## National economic reviews of the Shopfitting Industry in the Nordic Countries. ISO Congress 2012, 16<sup>th</sup> March, Gulf of Finland.

Overall situation, ISO shopfitters' "gut feeling":

Norway, Sweden, Finland are OK (estimated in that order), but the industry in Denmark is complaining.\*)

## **EU Consumer confidence indicators per February 2012:**

OECD.org/index.aspx, Business tendencies and consumer opinion surveys MEI.

Sweden +4,9; Denmark +5,5 (ever optimistic); Finland +7,0; Norway as non-EU member, no indication!

For comparison: Germany -0,8; France -25,6; Netherlands -22,6; Italy -30,7; UK -20,9;

## National account balance of payments, latest updated statistics end of 2010:

OECD-Library.org, via Google 11.03.2012. Percent of GDP:

Norway 12,9 (lucky oil!); Sweden 6,3; Denmark 5,5; Finland -2,1;

For comparison: Germany 5,6; France -2,1; Netherlands 7,6; Italy -3,2; UK -2,5; South Africa -4,1; Greece -10,4; USA -3,2; Brazil -1,4; China 2,2; Russia 3,9; OECD average -0,5;

\*) The participating shopfitters will verbally supplement and comment the situation and answer questions.

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