



NORTHEAST ICELAND

PLAN OF ACTION

2025–2029

**Goals and Vision for
Northeast Iceland Development Fund**

Vision for Northeast Iceland

Northeast Iceland will have strong communities built on solid infrastructure and strong basic services that support rural and urban settlements. Thriving settlements based on sustainable and diverse economic activity and a rich cultural life characterize the region. Increased emphasis on public health and proximity to nature has made the region even more desirable as a place to live and has increased the quality of life and happiness of residents.

With a concerted effort, Northeast Iceland has achieved remarkable results in environmental issues, where innovation and green solutions have contributed to diverse opportunities.



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Economy

The goal is for the region to have a diverse and progressive economy with an emphasis on innovation

Emphases

- Support for work clusters where facilities can be secured for jobs without location and local jobs
- Continue enhancing a knowledge community with an emphasis on connecting the business community and educational institutions
- Participate in and support product/development projects in diverse industries
- Support for local production, services and products from the region
- Support innovation workshops and innovation projects for diverse groups

Examples of projects

- Market the area/municipalities as a residential option based on each municipality's premises
- Ensure the continued work of Norðanátt and support for entrepreneurs through education, accelerators and an investor festival
- Ongoing investment projects within SSNE where investment opportunities are analysed and marketed
- Updating infrastructure analysis in Northeast Iceland, invest.northeast.is



Thriving communities

The goal is for the region to have strong and tolerant communities with a vibrant cultural life.

Emphases

- Develop community centres by using diverse housing as meeting places to engage diverse groups
- Support for various public health projects, e.g., projects that connect nature, exercise and outdoor activities
- Support diverse cultural events and artistic creation throughout the region
- Support events that promote the participation of diverse groups
- Support innovation in health and well-being fields

Examples of projects

- Continued development of a youth parliament that strengthens democracy and empowers young people
- Continued support for children's cultural projects
- Promote diverse events and projects for newcomers in the area, e.g. through the Multicultural Council of Northeast Iceland
- Cultural community of Northeast Iceland in collaboration with the municipalities



Environment

The goal is for Northeast Iceland to become a leading region in environmental and climate issues globally

Emphases

- Systematic efforts will be made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the region
- Increase emphasis on the region's energy transition and improved utilisation of energy resources
- Promote the cycle of organic nutrients
- Nurturing biodiversity
- Support for diverse social projects that reduce waste
- Support for educational projects on environmental and climate issues

Examples of projects

- An action plan will be prepared linked to the report "Carbon Footprint of Northeast Iceland 2022", which includes measures to improve land use, promote the recycling of organic waste, and promote active travel.
- A joint climate policy will be drawn up and solutions will be examined to make joint climate accounting for Northeast Iceland
- Continued support for the development of a bioenergy plant that extracts value from organic streams
- Energy transition in rural areas – RECET
- LOFTUM – educational project in environmental and climate issues