



KS - Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities

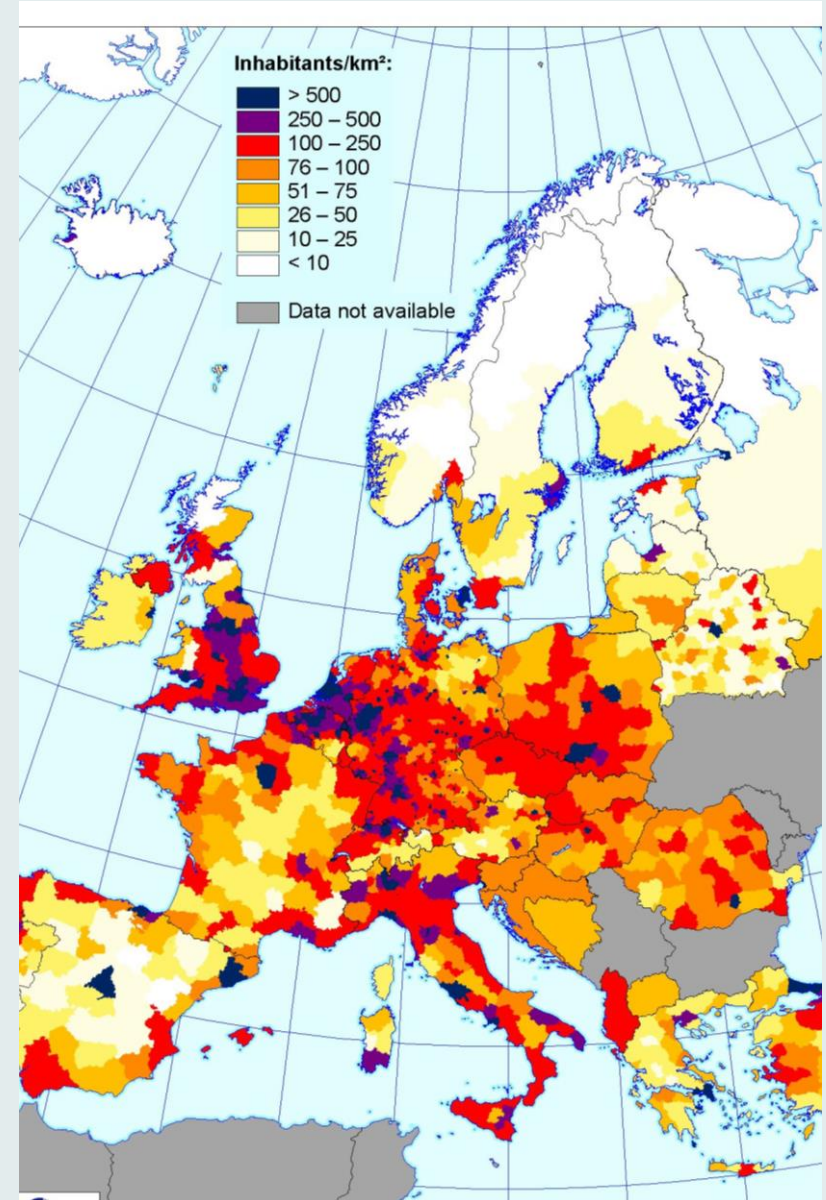
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*«An independent and innovative
municipal sector»*

Norway

- 385.000 km²
- 1.800 km from north to south
- 5,8 million inhabitants
- 14 inhabitants km²





Administration levels

326 municipalities

11 counties

500 000 employees

11 500 councilors

*Over 5 million Norwegians receive
quality public services from cradle to
grave*



Responsibilities



Municipalities

- Preschool and primary education (10 years)
- Care for the elderly and disabled, social services (social assistance, child welfare, drug/alcohol)
- Local planning (land use), agricultural issues, environmental issues, local roads, harbours
- Culture
- Utilities (water, sewage, waste)

Counties

- Upper secondary education (3 years)
- Regional development
 - County roads and public transport
 - Regional planning and development
 - Business development
 - Culture (museums, heritage)
- Dental care

What is KS



Who is KS for?

KS is working to give all local authorities and regions in Norway the muscle to build local communities that meet their residents' needs.



KS' main activities

- Central collective bargaining
- Consultations with the Government
- Advise and assist in legal, financial and administrative matters
- Initiate research, innovation, documentation and development projects – basis for knowledge based advocacy
- Develop and implement training for councilors, executive officers and staff
- Disseminate information and promote organisational development



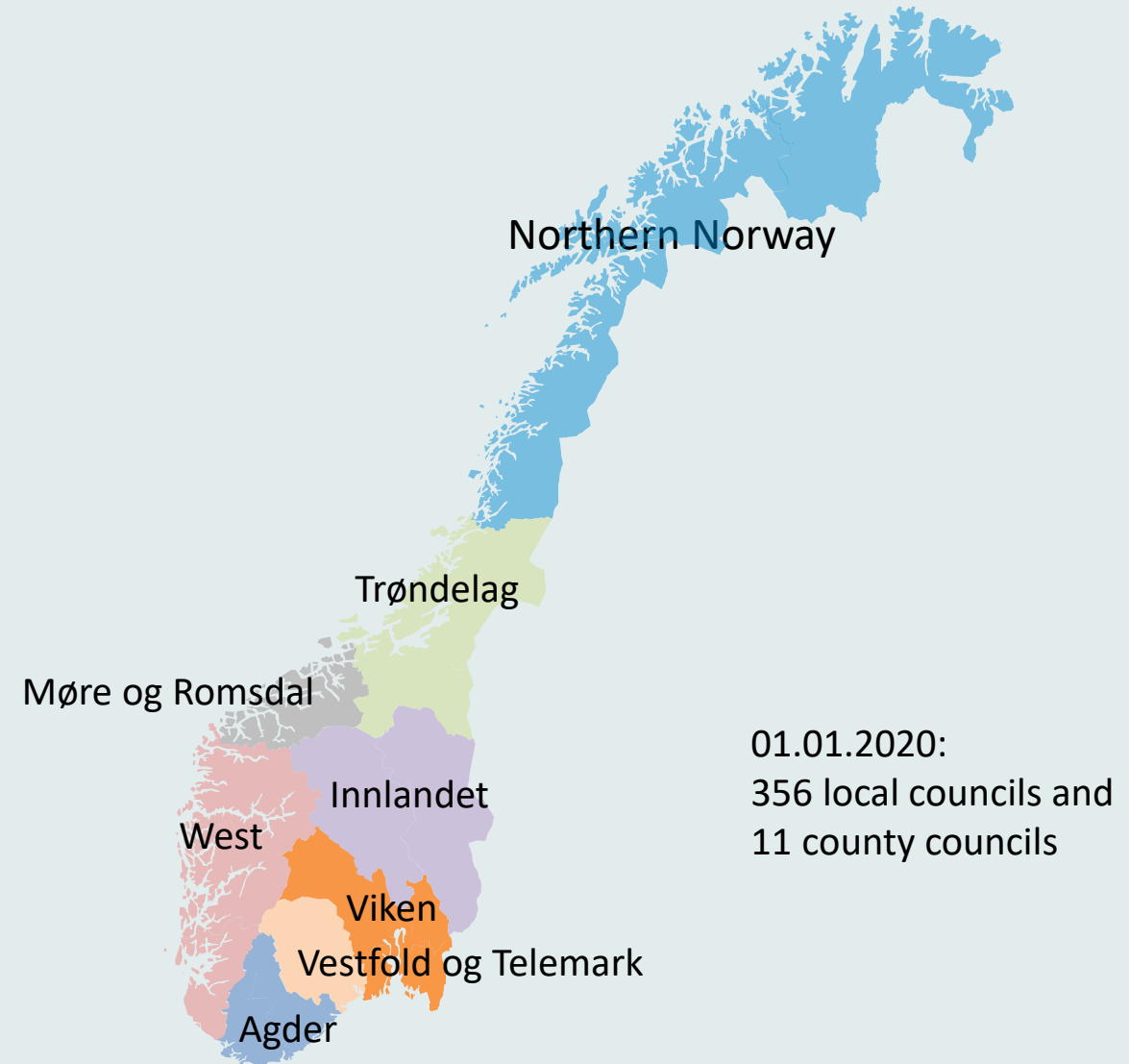


KS promotes living local democracy

- Programme for politicians
- EEA information
- Builds local democracy in countries with a weak local democracy tradition
- Skills development – mayors and chief executives

KS has a presence throughout the country

- Divided into 8 administrative regions in Norway
- 16 branch offices
- Kommunenes Hus in Oslo
- European office in Brussels





Thank you!

