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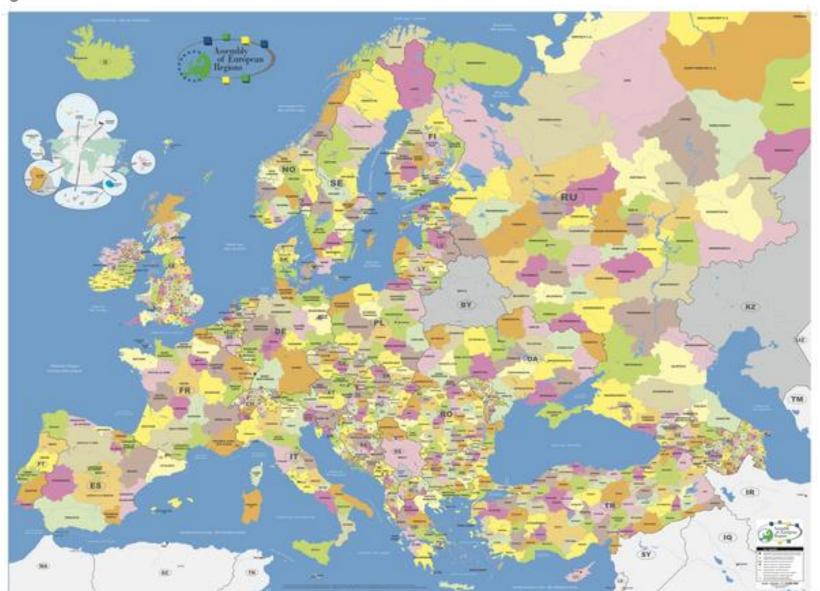
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# Setting the context of age-friendly tourism in Europe

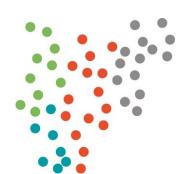
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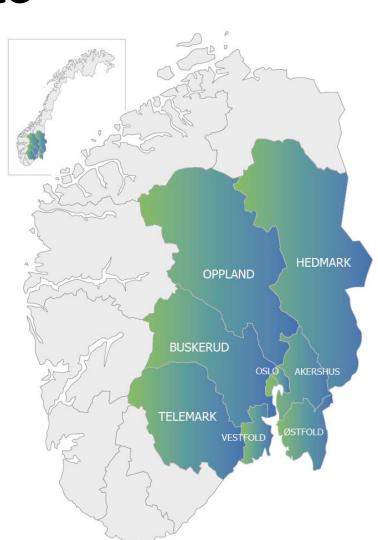


### Members of the Oslo Region European Office

• 8 counties:

Akershus, Buskerud, Hedmark, Oppland, Oslo, Telemark, Vestfold and Östfold

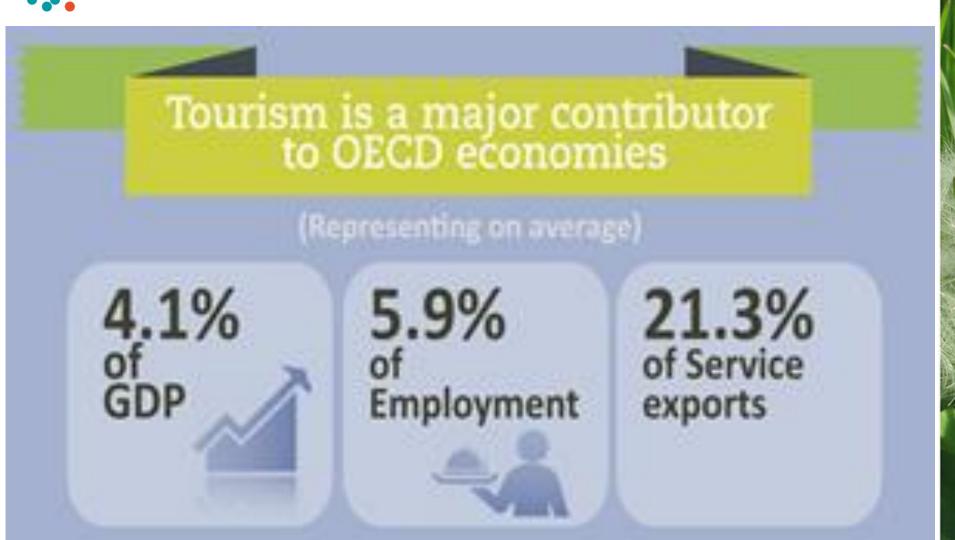
- 11 municipalities and 2 Universities
- 30% of the territory of Norway
- 50% of the population 2.5 million inhabitants,



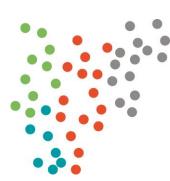




Tourism is a major contributor to OECD economies



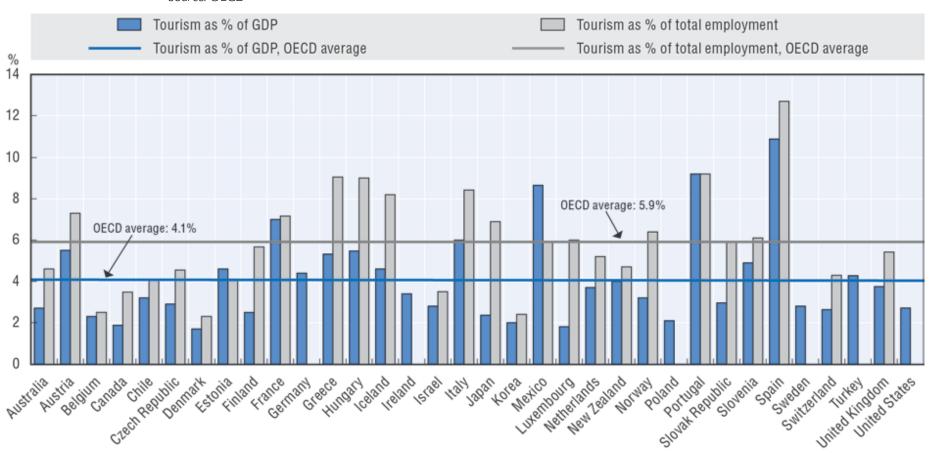




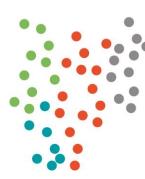
#### The direct contribution of tourism to OECD countries

As percentage of GDP and employment

Source: OECD



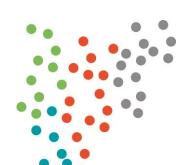




## The EU tourism industry





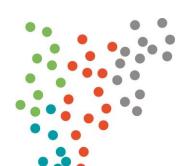


### EU tourism policy

• EU treaties exclude any harmonisation of tourism laws and allow the EU only to support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the Member States.

• EU tourism policy is rather limited, consisting mainly of providing financial support or legislating through other EU policies.





### Tourism in the treaties

- The European Union mentioned tourism in the treaties for the first time in 1992.
- In 2007, the EU created a specific section for tourism in the Treaty on TFEU in Article 195 stating that EU action 'shall be aimed at:

- a) encouraging the creation of a favourable environment for the development of undertakings in this sector;
- b) promoting cooperation between the Member States, particularly by the exchange of good practice.'



## EU tourism strategy

The strategy paper identified four priority areas for action:

- simulate competitiveness in the European tourism sector;
- promote the development of sustainable, responsible and high-quality tourism;
- consolidate the image and profile of Europe as a collection of sustainable and high quality destinations;
- maximise the potential of EU financial policies and instruments for developing tourism.





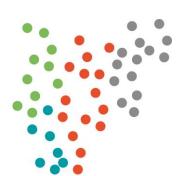




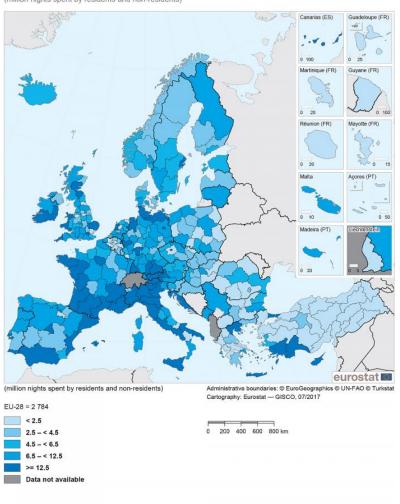




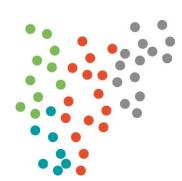




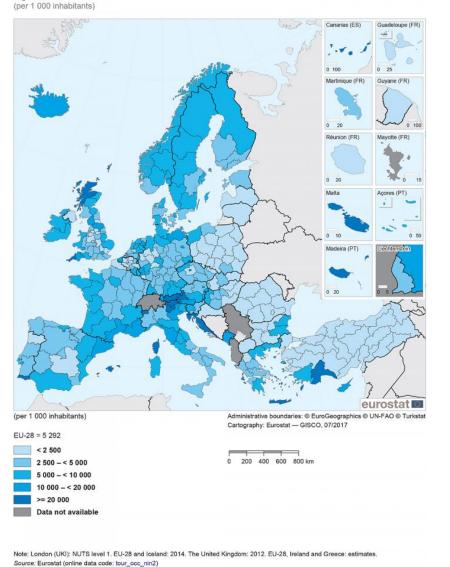
Nights spent in tourist accommodation establishments, by NUTS 2 regions, 2015 (million nights spent by residents and non-residents)



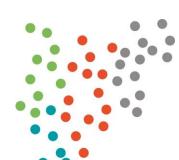




Number of nights spent at tourist accommodation establishments relative to population size, by NUTS 2 regions, 2015

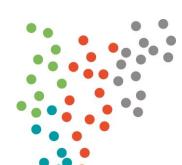






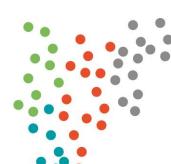
- The average tourist in Norway is 49 year old —
- in winter the average is 44
- and in the summer 50
- The oldest tourists come from US
- The youngest from countries outside Europe

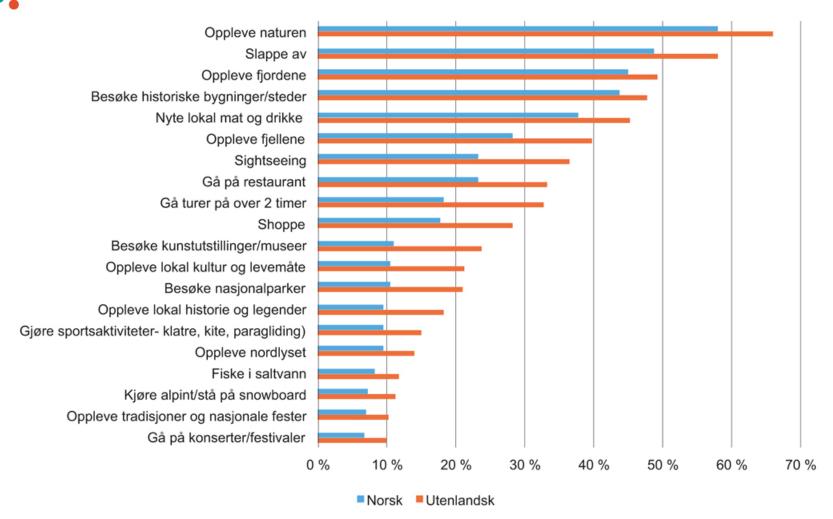




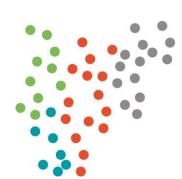
- 450 000 private cabins in Norway
- In Hol municipality in Buskerud county there are 5850 cabins and only 4500 inhabitants
- Many municipalities like this
- Most of these cabins owned by retired people







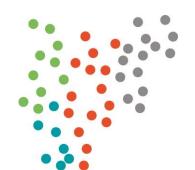




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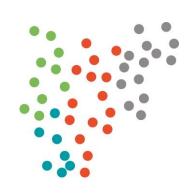




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The EEA and Norway Grants are Iceland,
Liechtenstein and Norway's contribution to
reducing economic and social disparities in
Europe and to strengthening bilateral relations
with 15 beneficiary countries in Northern,
Central and Southern Europe.





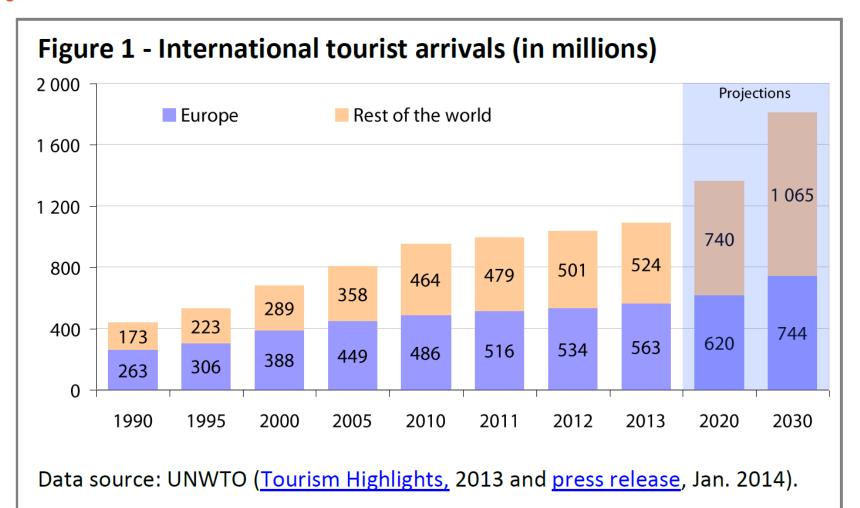
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- Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness
- 2) Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction
- 3) Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy
- 4) Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance, and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms
- 5) Justice and Home Affairs

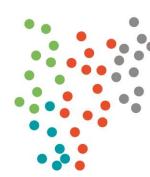




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