

Public participation regarding Nordland County's «Regional Plan for Climate Change»»

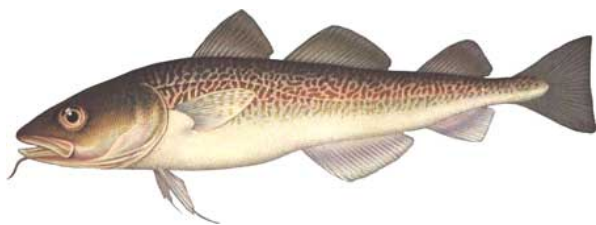


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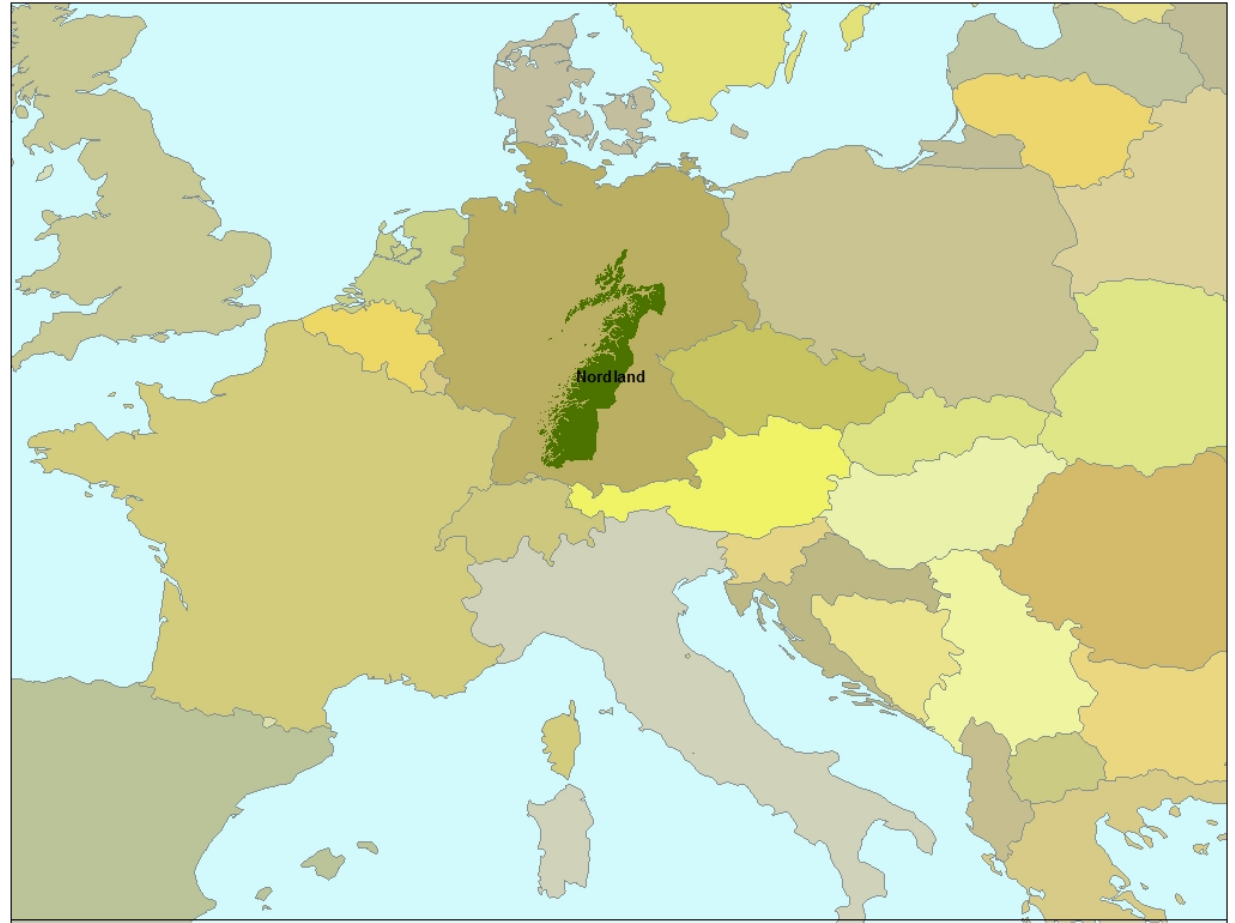
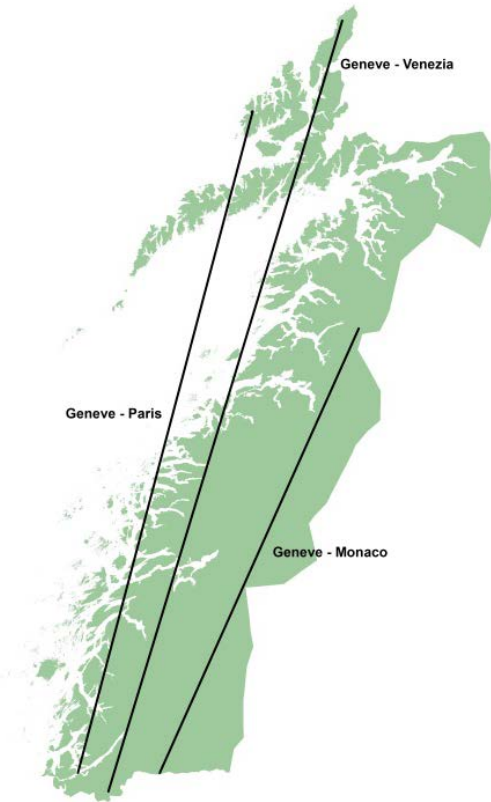
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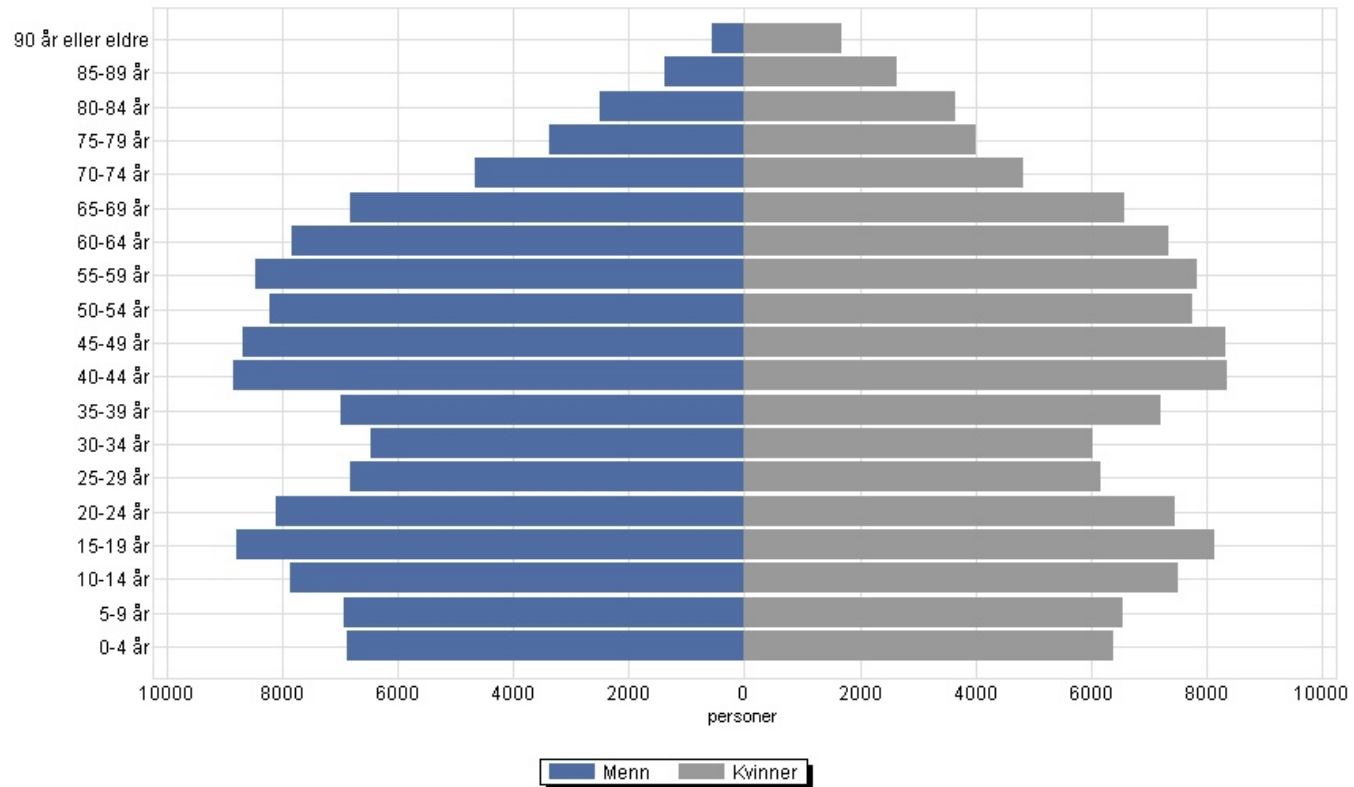
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Nordland in Europe





Framskrevet folke­mengde,
etter kjønn og alder.
2012, Middels nasjonal vekst (Alternativ MMMM), Nordland.



Kilde: Statistisk sentralbyrå



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Climate challenges





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The Norwegian Planning and Building Act

- Planning and building authorities shall collaborate
- Anyone who presents a planning proposal shall facilitate public participation.
- Groups and interests who are not capable of participating directly shall be ensured good opportunities of participating in another way.



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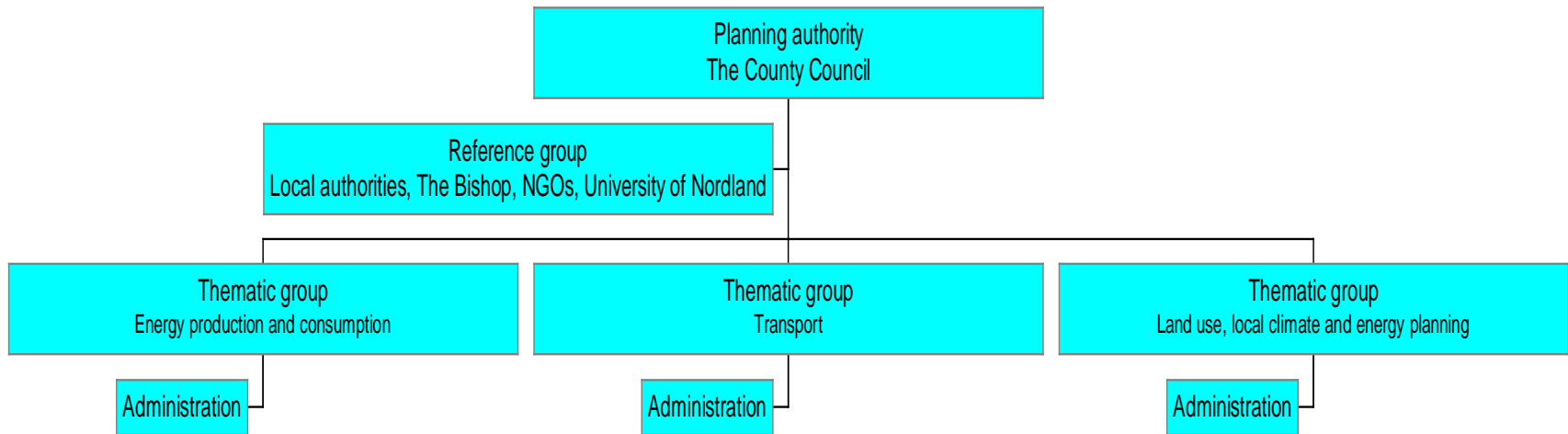
National Guidelines for Local Climate and Energy Planning



- Purpose:
 - The municipalities should lead the way in work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 - The municipalities should be more efficient in their use of energy and environmental energy resources.
- The guidelines does not address climate adaptation
- The government supported all local climate plans with 12.500 Euros.



Organisation





The process



Public hearing 8 weeks
16. aug – 15 oct

Jan.
2009

Feb.
2010

May
2010

Nov.
2010

April
2011

Political
adoption

Green
paper
about
future
climate
change



Scientific report.
Expected climate
change



Conference:
From local planning
to action

Conference:
Climate and Energy in
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Political
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Goals for participation

Nordland County Council wanted to:

- Raise awareness of climate change
- Try out new methods and Gain experience with new tools
- Receive comments on the plan from different actors - children, youngsters and elderly
- Create debate about and awareness of the topic.
- Dialogue and joint arena with collaborators in Nordland
- Put climate and energy issues on the agenda





How did we get people to debate climate og energy issues?

- Nordland County Council aimed to go beyond simply discussing the content of the regional climate plan.
- Emphasis put on debating climate and energy issues in general and relating these issues to local matters. Every day items provided concrete starting points for discussion.
- We also attracted people by the electric car, serving waffles and refreshments.
- All in all this led to dialogue with groups who often don't participate in public hearings, especially children and young people.



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Comments received during the public hearing period:

- municipalities,
- public authorities,
- NGOs,
- power companies,
- 90 private individuals: postcards and letters,
- comments from open meetings and workshops

twitter

facebook





What can be learned from our public participation strategy?

Challenges:

- Due to road conditions, vast distances and low coverage of charging infrastructure among others, it is challenging to deploy an electric car in Nordland!
- The challenges you meet aren't normally encountered in an office environment. We had to use an other «language»
- Participation process is time-consuming and resource intensive.
- Taking the comments received into account afterwards is demanding!



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Strengths:

- The car got attention from all groups of people.
- General awareness of the plan raised.
- More comments received - over 100 comments received during the climate tour. New media is a good tool, but are still for the young ones
- Positive response to the County Council travelling around and meeting people!
- Nordland County Council is now associated with climate and energy issues.
- Spotlight on and debate about the topic.
- We had a lot of fun and many good conversations and debates



Summarised comments – private individuals

INNSPILL FRA POSTKORT						
		Navn	Innspill	Kap. i plan	Innsatsområde	Behandling
1	1	Trude Mørk	Arrangering av årlige "Miljø og klimakonferanser"			Innarbeides i planen. Nytt tiltak A-14: Etablere en årlig arena for erfaringsutveksling og kompetanseheving knyttet til klima- og energiarbeid for ulike aktører i fylket
2			Ønske om felles standard for avfallsortering i barnehage, skole og vgskole			Tema avfall og resirkulering vil bli vurdert innarbeidet ved rullering av planen
3	2	Alberto Martinez	Ønske om holdningsskapende arbeid for energieffektivisering - "Hvorfor forbruker nordmenn så mye vann og elektrisitet, lar lyset stå på hele dagen og bruker mye vann for å fylle ett glass?"			Flere tiltak vedrørende holdningsskapende arbeid vil bli vurdert ved videre arbeid med planen.
4	3	Karstein Kristoffersen	Ønske om at offentlig etat går over til el-bil		Transport	Dekkes av planen jf. tiltak G-1 og G-5
5	4	Fred-Øystein Thomassen	Ønske om økt satsning på solcellepanel		Energi	Tas til orientering
6			Ønske om økt satsning og tilrettelegging av sykkeløyper		Transport	Dekkes av planen jf. tiltak G-7. Gang- og sykkelveier er en kommunal oppgave
7	5	Kristian	Ønske om flere sykkelveier		Transport	Dekkes av planen jf. tiltak G-7. Gang- og sykkelveier er en kommunal oppgave

Thank you for your attention !

