The Nordic social welfare model provides universal access to social programs like health, education, or pensions and subsidies based on a solidarity principle and paid by taxes.

**Why it is a success?**

Nordic countries in the top of prosperity ranks of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Nordic countries have a very low degree of income inequality (OECD)

Top 30 Internationally in terms of competitiveness, ease of doing business, economic freedom, entrepreneurship and lack of corruption

Top 10 The Social Progress Index

Top 7 The World Happiness Report

**What are some of the challenges?**

The need to increase retirement age

Adjust education to job demand

Increase productivity in public sector by innovation, digitalization...

Close the employment gap between natives and immigrants

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