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# The Icelandic situation



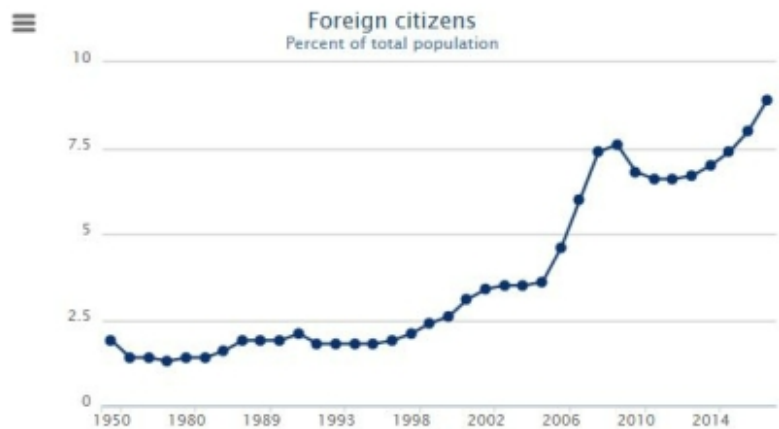
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## Development:

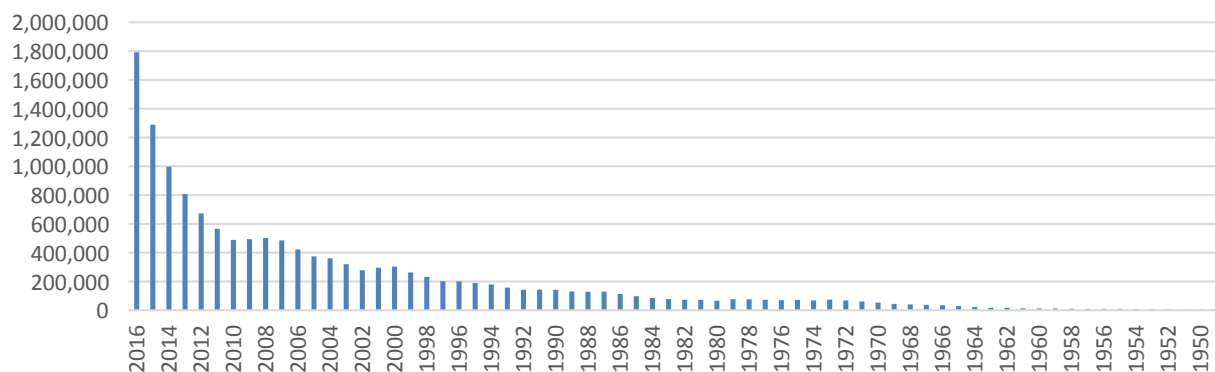
- Agriculture (ca. 5000 ranches farming live stock, cattles)
- No ploughing – Archaeological remains well preserved.
- The turf farm
- Provided for ca 60-80 thousand inhabitants
- Urbanisation after 1850 – fishing villages
- Reykjavik – city state (more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the population)



# Background



Number of visitors in Iceland 1945-2016



Initiatives/projects in line with the Faro Convention principles that exhibits the role of heritage in addressing a societal challenge in Iceland

- What are the challenges?
  - People moving from the countryside to „the city“
    - Regional development
    - Heritage and quality of life (Faro article 8)
    - Heritage and economic activity (Faro article 9)
  - The tourist boom
    - Sustainable use of the cultural heritage (Faro article 9)
    - Accessibility – infrastructure.
  - Public / democratic participation
    - (Faro article 11 & 12)

# Iceland sagatrail association

- Founded 2006
- Ca. 50 parties
- [www.sagatrail.is](http://www.sagatrail.is)
- 31 projects



Iceland sagatrail association  
Samtök um sögutengda ferðapjónustu

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Vikingaheimar








### Í kjölfar víkings

Þáttur víkingaskipinu Íslendingi senn á gildi yfir Íðanshafði í Hordun-  
Ómerku árið 2000 gefur hér að líta á smíðanlaun víkingasjónunga,  
Vikings - The North Atlantic Saga, senn sennar upp í mörgum afhála  
borgum Hordun-Ómerku á árunum 2000-2002. Leitaðar víð að  
9. dattadurinn fræðist á gættanlagan háttum fjnsta algingar  
norrænna manna í Ómerku (Íslandi) árið 1000. Sjálgum  
víkingaskipa yfir Íðanshafði á víkingabíð og landnámi Íslandi eru  
einnig þarð þóð átti. Líttarháttum fólka ína um þorð í  
víkingaskipunum á milli lands er líttarháttum senn og fjgættarjngla.  
Ráttarlu senn Gunnar líttarjngla senn skipasmiður og skipasjórti  
Íslendinga hefur sjóðar á gílgum víkingaskipa um Hordun-Óðanshaf  
á stjósáðunum 15 árunum á sjóunum á dattarhinga, árið um líttar, þarð  
líttar komið í að stjóska víkingaskipin Íslending þar senn þarð sennur á  
þunna landi í fabelna fjnn minna fjnstað þar fjnstað Leif Eiríkssonar.

Opð alla daga lítt 11:00 - 16:00  
2 km frá Leifarsbá og 40 km frá Reykjavík

Víkingabúur 1  
200 Reykjavík

Símt: 422 2000

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- 7 - Reykjavík-Landnámsáttarjngla
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# From object to landscape



- Manuscripts



- Eiríksstaðir  
(kopia/hypotesus í  
skala 1:1)



- Ruins in Reykjavík  
centrum – The  
settlement exhibition



- Viking age *skáli* on  
Hofstaðir

# From object to landscape



- Vatnsfjörður – archaeological excavation



- Gásir – medieval harbour



- Þingvellir

# The sagas and the cultural landscape

How do you make a huge landscape assessable and understandable??

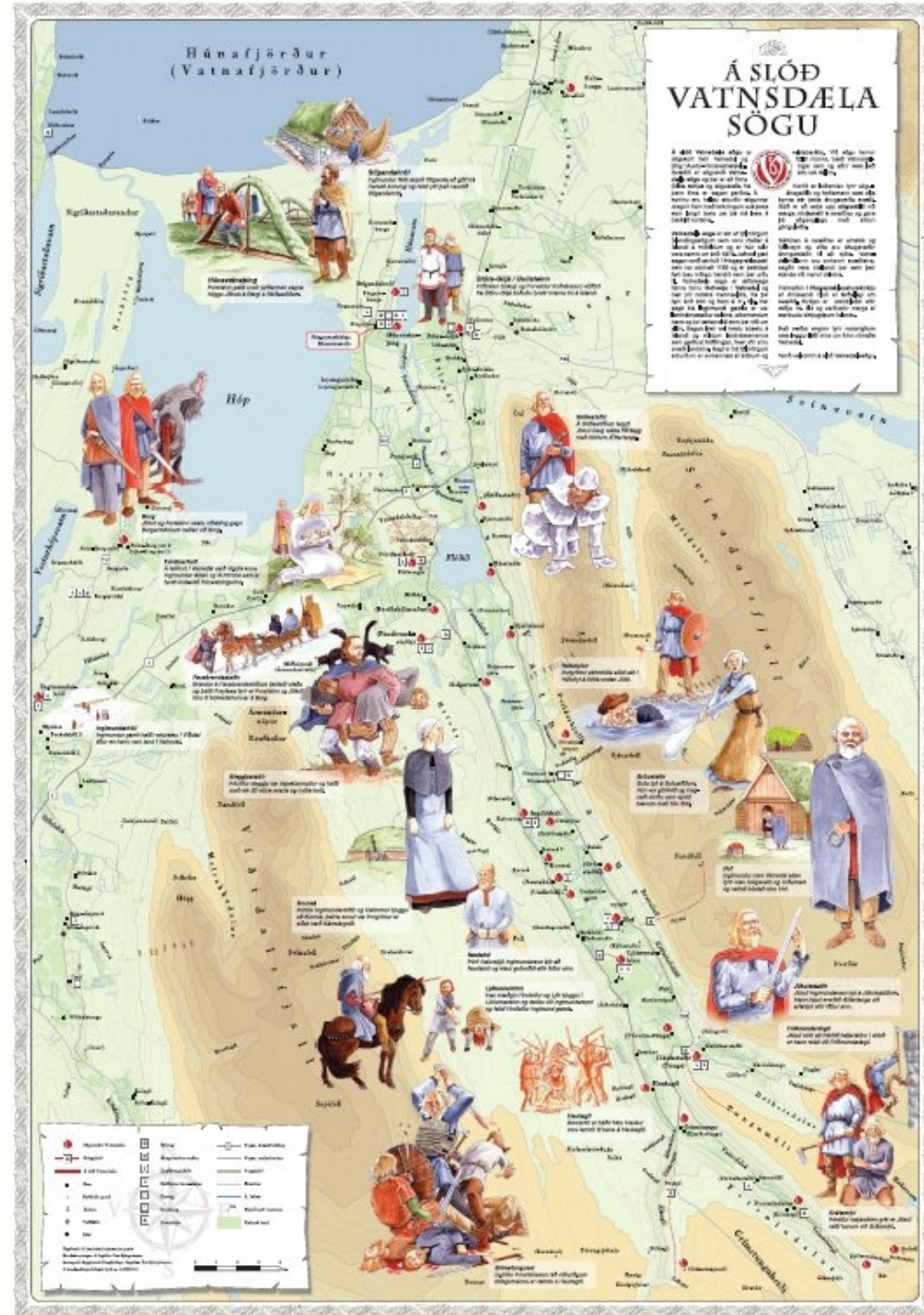
Sturlunga saga and Vatnsdæla saga project

Archaeological research.

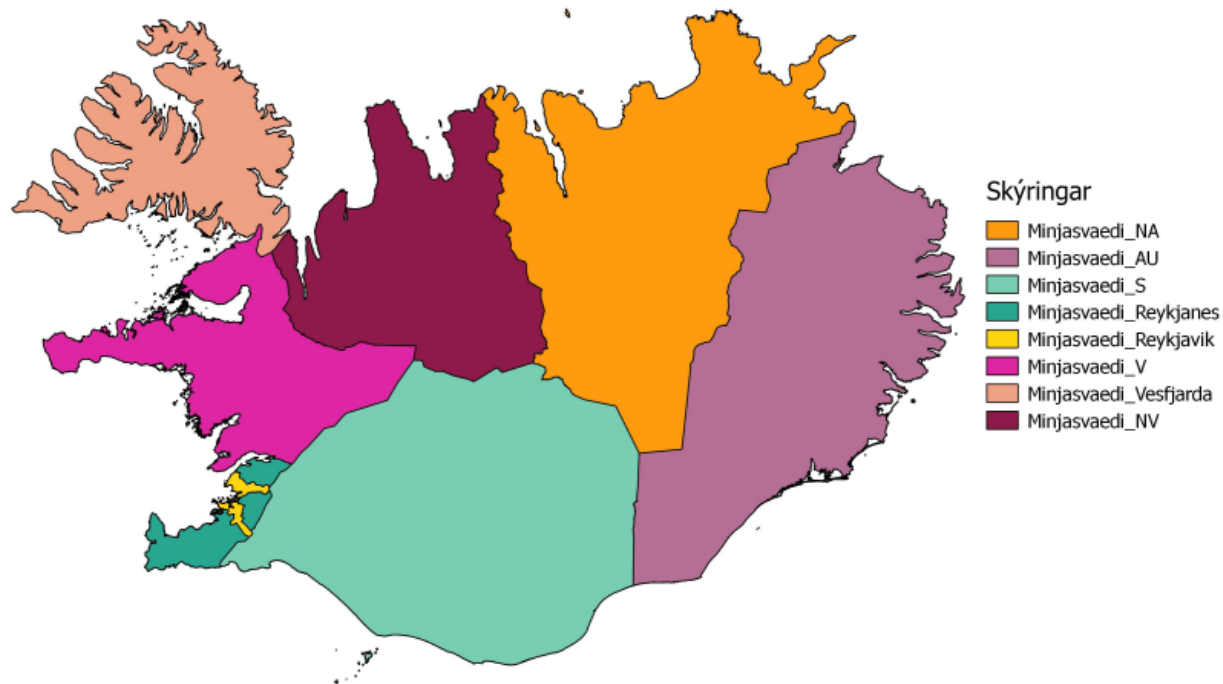
Landscape and ruins – the stage of the Saga author.

Assessability:

- Information center
- “Saga – maps”
- CD – discs for travellers in cars
- Viewpoints
- Horses
- Sailing down the rivers



# Minjaráð – Regional Heritage Committees



## Fornminjafélag Ségandafjarðar

### Archaeological Fellowship of Ségandafjörður

<https://fornminjafelagsugandafjardar.com/>

Participation of volunteers



- Community on the West Fjords of Iceland.
- Close co-operation with Minjastofnun
- Registration of Archaeological Sites
- Lectures – Education
- Videos on erosion
- Contact with politicians

# Verndarsvæði í byggð – Conservation Areas

New law – new approach – democratic participation



## Nordic Council of Ministers

<http://www.norden.org/en/nordic-council-of-ministers>

The Council of Ministers is the official body for inter-governmental co-operation in the Region. The Council of Ministers seeks Nordic solutions with visible positive effects for everybody who lives in the Region.

- Many projects in recent years
- Accessibility to Cultural Heritage
- Verdiskaping – Cultural heritage as a resource
- Sustainable use and protection of the cultural heritage