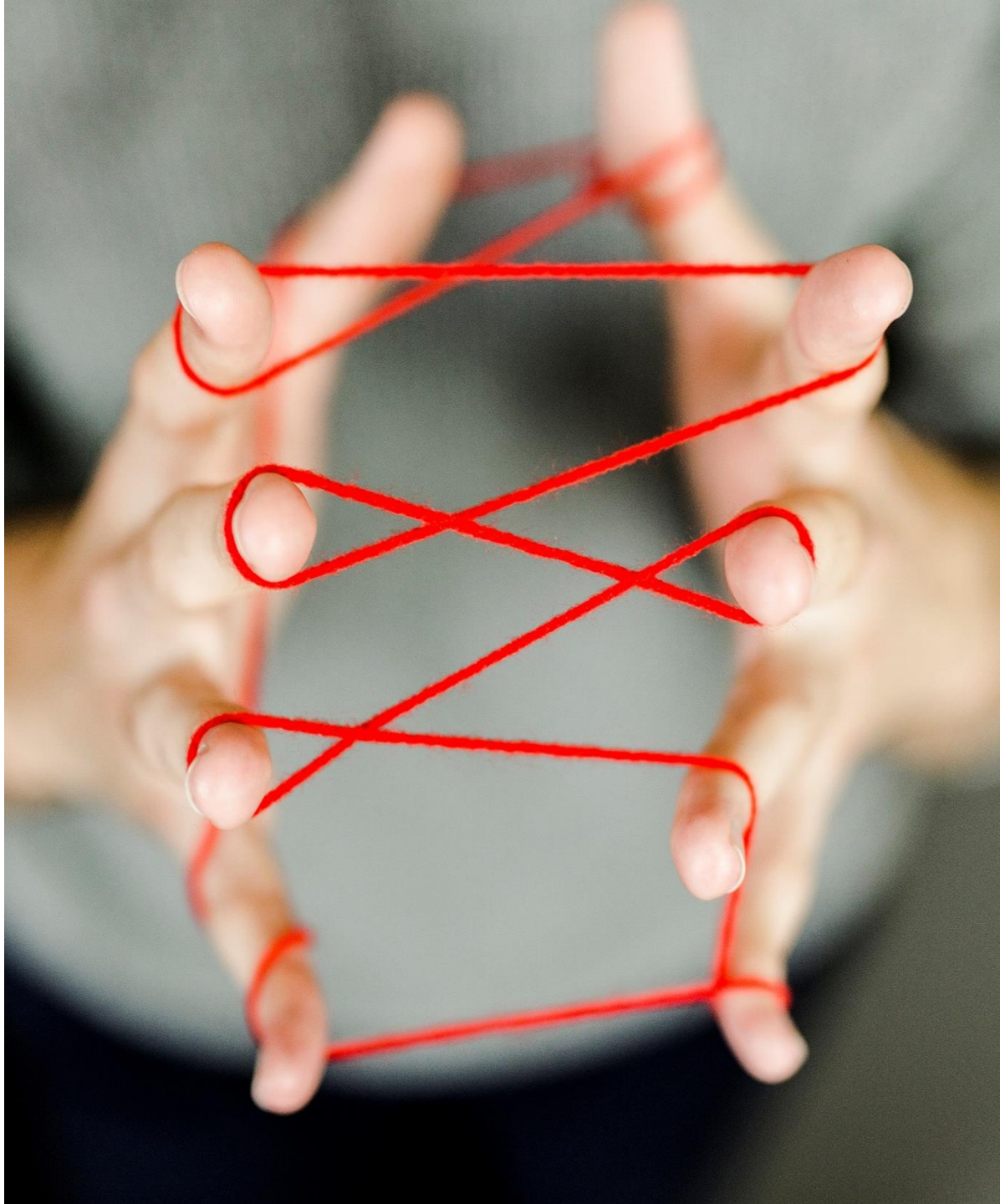
—How do we secure results and ownership?

— A programme for Freedom of Movement in the Nordic Region 2025 – 2030



Solution?

- Increased political anchoring and national ownership
- Clearer division of responsibilities and roles
- Strengthened coordination and information efforts
- Effective problem-solving with greater flexibility



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