

# Fælles drift af netværk, kabelforbindelser over Nordpolen og andre internationale trends

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# **Nordic Polar Connect**

A vision for a submarine cable system through the Arctic, on a short and unique route towards Asia and the West Coast of North America

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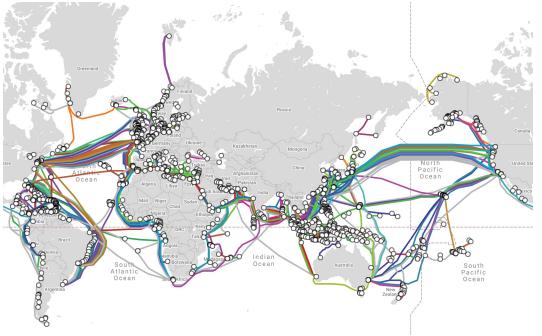
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# **A Problem Statement**

Today, Europe's essential connectivity to both Asia and North America is concentrated along 3 main corridors:

- **Towards the West:** Terminating on the East Coast of the USA, where older cables are now being replaced by new cable systems, owned and operated by dominant foreign technology companies.
- **Towards Northern Asia**: Through Russia and China, with cable systems predominantly owned by companies under significant non-European government control.
- **Towards Southeast Asia:** Through Egypt, served by consortia, predominantly consisting of non-European telecommunications carriers with significant foreign government ownership and cable systems that exhibit regular outages.

This current dependency on non-European cable systems is an area of major concern that needs to be addressed. Countries in the European Union **do not have a Digital Connectivity Strategy** 



# **An Arctic Submarine Cable System**

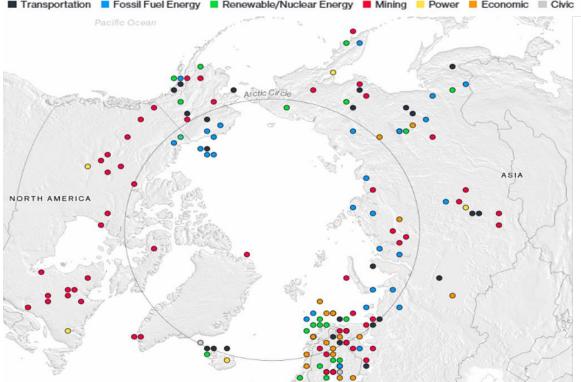
- A route to Asia and the West Coast of North America:
  - Adding resilience to the global fabric of submarine cables
  - Lowering the latency towards Japan and West Coast of North America
  - Increasing the stability & availability
  - Adding to European Digital Independence
- But also, for the Nordics:

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- Transforming the Nordics from Internet stub to right on the highway
- Stimulating infrastructure development in the High North
- Tapping into renewable energy for data centers
- Last but not least, bring unprecedented connectivity for R&E

### This is Gravity North

### **Arctic Region Development**



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- Arctic areas can be a game changer for global connectivity and therefore infrastructure investments and growth plans should be planned and developed with both private and public interests
- There are 900 planned projects in the region requiring 1 trillion USD investments; need for infrastructure in the area is eminent
- Especially northern parts of Russia pursue a huge potential for economic growth and development
- Building data centers in areas with renewable energy
  provides growth potential with less environmental impact
- Data centers and cloud providers are an important part of the ecosystem together with operators

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# **The European Community Drivers**

#### **<u>1. Enhancing European Digital Independence</u>**

**Polar Connect** will address the major concern that today Europe is served by many non-European cable systems

**Polar Connect** will enable a innovative new route creating increased stability and lower latency between Europe, Asia and North America

#### **3. European Impact on Global Research**

**Polar Connect** will further improve:

- Interconnecting European Research Infrastructures and the European Scientist with their Global Partners
- Provide a Unique and highly scalable
   Communication infrastructure for EuroHPC

#### 2. Strengthening Digital Europe

**Polar Connect** will help DIGITAL EUROPE to contribute to the creation of the right framework for Europe's evolution to a gigabit society interconnecting with high growth markets in Asia

### 4. Strengthening European Innovation

**Polar Connect** will further improve:

- European Technology Knowledge in constructing Submarine Cable infrastructures in the artic Region
- Give European Companies increased access to High Speed Connectivity to Asia



"To be digitally sovereign, the EU must build a truly digital single market, reinforce its ability to define its own rules, to make autonomous technological choices, and <u>to develop and</u> <u>deploy strategic digital capacities and infrastructure</u>."

European Council Conclusions, 2 October 2020

All 27 EU Member States, Norway and Iceland signed the

"European Data Gateways" Ministerial Declaration

### Four Platforms to secure Europe's connectivity:

- > The EU-Atlantic Data Gateway Platform
- > The EU-Mediterranean Data Gateway Platform

The EU-North Sea & Arctic Data Gateway Platform

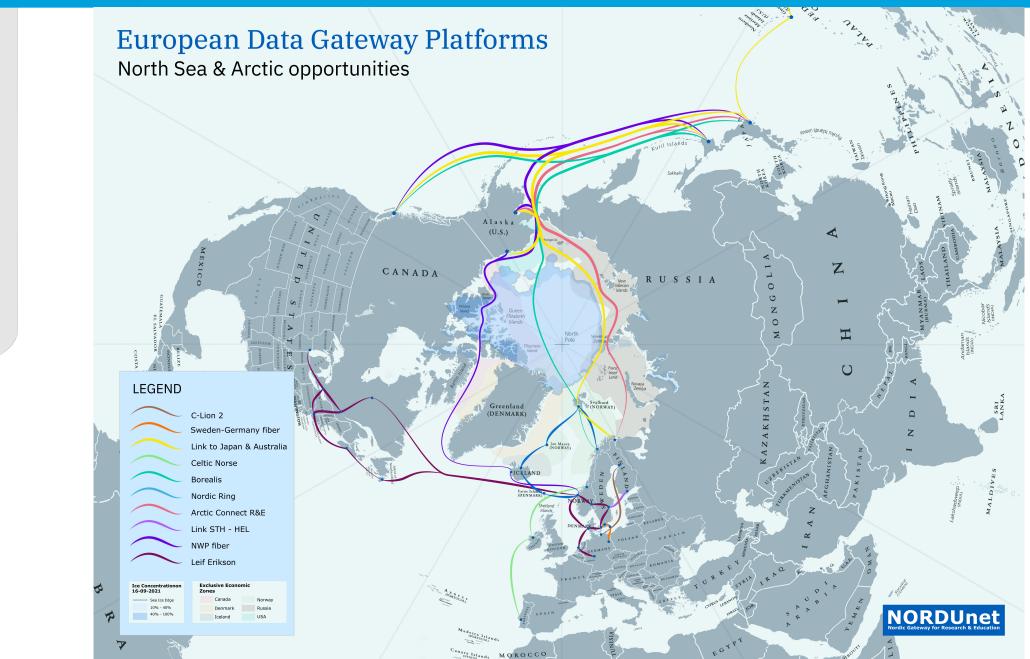
The EU-Baltic-to-Black Sea Data Gateway Platform



https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/digital-day-2021-europe-reinforce-internet-connectivity-global-partners



# **Arctic Cable Routes (artist's impression)**



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# Nordic Polar Connect brings *Gravity North*

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# Building Networks together NORDUnet NEXTgen Network



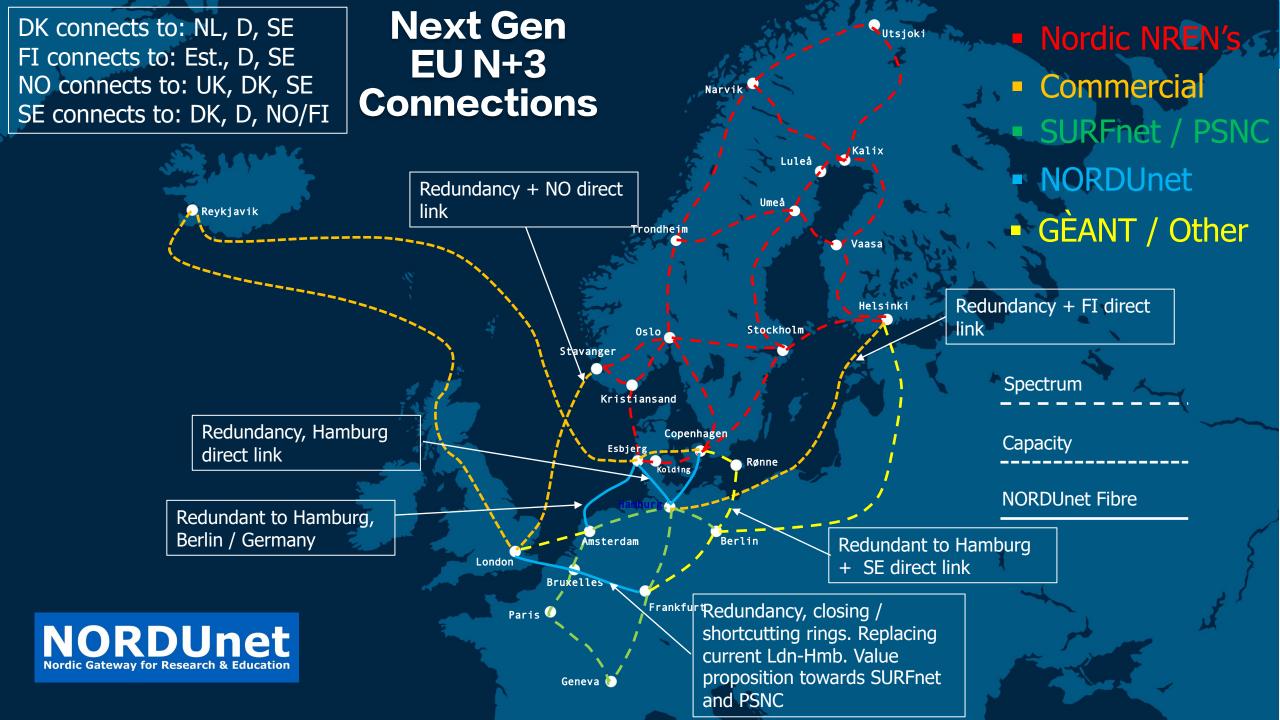


- Accommodate a ladder architecture
- Adding real geographic redundancy out of Norway
- Adding redundancy N+2(3)
- Have topology protect against major city or regional infrastructure outages
- Have one link from each NREN to Europe not touching any other Nordic NREN
- Using NREN spectrum where technically possible

"Redundancy to support 100% availability starts with the number 3"



# Resulting NORDUnet Nextgen architecture







- Create sufficient redundancy to lower the operational cost by;
  - Minimising the need for 24/7 support in the classic sense
  - Lowering the on site support levels and spare parts to NBD (Next Business Day)
  - Establish a federated operations model
    - NREN engagement in Planning, Engineering and Operations.
    - Focus has been on completing the Optical nextGEN infrastructure,, IP and more stuff to come.

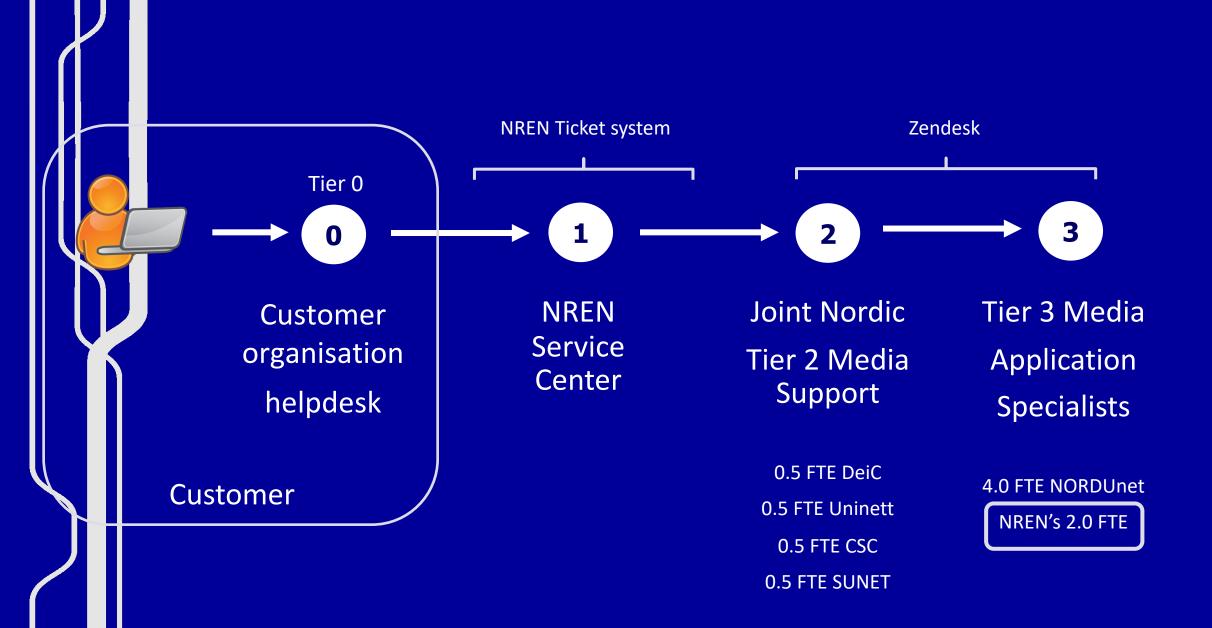






NREN support structure
 Automated monitoring - status.nordu.net
 Zoom distributed setup
 Fun facts....

# Media Services Support Structure

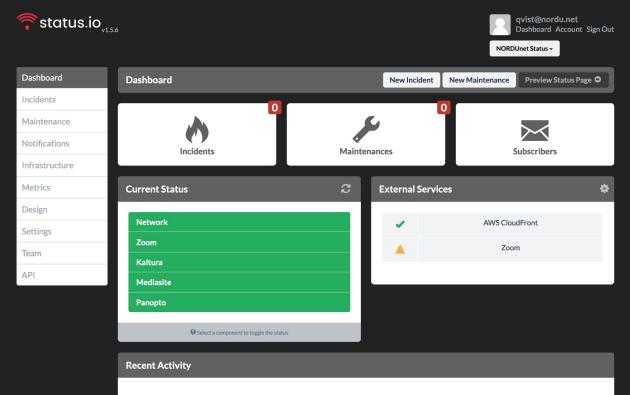


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### Status.io – status.nordu.net

AWS CloudFront

Zoom



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Source	Time	Status	Component	Container
Pingdom	September 28, 2021 7:23:34AM	Operational	Mediasite	Mediasite On-Premise
Pingdom	September 28, 2021 12:05:33AM	Service Disruption	Mediasite	Mediasite On-Premise
Dashboard	September 16, 2021 2:41:35PM	Operational	Zoom	Zone 1 - Backup
Dashboard	September 16, 2021 2:41:11PM	Planned Maintenance	Zoom	Zone 1 - Backup
Incident	September 7, 2021 2:46:40PM	Operational	Panopto	Panopto - On-Premise
Incident	September 7, 2021 2:45:25PM	Service Disruption	Panopto	Panopto - On-Premise
Component Created	September 7, 2021 2:24:33PM	Operational	Network	Denmark

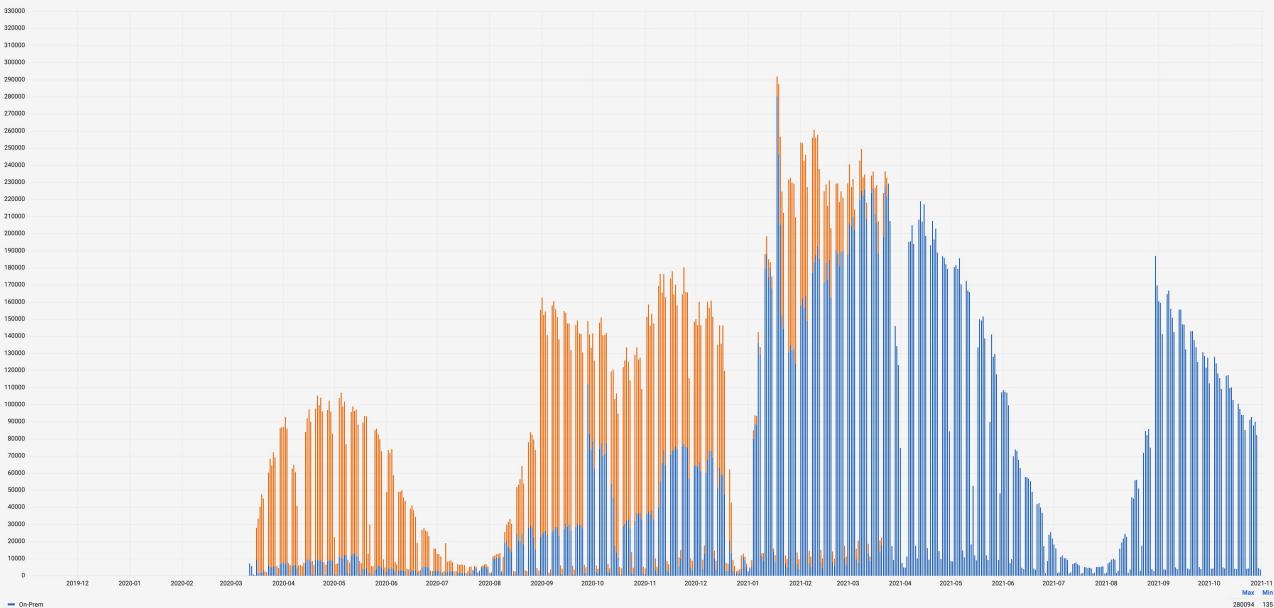
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All Systems Operational		Updated a few seconds ago
For detailed Network status pl	lease visit: nunoc.org/nunocweb/oper	n_trouble_tickets.html
Network Denmark Finland Iceland Norway Sweden		Operational
Zoom On-Premise Recording Zone 2 - DK #1 Zone 3 - SE #1 Zone 6 - FI Zone 7 - NO	Zone 4 - SE #2 Zone 5 - DK #2	Operational
Kaltura Mediaspace Transcoding Live streaming		Operational
Mediasite Mediasite On-Premise		Operational
Panopto Panopto - On-Premise		Operational
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## **Concurrent Meeting Connections**

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Concurrent Peak Connections

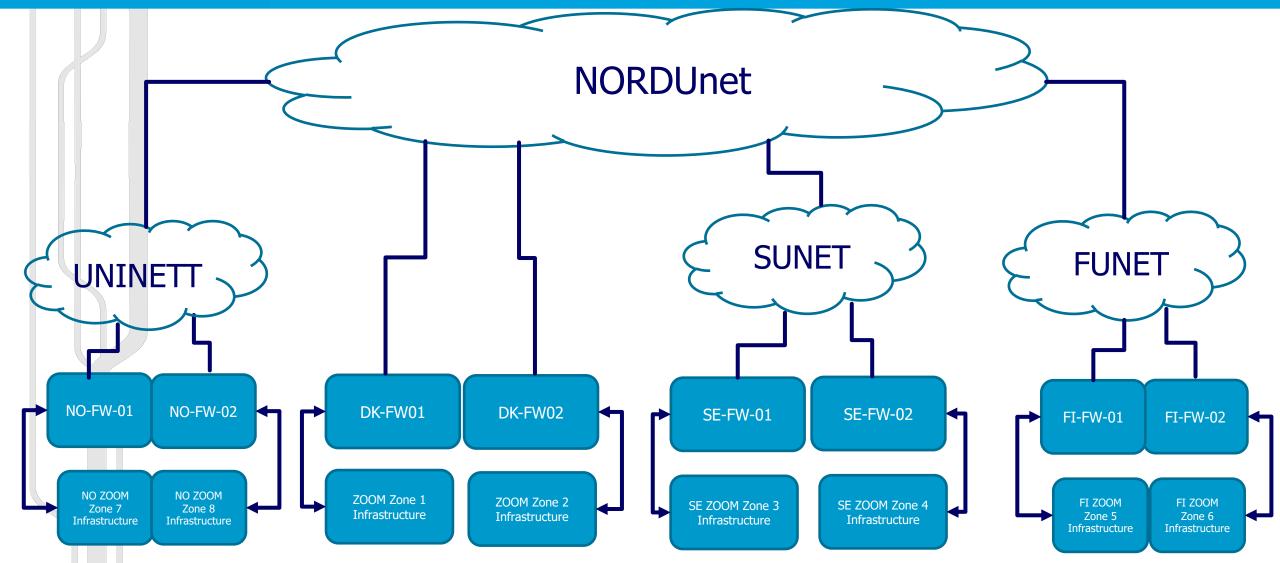


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### **Zoom distributed - High level design**



2.000 host's installed (more or less)



### Zoom On-Prem 2019/2020/2021 meeting minutes

2019

2020

2021

Total minutes	111.117.900
Total hours	1.851.965
Total days	77.165

### 211 YEARS!

Total minutes	7.960.260.573	
Total hours	132.671.009	15.145 YEARS!
Total days	5.527.958	

Total minutes	11.915.775.326	
Total hours	198.596.255	22.670 YEARS!
Total days	8.274.843,97	



### **On-Prem KALTURA**

# KALTURA

#### 2020

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- 630.000 VIDEOS UPLOADED
- PLAYED 70.000.000 TIMES
- 2.300.000 GIGABYTES STREAMED

### 2019

- 400.000 VIDEOS UPLOADED
- PLAYED 30.000.000 TIMES
- 1.200.000 GIGABYTES STREAMED

2021 (ytd - October)

- 620.875 VIDEOS UPLOADED
- PLAYED 67.378.259 TIMES

2.200.000 GIGABYTES STREAMED



# Questions