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# Welcome – an introduction to Norwegian regional policy

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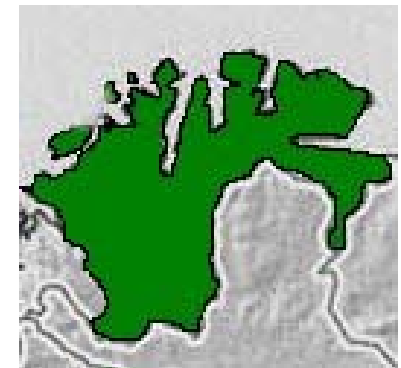
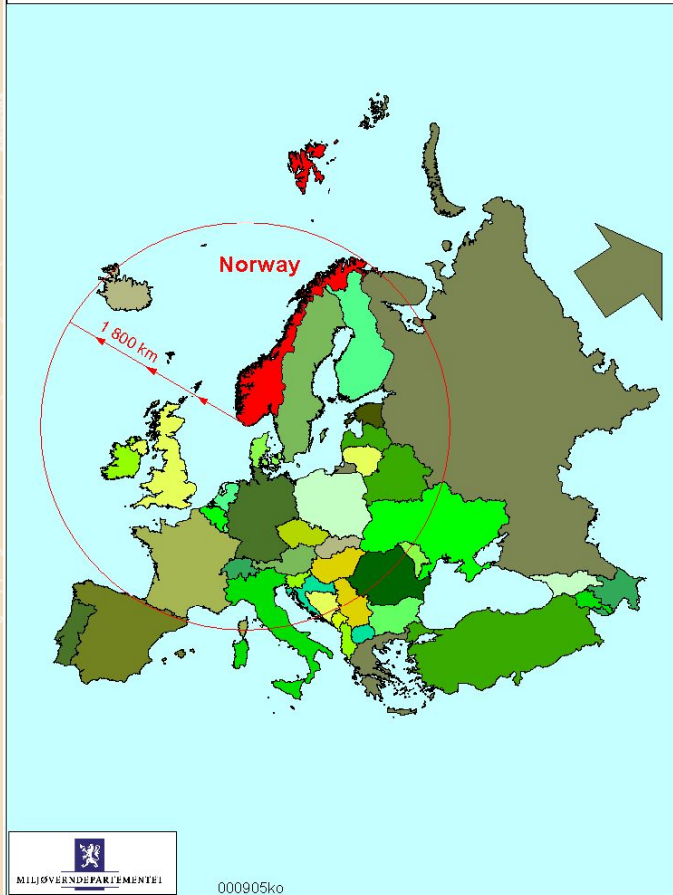
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# Distances and Surface

## Norway in Europe



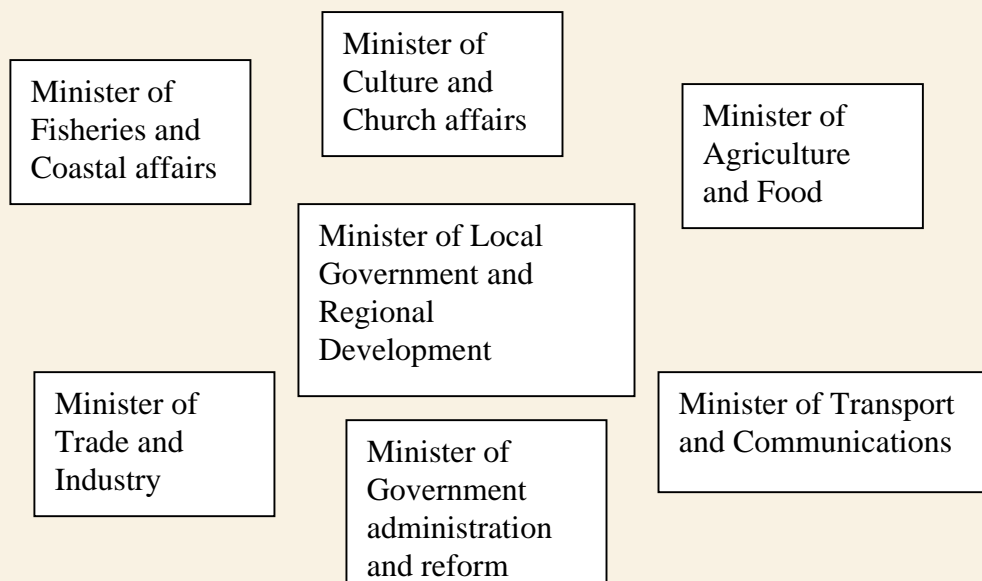
# Norwegian aims for regional development

- 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



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

