

## Welcome – an introduction to Norwegian regional policy

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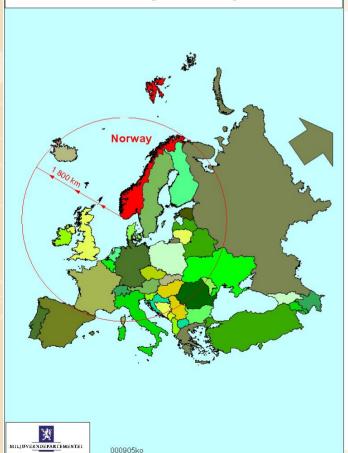
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Aurlandsfjord,
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### Distances and Surface

#### **Norway in Europe**



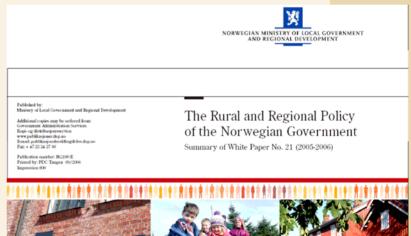






## Norwegian aims for regional development

- Real freedom of choice about where to live
- Making use of the resources of the whole country





# Co-ordination of Sector policies for regional development

Members of the sub-committee

Minister of Fisheries and Coastal affairs Minister of Culture and Church affairs

Minister of Local Government and Regional Development

Minister of Trade and Industry

Minister of Government administration and reform Minister of Agriculture and Food

Minister of Transport and Communications

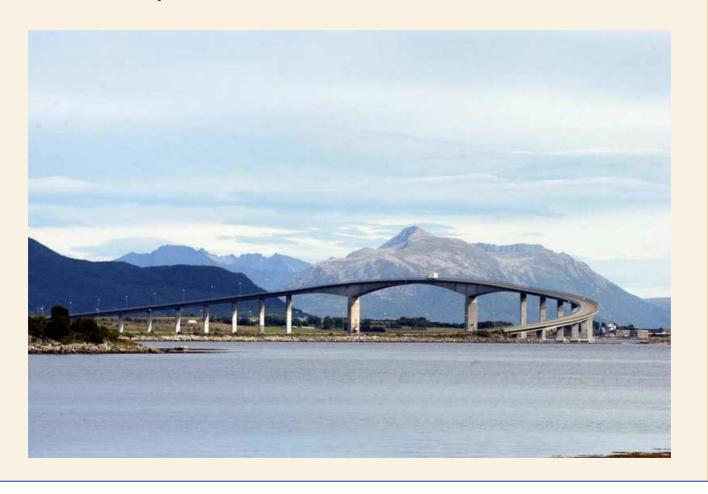
### **Innovation**

- Public agencies
- National and regional authorities
- Business
- Research institutions

A need to work together!



# Good accessibility is vital for regional development



Lofoten road Illustration from Barents photo

# The new programme – Taking the co-operation a step further

