NORCE Norwegian Research Centre

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NORCE

950
NOK mill.

750
employees

50
nationalities

75%
doctoral degrees

Independent Norwegian research institute dedicated to finding solutions to key societal challenges

Bridge the gap between research and innovation, contributing to a sustainable future

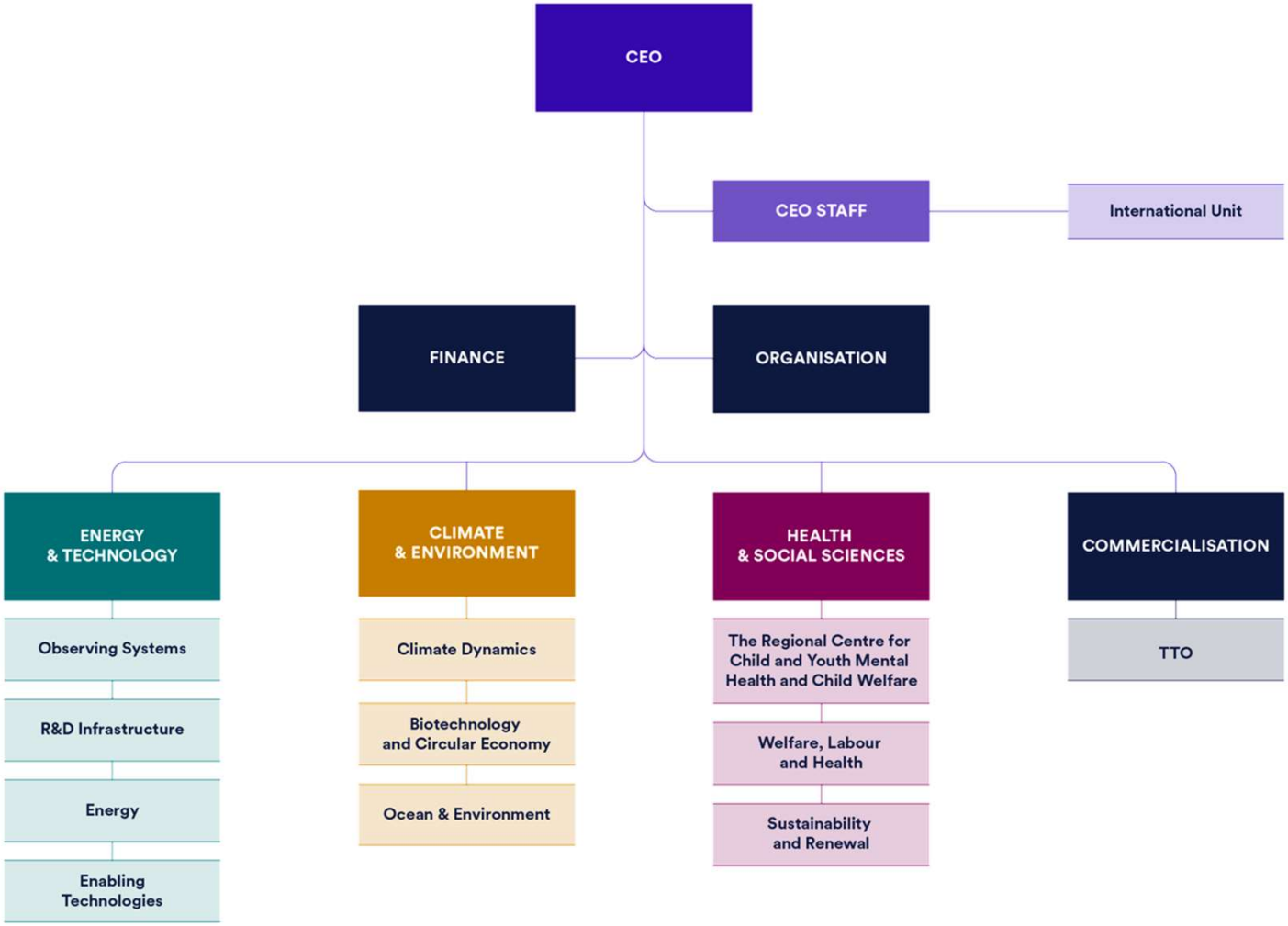
Operate across a broad range of disciplines

Collaborate with partners in academia, industry, and the public sector, both nationally and internationally

Combination of project-based funding (national and international), core funding from the Norwegian government, and industry partnerships

Impact focused – knowledge dissemination, commercialization, policy influence

HOW ARE WE ORGANISED



SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

ENERGY FUTURE

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

SUSTAINABLE OCEANS AND COASTS

Energy and Technology

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Energy & Technology Main capacities

Energy

Energy systems integration

Hydrogen (production, transport, storage, use)

Renewable energies (CCU, geothermal, off-shore wind, ocean technologies, hydropower)

Subsurface knowledge & geoscience (CCS, H2 storage)

Key Enabling Technologies

AI, robotics, data (ADRA membership)

Data processing, machine learning, development of decision-making systems

Advanced sensors & computer vision

➔ Cost reduction, increased efficiency, and improved safety

Observation Systems

Earth observation from satellite (soil, forestry, agriculture, ocean, snow/ice)

Real time monitoring and large data sets collection (from drones and research aircraft)

Sensor development and integration into drones

Ocean analysis, measurements and forecasting (waves, winds, currents)

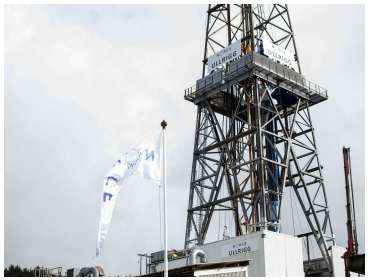
Sectors: Food, renewable energy, transport, manufacturing, process industry, construction, raw materials, marine/maritime, health, circular economy

Energy & Technology Infrastructure

Research Aircraft

Drones &
Autonomous systems

Ulrigg test center



Mechatronics
innovation lab

Advanced suburface
flow laboratory

Climate and Environment

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Climate & Environment Main capacities & sectors

Climate

Climate change prediction, adaptation and mitigation

Climate modelling, assessment of climate risks

Co-production and co-creation with stakeholders and user partners

Satellite observation

Biotech and circular economy

Marine biotech (microalgae, exploration of marine resources, enzymes discovery and conversion to high-value products)

Industrial biotech (fermentation, use of alternative feedstocks, access to unique infrastructure with a bioreactor)

Gene technology, molecular analysis of GMOs, Ethical, legal and Social aspects

Sustainable fuels from waste and microalgae

Ecology

Marine and fresh water ecology

Fish biology and nutrition

Ecotoxicology

Aquaculture

Ocean observation

Sectors: Food, feed, agriculture, aquaculture, water, energy, cities/urban/rural, polar regions, crisis/disaster resilience and preparedness, finance.

Climate & Environment Infrastructure

National Algaepilot Mongstad

Norwegian Bioprocessing & Fermentation Centre (NBioC)

NORCE Technology Park Risavika

NORCE's Marine Research Station In Mekjarvik

Health and Social science

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Health & Social science Main capacities

Social innovation

Public /social acceptance studies

Stakeholder engagement / multi-actor approach

Economic aspects of sustainability

Understanding society's handling of challenges (qualitative and quantitative methods)

Analysis of policy landscapes

Social modeling and AI

Conceptual and computational models for analyzing and predicting psychological and societal change

Social simulation using agent-based modeling ("Social Digital Twin")

Cutting-edge tools to address complex societal challenges

Public sector focus (policy, democracy, elections, civil society)

Sectors: Food, climate, ocean, transport, energy, but **methods can be adapted to many others**.

NORCE: EU R&I Participation

- Contributes to Norway's top-10 position in Horizon Europe
- 2nd leading RTO in Norway (recipient of EU and shared-management grants)

- Good performance in Pillar II, especially
  - Cluster 5 – Climate, Energy and Mobility
  - Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
  - Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry and Space
  - Research Infrastructures
  - European Partnerships e.g. CETP, SBEP

- Success rate in higher than EU average (28%)*, especially as Coordinator (32 %)*; 26% as Partner*

- Collaborations with major Norwegian Organisations (e.g. EQUINOR, TOTALE ENERGIES, ELKEM, SINTEF, NTNU, UiB, BERGEN COMMUNE, NORWEGIAN RAILWAY DIRECTORATE)

* average for 2021-2024

Orienting toward Cluster 3 topics

NORWAY

- National research system shall facilitate the research frontier to a greater extent and can be applied to issues relevant to defense, security and preparedness, and strengthen society's overall resilience
- The Norwegian government will support the coordination of a research system for open, protected and classified research will require changes in the defence sector, on the civilian side and in the interface between the civilian and military sides

NORCE

- new strategic initiative adopted by the board of NORCE - important for NORCE to have a strategic investment in this
  - Identify and build strategic partnerships and collaborations, and participate in key networks
    - NORCE signed a collaboration agreement with Naval Group - one of the four organisations that are positioning themselves to build frigates for Norway
    - Agreement was signed in connection with the application for a center for maritime AI to the Research Council
    - At national level, building strategic partnerships with Digital Norway, Norwegian Armed Forces, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)
  - Establish a centre for defence, civil protection and emergency preparedness with Tromsø as a node
  - Building a digital twin for social simulation in crisis and emergency preparedness

Thank you. Takk. Merci. Gracias. Obrigado.

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