

Some Norwegian experiences from environmental projects

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Regulation of pollution

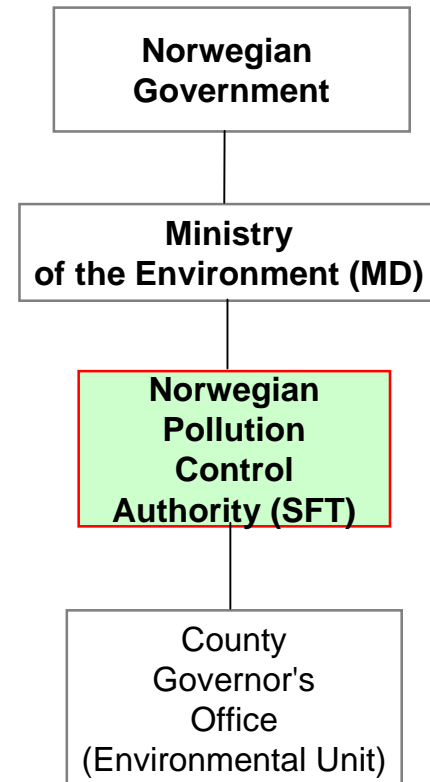
Audits and inspections

Provide environmental information

Environmental monitoring

Instruct and guide the County Governors

International environmental and developmental cooperation



Norwegian partner in EEA Grants project with GIOS: Improving efficiency of Polish environmental inspections, based on Norwegian experiences

Goal

To contribute to improved implementation and enforcement of environmental legislation in Poland.

More effective inspections conducted by the Inspection for Environmental Protection, through the increase of efficiency and improvement of the quality of inspectors' work.

Output 1 An effective system for handling of data on inspections is established

Output 2 Clear procedures for prioritization and performance of inspections, with emphasis on specific branches, are produced

Output 3 Equipment for investigation at site is available

Output 4 A system for dissemination of information to the general public is elaborated

GRIP – Green in Practice

- **Foundation** established by the Ministry of the Environment
- **Management board:** Business, Trade Unions, Local Authorities, NGO, Research associations
- **Multidisciplinary:** economy, natural science, ICT, human communications, law – about 20 employees
- **Vision:** help organisations to be more competitive by being more environmentally friendly:
 - Reduce environmentally damaging activities (and save costs)
 - Make products and services more eco-effective (create more customer value with less environmental load)

Norwegian Partner in EEA Grants project: Promoting Clean Business in Poland

- **Project owner:** Fundacja Partnerstwo dla Srodowiska (PEPF)
- **Goal:** Promoting and implementing sustainable development among Polish businesses, especially small and medium-sized (300-500 over 4 years)
- **GRIP role:** training, dialogue partner (ca. 1 visit/year)
- **Base:** experience since 1991 in implementation of environmental management in Norwegian SMEs – both public and private sector

Central themes in environmental projects

- The top (the management) must want to
- Need a project leader with motivation and network
- Not just technology, but also (mainly?) **people**
- Involvement of employees, suppliers, consumers, ...
- Not just cutting costs, but also **increasing income**

Strengths

- Funding – capital and organisation
- Competence and experience
- Public opinion and awareness

Weaknesses

- Unclear/unagreed terminology
- Different levels of competence as to how the EEA grant system works
- Long lead times
- Languages

Opportunities

- Sharing experience effectively
- Internet-based collaboration
- Involving new partners – (technology, capital and network)

Threats

- Misunderstandings
- Not using existing tools
- High risk for up front costs/investments