

The EURAGRI Conference 2018

Opening Address

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The Research Council's role



Key roles

- Funding
- Advice
- Dialogue

Across

- All subjects and disciplines
- All thematic areas
- All aspects of society, from basic research to research-based innovation and commercialization

Annual budget 2018 approx. 1 billion Euro



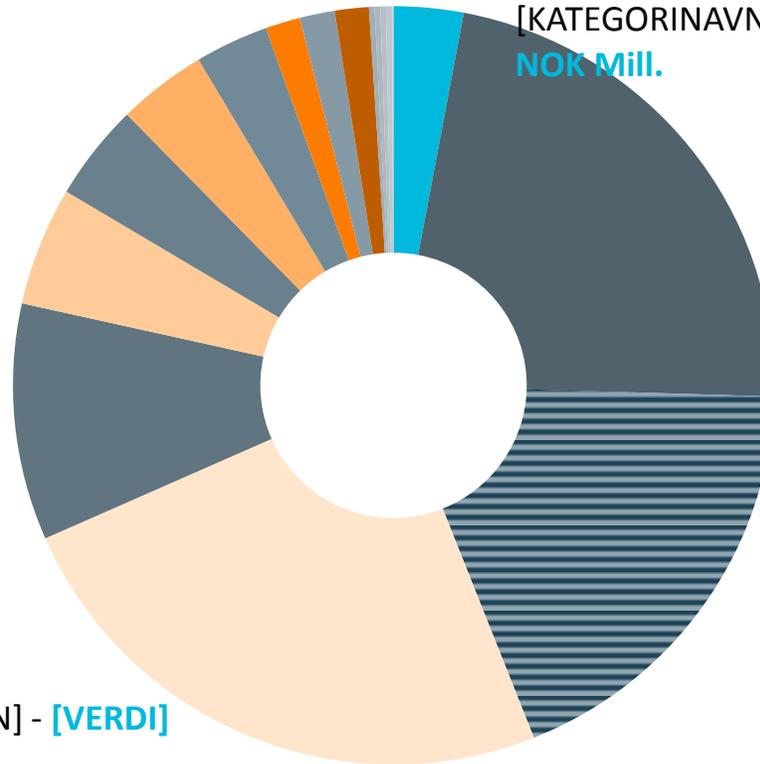
The Research Council is a focal point in the research and innovation landscape in Norway





Funding received from the ministries (2016)

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Main Strategy: Research for Innovation and Sustainability – Objectives

Objective 5 International cooperation and participation in EU initiatives

Objective 1
Breakthrough research and
innovation

Objective 2
Sustainable solutions in society
and the business sector

Objective 3
A research-oriented, innovative
business sector

Objective 4
A public sector that initiates
and implements research in
reform and renewal efforts

Objective 6 A Research Council for coherence and renewal



Research for Sustainable Societal and Industrial Development – Objectives

Promote knowledge and solutions that will:

- resolve national and global challenges relating to sustainability in society
- facilitate industrial development that enhances sustainability and increases green competitiveness



The Research Council's strategy for sustainability – structure





10 priority areas

Contribute to business development that supports sustainability and green competitiveness

1. Clean, safe and productive sea
2. Sustainable bioeconomy
3. Pure energy - green competitiveness
4. Circular economy

Contribute to community development that supports sustainability

1. Reduced climate change and good adaptation measures
2. Rich natural diversity, conservation of ecosystem services and reduced environmental impact
3. Sustainable cities, city regions and transport systems
4. Education that ensures future competence and counteracts inequality
5. Equal access to health and health services
6. Reduced poverty and inequality



The UN Sustainable Development Goals will influence our investments

- More than 5000 applications annually
- The SDGs will be included in application assessments, evaluated as part of the project's **impact**:
 - *If relevant with respect to the project objectives, the extent to which the outputs will address one or more of UN Sustainable Development Goals, or other important present and future societal challenges*



Calls for proposals



Application



Referees/
Assessments



Decision

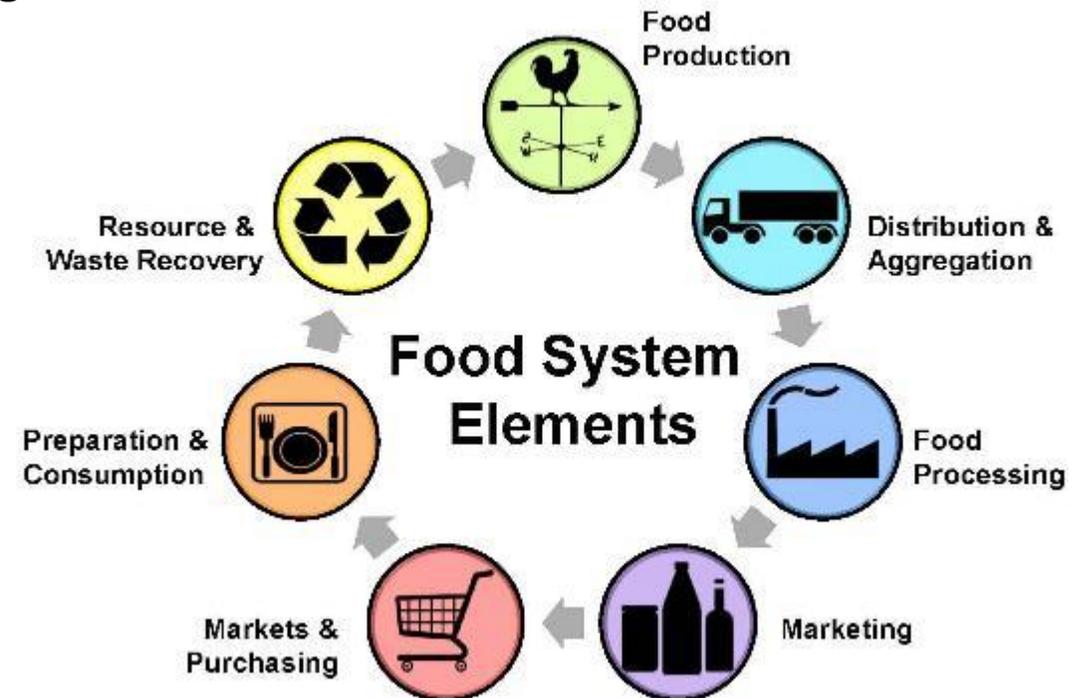


Contract



Agenda 2030 – The world must become more sustainable in all areas

- **SDG 2** – food and sustainable agriculture to end hunger
 - People need food, *every day, year after year*
 - *all the time*
 - More people will need *more food*
 - *with better nutrition*
- **The food system is complex**
 - with many different items
- **A more sustainable food system** brings “all the SGDs to the table”
 - more than any other topic or issues





Norwegian R&D Food priorities – land and ocean

- Follow-up on the Norwegian government's bio-economy strategy (2016) – in which food is an important part
- Focus on:
 - Cross-sectional approaches – moving from sectors and silos to integrated approaches and solutions
 - Sustainable production – inclusive and diversified
 - Food and nutrition security
 - Food safety
 - Climate adaptation and resilience
 - Strong international co-operation
- The Research Council invests 100 mill. Euro/year in the bioeconomy sector – including food from land and ocean





Norway contribute globally for a more sustainable food system

- **Horizon 2020** – broad participation with high success in SC2
- **Bilateral calls and activities**
- **JPIs**
 - **FACCE JPI** – important R&D issues for agriculture and climate change
 - **HDHL JPI** – food and health
- Involved in most **ERA-Nets**
- **SCAR and EURAGRI**





Welcome to the EURAGRI conference 2018!

*An important forum to encourage and
debate policies around R&I with the food and
agricultural sectors*

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