The Future of Nordic Energy Co-operation seen from the Nordic Council

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- 2015-2016, MPs from two committees
- Mandate: Consider the need to initiate new proposals on Nordic energy cooperation. Focus on energy efficiency, transition to sustainable energy sources, energy research and electrification of transportation.
- Dialogue with Commission, Nordic MEPs, energy companies.
- Nordic energy conference April 20 2016
- Report with 30 proposals (7 main).
Proposition nr 1

— For the Nordic Council of Ministers to be provided with a clear mandate to co-ordinate and bolster the Nordic Region’s joint energy policy in relation to the EU, and for sufficient resources to be earmarked for the Secretariat of the Nordic Council of Ministers in order that it can regularly investigate and define Nordic interests in various, often alternative, energy policy proposals at an EU level.
Proposition nr 2

— For Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden to work together to develop a harmonised market-based system to promote the generation of renewable energy that can be used by all the Nordic countries.
Proposition nr 3

— For a joint Nordic model/standard to be developed for electric charging stations for the rapid charging of various modes of transport (ships, ferries, cars, trucks, busses, etc.). A Nordic/standard could prove useful in the development of a broader European standard/model.
Proposition nr 4

— For a long-term co-operation programme to be created for the development of electric-powered ferries for Nordic coastal services.
Proposition nr 5

— For a joint Nordic energy efficiency programme to be developed for energy-intensive industries, based on the positive experiences of Norway and Sweden.
Proposition nr 6

— For operational Nordic co-operation to be intensified and synchronised in order to establish a joint Nordic end-user market for energy.
Proposition nr 7

— For “Nordic Energy Research” to be given sufficient basic funding by the Nordic Council of Ministers, and for national contributions to immediately be increased proportionally.
Other points of view

— Energy storage and the effect reserve should be nordic rather than national.

— Expand cross-border grids rather than increase national energy production to handle fluctuation.

— Set visionary yet measurable goals, and be bold!
Thanks.