

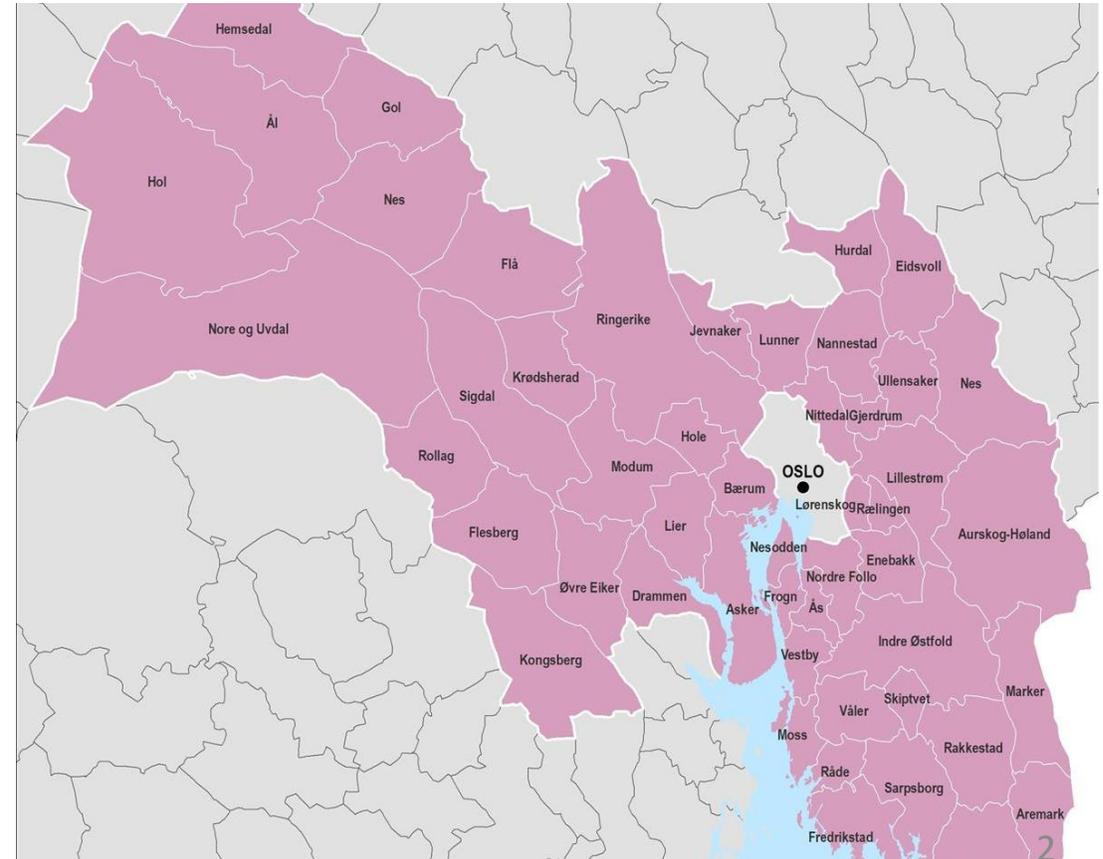
From spectator to participant

how Norwegian public libraries can achieve more by implementing the SDG goals in their work and tell the story on how they do it

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Viken county

- 51 municipalities
- 1, 2 million inhabitants
- 51 public libraries
- 58 libraries in the upper secondary school
- Several hundred school libraries, in addition to university and college libraries.



Viken County Library

- No government role
- Will take care of regional library development and take care of regional library tasks.
- We give advice to the libraries and municipalities
- Project development
- Offering courses and seminars



Topics today

- Give a short brief of IFLAs work with the SD goals
- The work from the Norwegian Library Associations to make visible the libraries' efforts
- The national work and expectations from the government in Norway on the SD goals
- How we work with the SD goals in Viken County – a regional plan with common goals responding to the needs and potential in the county
- How libraries can see themselves and their work in the SDGs framework and highlight their input and results in the eyes of the society and decision makers
- How and why the libraries should contribute – examples from Viken

The work of IFLA



IFLA laid the foundation for important sustainability goals to be set in connection with the libraries' activities



Libraries are key institutions for achieving the goals



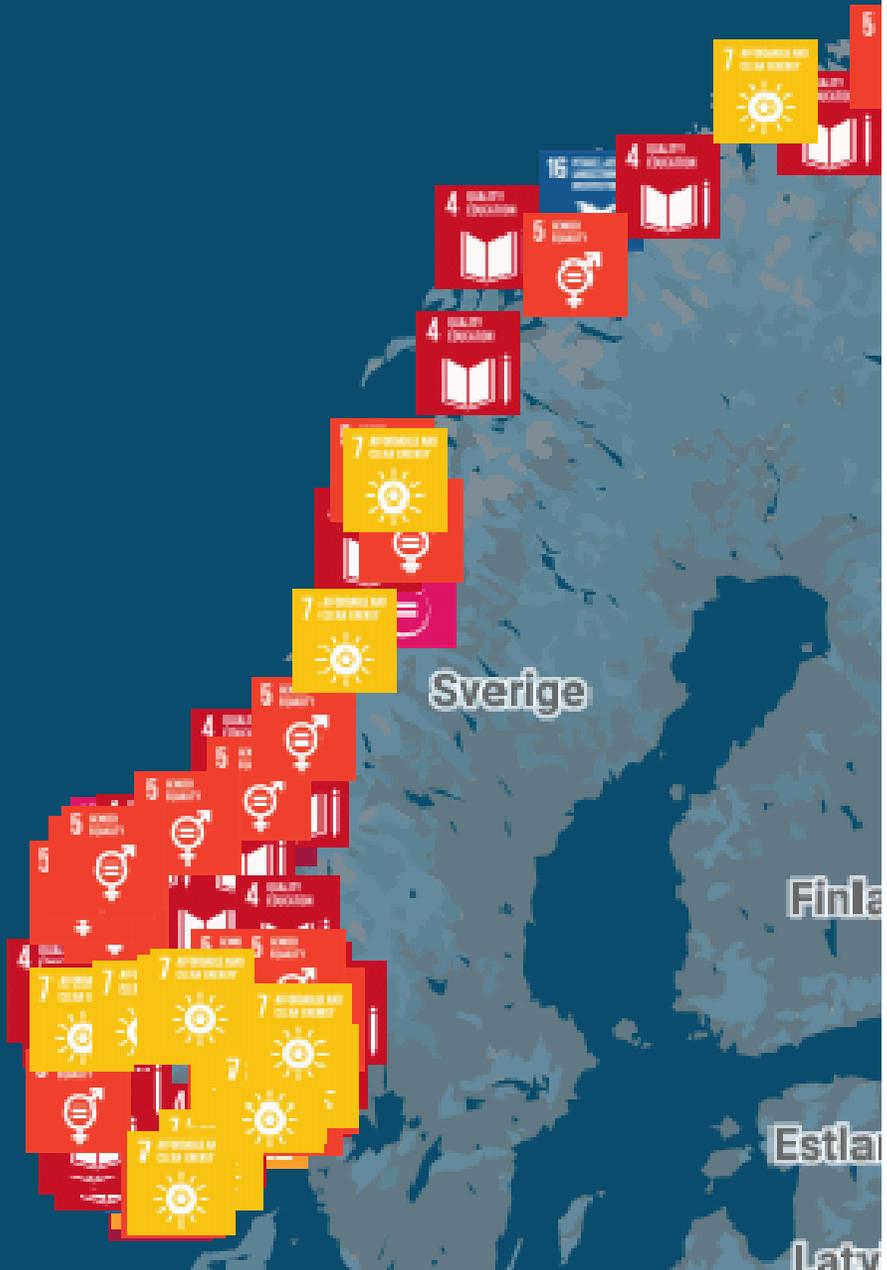
Access to information is essential in achieving the SDGs



IFLA launched the International Advocacy Programme

The work of the Norwegian Library Association

- The Norwegian libraries were challenged
- Describing their efforts
- The libraries' efforts to achieve the sustainability goals were also mentioned in the national library strategy for the period 2020 to 2024



UN's sustainability goals are a key political track in Norway

- National expectations for regional and municipal planning to promote sustainable development
- In the period 2019 to 2023, the government emphasizes that we face four major challenges:
 - To create a sustainable welfare society
 - To create an ecologically sustainable society through, among other things, an offensive climate policy and sound resource management
 - To create a socially sustainable society
 - To create a safe society for all

A regional planning strategy

- The most important overall political management tool for social development
- It determines which regional plans are to be prepared
- We must have a clear understanding of the region's challenges and opportunities, and how we implement the sustainability goals in a regional context
- We have tried to highlight the libraries as important contributors, and emphasized perspectives, such as:

Perspectives

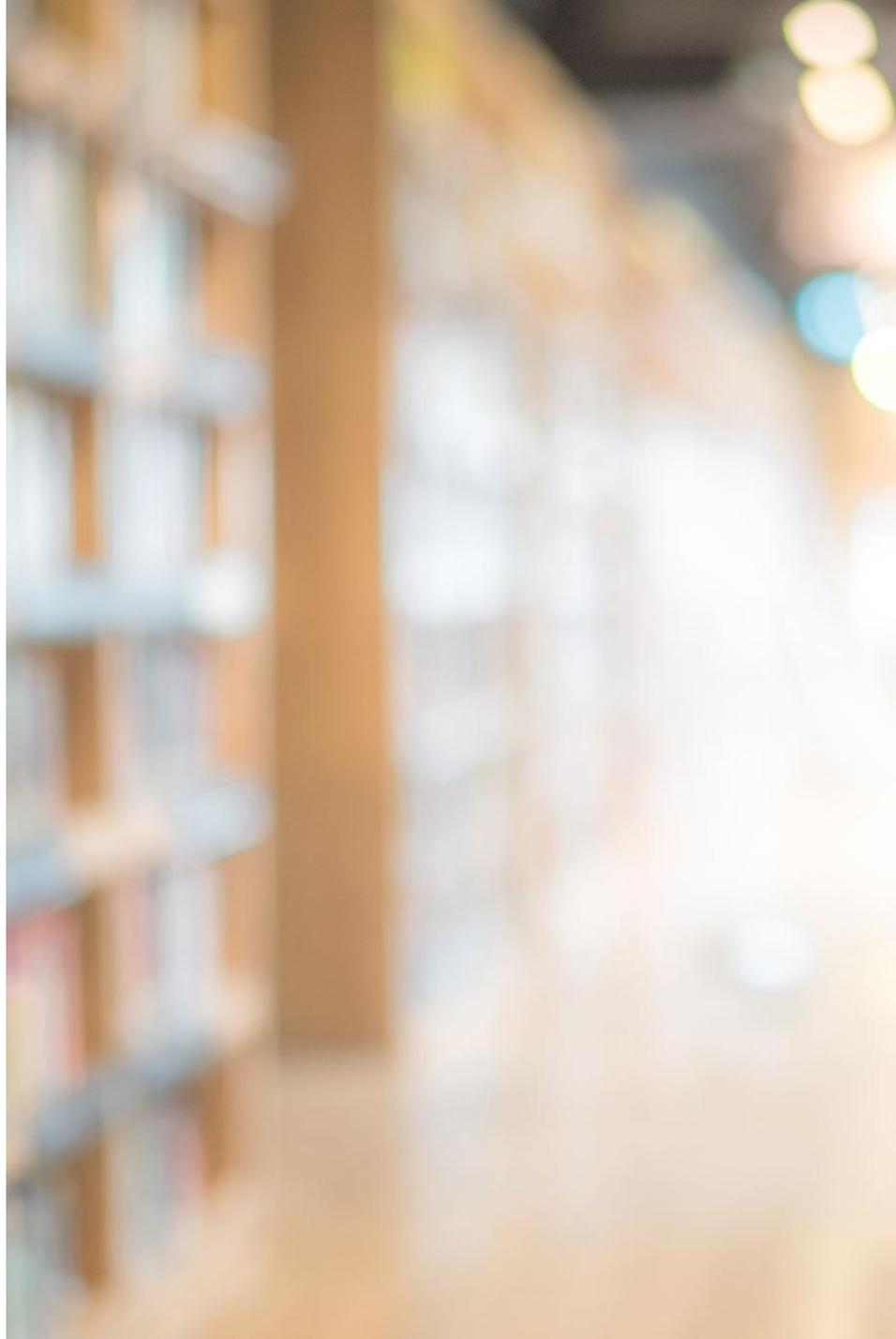
- Viken will facilitate good, inclusive and free meeting places
- Viken will contribute to strengthening the inhabitants' competence to act (empowerment)
- Viken will protect freedom of expression
- Viken will facilitate lifelong learning
- Viken will contribute to strengthening the library



Digital participation, public education and lifelong learning

(Goal 1.4, 4.5, 4.6, 10.2, 12.8, 16.10)

- Public education is about the library as an arena for knowledge
- The population must have access to research and sources
- Libraries must contribute to the development of critical thinking and digital judgment in the population



Digital development

(Goal 9c, 10.2, 11.4, 16.10)

- Digital platforms are becoming increasingly important for library services
- The libraries give residents access to e-books and other digital sources



Collection development and library room

(Goal 8.9, 9.1, 11.7, 16.10)

- Libraries as attractive meeting places
- Libraries also have significant purchasing power
- Libraries contribute to the sharing economy and the circular economy



Public services

(Goal 1.4, 4, 4.7, 8.3, 8.9, 9c, 10.2 11.4, 13. 3 and 16.10)

- Libraries help to shape a society
- Through lending media, libraries contribute to the sharing economy and the circular economy
- The libraries emphasizes events, the library as a meeting place and the employees as communicators of literature and knowledge



Kongsberg library

- They decided that there should never be a waiting list for the book "the road to the driver's license"
- A borrower has returned and told that he was approved for the driving test and got a job as a truck driver.
- The library has helped to reduce the social differences and indirectly contributed to the borrower getting a paid job



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Language cafes in the libraries

- People with different mother tongues and from different cultures meet to speak Norwegian
- The libraries have contributed to less social inequality and promote inclusion in society



UPSCALE

- UPSCALE is a research project, supported by the Research Council of Norway
- We buy too much and use things for too short a time
- By sharing consumables such as tools, sports equipment and cars, we can manage with fewer items and avoid buying more than we need.
- The project will carry out studies of selected public libraries where it facilitates the sharing of tools, sports and leisure equipment as well as increased sharing of knowledge and information

