



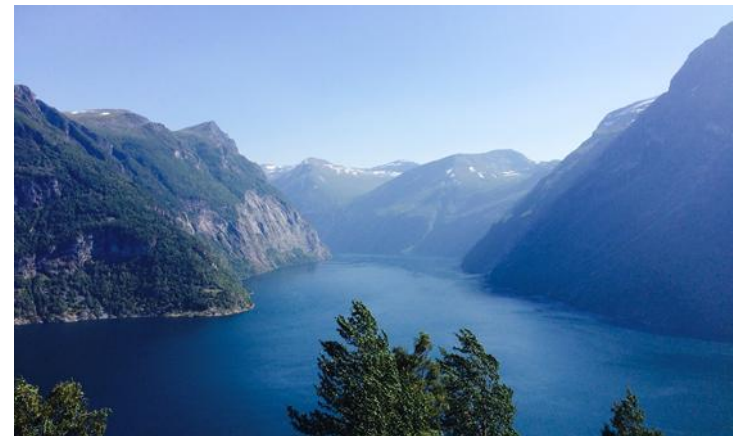
# Board meeting in Norway 5 February

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# Norway

- The *Kingdom of Norway*
  - Constitutional monarchy - King Harald V
  - parliamentary democracy
- Independence in 1905
- Approx 385. 000 sq.km
- Population of 5.4 million
- Currently one party minority government, lead by Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre from the Labour Party
- Minister of Education & Minister of Research and Higher Education
- Also the land of the midnight sun, the Vikings, the Nobel Peace Prize, Aha and Erling Braut Haaland..



# Norway and the Bologna Process

- Norway joined the Bologna Process in 1999
- Norway has maintained an active role in the Bologna Process throughout
  - Co-chair in Monitoring Working Group (multiple terms)
  - Co-chair in Fundamental Values Working Group
- Currently active in:
  - Working Group on Internationalisation and Mobility
  - Fundamental Values - Working Group
  - Social Dimension - Working Group
  - Several Thematic Peer Groups, including on Quality Assurance



# Higher Education in Norway



- 11 public universities, and 10 university colleges
- 29 private higher education institutions (mostly small in size)
- 3 higher education institutions under the auspices of other ministries (defence, police)



- Number of students – approx. 311 765 (2025)
- About 60,9% of the students are female (2025)



- No tuition fees for Norwegian students at state-owned HEIs
- State Educational Loan Fund (Lånekassen)

# Board Meeting Oslo 5 February



- Board meeting in Oslo February 5th
- Dinner and social gathering the evening before – February 4th
- We will send more detailed information early January