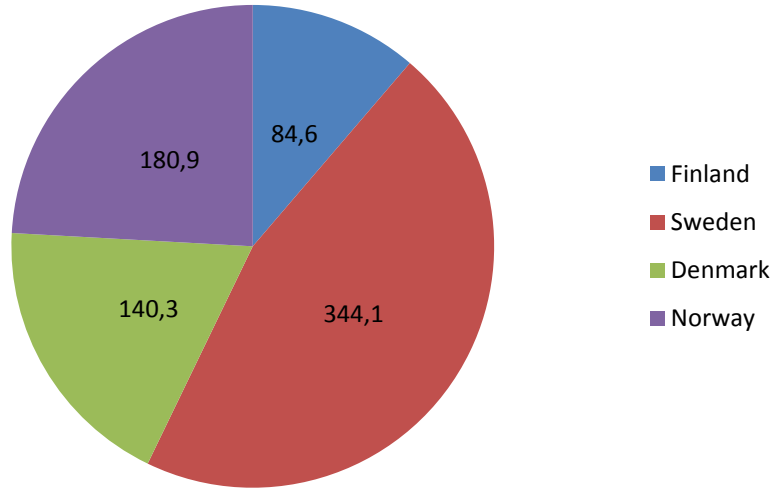
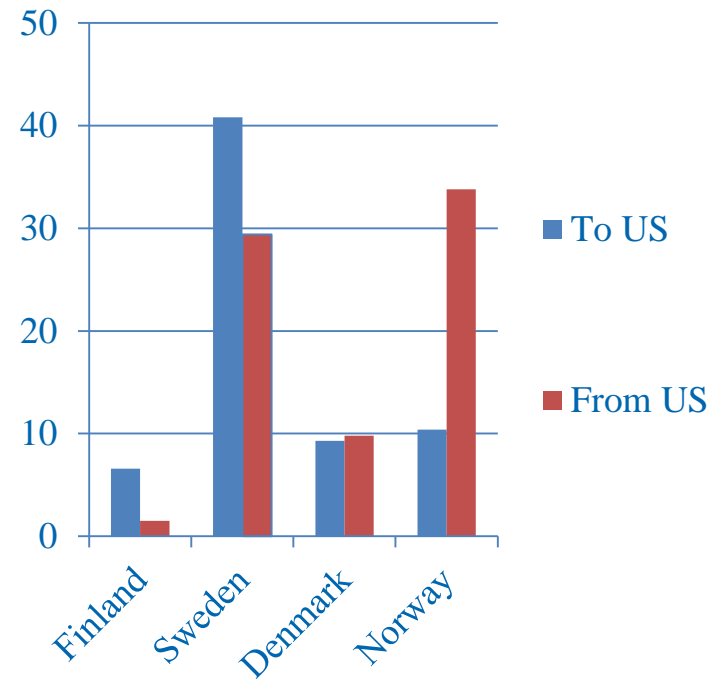


Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)

Share of FDI stocks (inward, 2011)



FDI 2010 (billion US\$)



United States Trade Representative (USTR) Special 301 Watch List

Why is Finland on the list?

- Finland is on the 301 list due to the current lack of product patent protection for certain pharmaceutical products
- From AmCham Finland Policy Platform 2012: *“Of particular interest is Finland’s presence, for the third year in a row, on the United States Trade Representative (USTR)’s 2011 Special 301 Watch List, which monitors the protection of Intellectual Property Rights in countries that trade with the US. Finland is on this list of countries that do not adequately protect IP rights due to the expanded generic substitution system for pharmaceuticals which are protected by analogue process patents. This system was introduced by the Finnish government in 2009, and hurts innovative industry and investment to Finland by representing Finland as a poor environment in which to do business. We hope that the government will consider a solution that will satisfy all parties and that will result in Finland being removed from this list as soon as possible.”*
- From the USTR Special 301 Report 2012: *“Finland remains on the Watch List in 2012. The United States continues to be concerned about the lack of product patent protection for certain pharmaceutical products. U.S. industry continues to express concern that the regulatory framework in Finland regarding process patents filed before 1995, and pending in 1996, denies adequate protection to many of the top-selling U.S. pharmaceutical products currently on the Finnish market. The United States looks forward to continuing to work with Finland to address this and other matters.”*
- In summary, the Finnish government fails to protect the intellectual property of innovative pharmaceutical companies that do business in Finland, and this is why Finland is on the Watch List

