

The VNR in a Nutshell – National Strategies for SDGs.

Norway

Capital	Oslo
Population	5 million
Area (in sq.km)	323,759
Languages	Norwegian
Tourist Arrivals (2015) (thousands)	5361
Sources: World Bank, UNWTO	



The recognition of the role of tourism in sustainable development and the emphasis placed in the SDGs on the development of public policies for sustainable tourism is a landmark breakthrough that provides a unique opportunity for all governments to create a sound and favourable policy foundation.

The first two years of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda have shown that countries are making headway in aligning national strategies, adapting institutional frameworks and adjusting policies to realize the SDGs.

The countries' efforts have been reported in the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), presented by UN Member States during the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2016 and 2017

Title of VNR: Initial Steps Towards the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Voluntary National Review presented at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

Presenter for VNR: Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway

National Thematic Focus:

1. Sustainable Consumption and Production
2. Health
3. Education
4. Equality employment
5. Migration
6. Green climate

Institutional Arrangement:

In Norway, the responsibility for each of the 17 SDGs was assigned to a ministry. Each coordinating ministry is mandated to follow up on the various targets under its Goal, coordinate with others involved in these targets and to report the outcome of the follow-up in its budget proposal.

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for consolidating the budget proposals and submitting them to the Parliament. This process ensures annual reporting on the status of SDG implementation to the Parliament.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for the follow-up, coordination and integration of SDGs in foreign and development policies and international cooperation.

The Ministry of Climate and Environment is responsible for national and international follow-up of climate and environment related SDGs.

SDG Incorporation to National Framework:

Following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, the Government of Norway developed a plan for a national follow-up of SDGs that is linked to the budget process.

Tourism Ministry /NTA portfolio:

[Norwegian Tourist Board](#)

Tourism and SDG in Norway:

Opportunities

- **Blue Economy**
- **Science and Research**



Norway has comprehensive measures in place to **safeguard healthy oceans**. Norway depends heavily on **ocean based industries** such as oil and gas, shipping and **tourism**. The country is investing heavily in research, mapping and monitoring, and has the ocean as one of its top research priorities for **sustainable blue growth**.

Resources and Useful Links

[Norway VNR 2016](#)