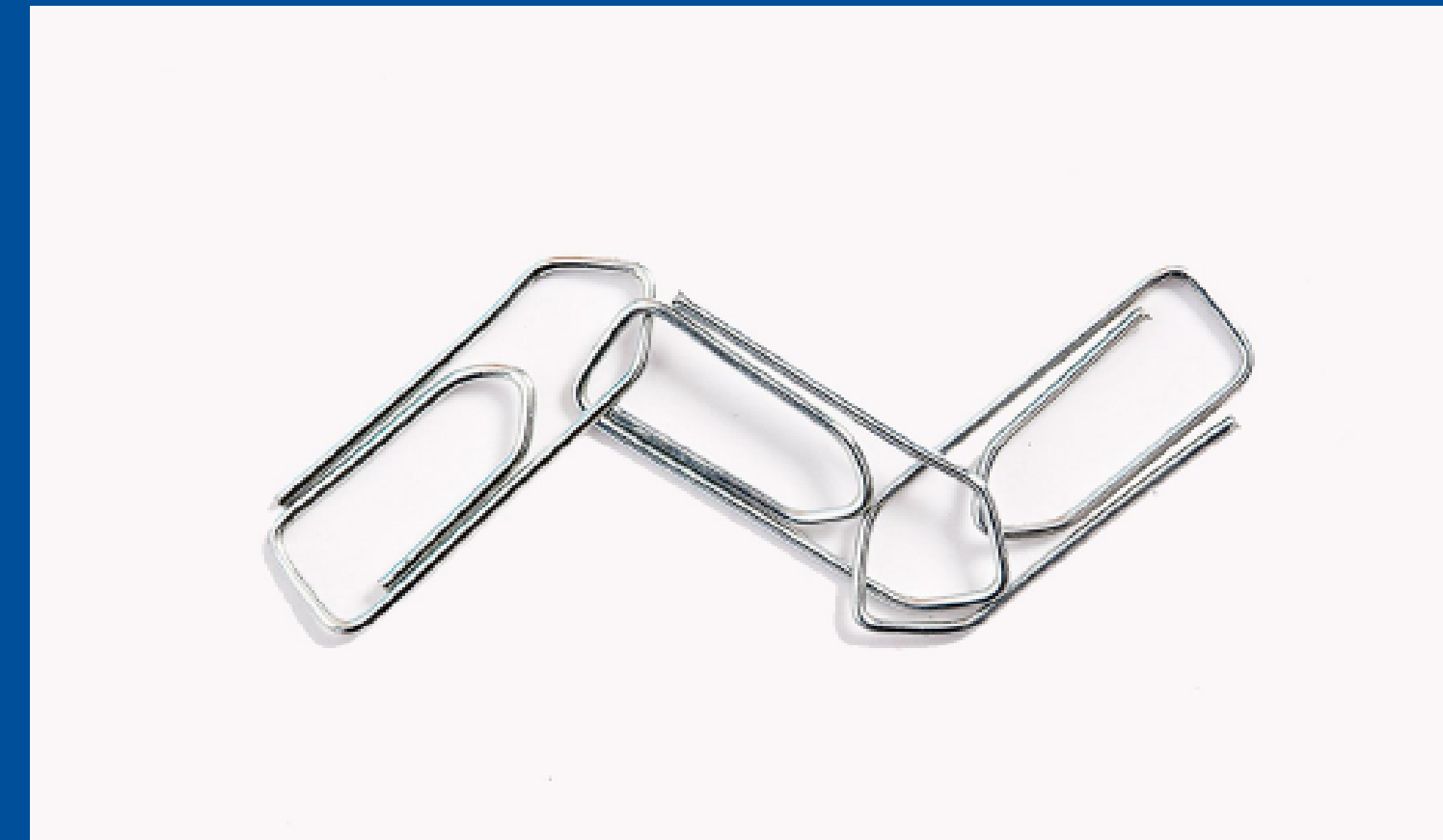


# Enhancing Nordic collaboration on social interventions – opportunities and challenges

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Development of interventions in the social field in the Nordic countries



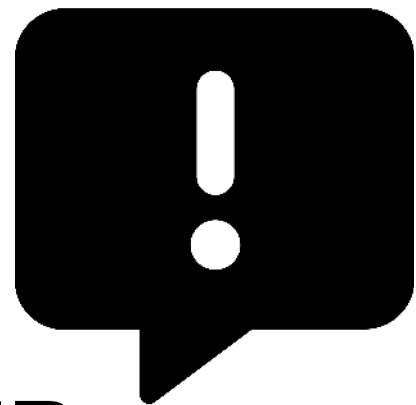
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# Purposes

1. How is the development of interventions in the social field organized at state level in the Nordic countries?
  - > 1) development of new interventions
  - > 2) assesment and dissemination of knowledge about existing interventions
2. What needs, possibilities and challenges do state actors experience for a future joint platform for sharing knowledge about interventions in the social field across the Nordic countries?



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# Method and data

1. Mapping of the overall distribution of responsibility in the social field
  2. Analysis of websites and documents
  3. Interviews with state actors
    - Based on VIVEs preliminary written description of processes for developing interventions in the social field in the separate countries.
- Continuously: Dialogue between VIVE and contacts from relevant state actors

# Main results

# Knowledge sharing across the Nordic countries has potential

- > State actors view Nordic knowledge sharing on interventions as important and giving
- > Similarities in state actors' responsibilities and how development of interventions is carried out on an overall level.

# Two potential platforms for sharing knowledge on interventions across the Nordic countries

## > Networks

- > Interviewees generally view networks as a good way to exchange knowledge and inspiration
- > Gives good opportunities for understanding local contexts for interventions + strong network
- > Attention point: Takes time and commitment from all involved

## > Trans-Nordic website

- > Some interviewees see potential but also several are skeptical
- > Attention point: Hard to agree on e.g. criteria for assessing interventions
- > Attention point: Requires considerable maintenance and updating

# Finding common ground can be challenging

- It can be hard to define themes and aims for a joint knowledge sharing platform that are viewed as highly relevant for all countries. Partly because of differences among countries:
  - Smaller countries have fewer resources → bigger need for inspiration from other countries but less inspiration to give to others.
  - Differences in for example population density affects the needs that state actors in different countries experience
  - State actors in some countries have more active roles in the development of interventions + different local priorities in the individual countries.

→ This means that countries might seek to fulfill different needs through a platform for knowledge sharing and that some countries' commitment might fall over time.

# Concluding remarks

- > Knowledge sharing on interventions across the Nordic countries has potential. There are great similarities across the Nordic countries
- > ...but also important differences on a more detailed level
- > Important to be aware of for example:
  - > What specific topics or interventions have the biggest interest across countries?
  - > How does e.g. the distribution of responsibility and the criteria for assessing interventions differ across countries and relevant actors?
  - > How might this affect our ambition for more trans-Nordic cooperation within the field?
- > Knowledge sharing takes both time and strong commitment



**Questions?**

