

Adaptation to Climate Change in Norway: National, Regional and Local Level, Risk Assessments and Planning Processes

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Norway – exposed to natural hazards



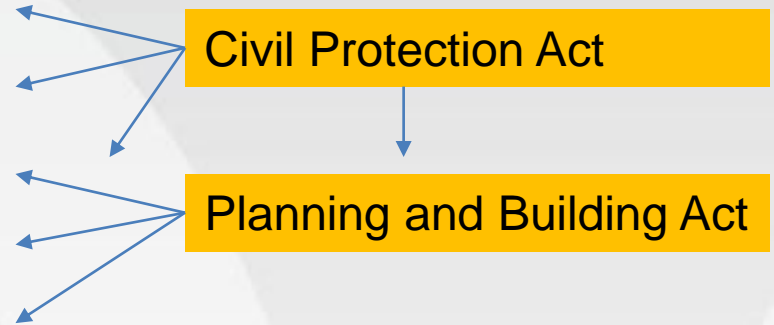
Impacts of climate change in Norway

- More heavy precipitation
- More floods
- Landslides and avalanches
- Sea level rise/storm surges
- Melting sea ice in the Arctic



Role of municipalities

- Key instruments for adaptation:
 - Responsible for safety and well-being of their own citizens
 - Responsible for societal planning
 - Avoid development in areas exposed to risk
 - Planning and development of critical infrastructure



Tools for adaptation – legislation

- Civil protection:
 - Holistic risk and vulnerability assessments
 - Prevention & Preparedness planning
- Societal planning:
 - Risk and vulnerability assessments for new developments
 - Land-use planning
 - Building permits
 - Sector planning



DSB's role in climate change adaptation

- Coordination of civil protection
 - Assessments – prevention – preparedness & response
 - Today's and future climate
 - Development trends
 - Interdependencies
 - Life&health, critical infrastructure, societal functions
- Regulations and guidelines for local planning
- Development of tools and methodology
- Competence building/training
- Monitoring of national, regional and local authorities



Four phases in societal planning

**Assess risk
and
vulnerability**

**Avoid new
risk and
vulnerability**

**Reduce
existing risk
and
vulnerability**

**Manage rest
risks**

Thank you!

