

# Social sciences and humanities in Norway

## A bird's-eye view

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# Long-Term Plan for Research and Higher Education

## Objectives:

- Enhance competitiveness and innovation
- Tackle major societal challenges
- Research communities of outstanding quality
- Adopted by the Parliament



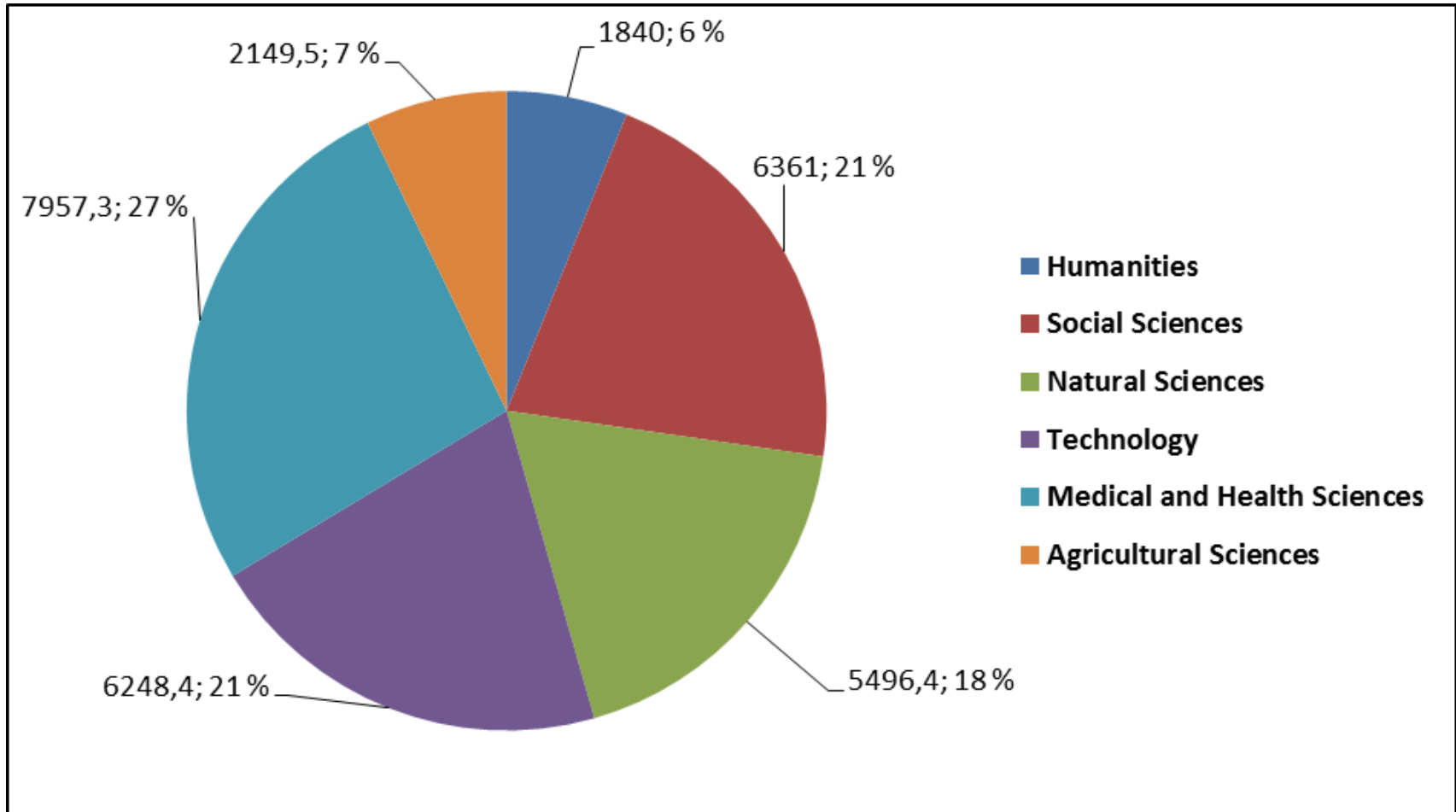


# Thematic priorities in the Long-Term Plan

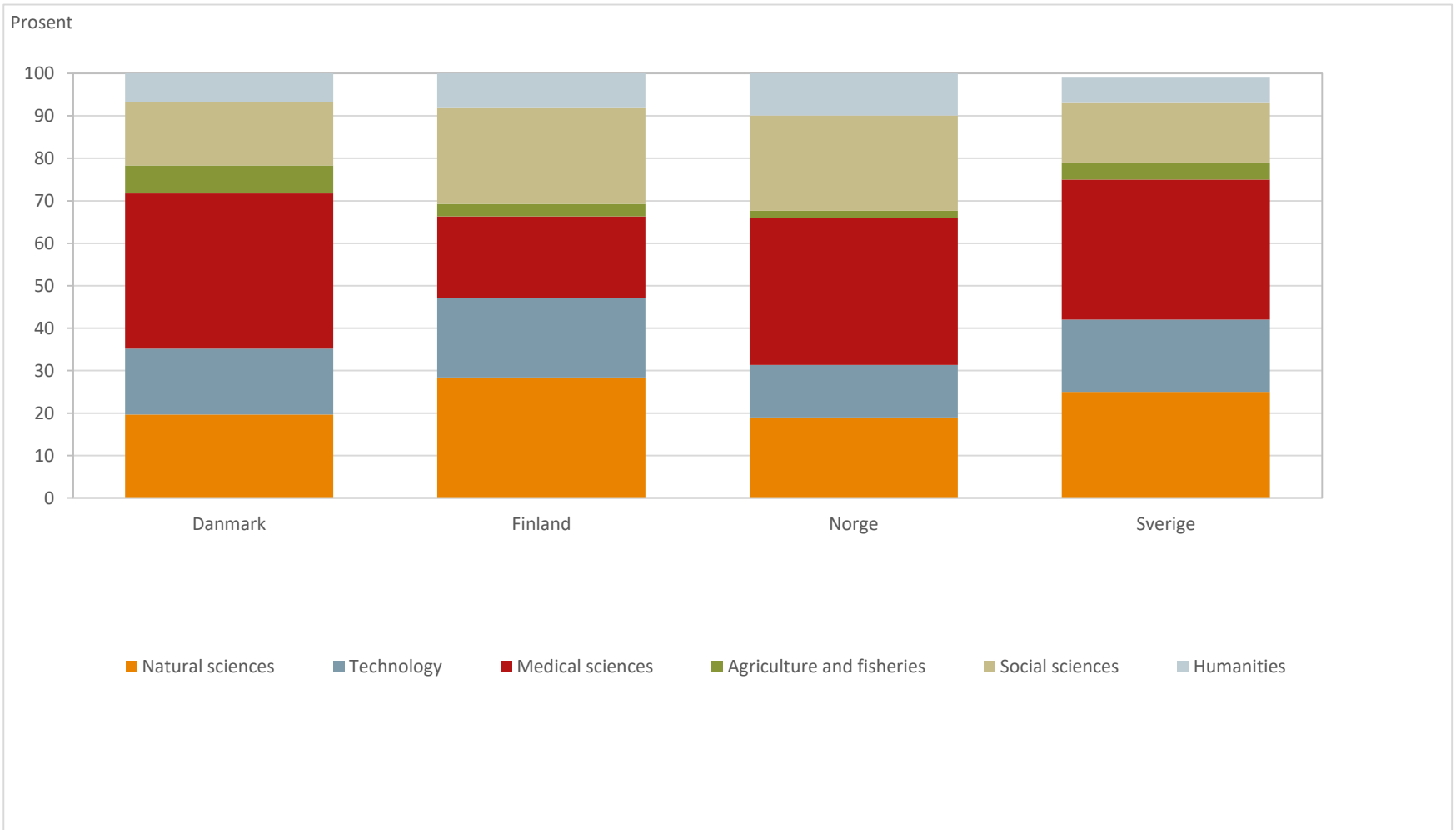
- Seas and Oceans
- Climate, Environment and Renewable Energy
- Enabling Technologies
- Better and More Effective Public Services



R&D expenditure to HE and institute sector by fields of science. MNOK and per cent 2015 (~850 mill € to SSH)



# R&D in Higher Education Institutions - per scientific discipline



## Higher education sector in Norway 2016

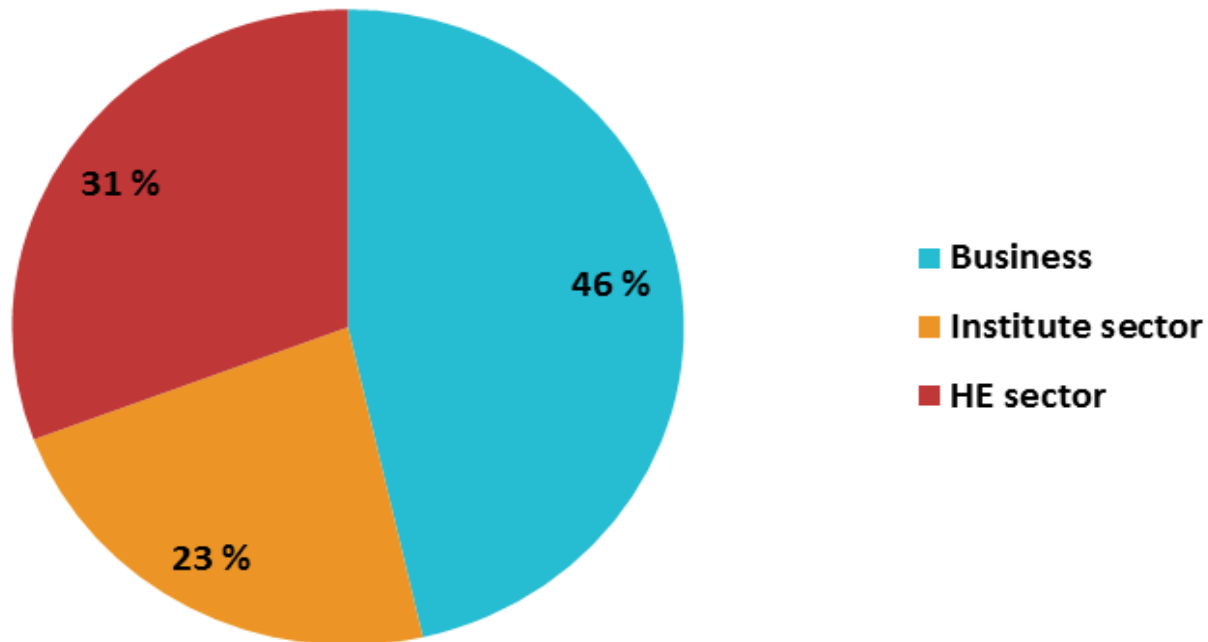
- 9 Universities – UiO, UiB, NTNU, UiT, OSLOMET
- 5 Specialized universities NHH, NMH, AHO
- 12 University colleges
- 260 000 students = one in three 19-24 year olds
- ~27 000 students in arts and humanities

## Research institute sector in Norway 2015(\*)

- 48(9) institutes
  - 14 Technical industrial institutes
  - 8 Environmental institutes
  - 22 Social science institutes
  - 4(5) Primary industry institutes

# Norwegian Research and innovation system: Three performing sectors

Higher education (HE) sector - Research  
institute sector - Commercial sector



Institutes – Norwegian names and how we refer to them in English		Short Name (used in figures and tables)	Date first established	FTE Research- ers, 2014	Current legal form	Owners (Ltd Cos only)
<b>Internationally orientated institutes</b>						
Chr. Michelsens Institutt	CMI	CMI	1930	45	Foundation	
Fridtjof Nansens Institutt	FNI	FNI	1958	24	Foundation	
Norsk utenrikspolitisk institutt	NUPI	NUPI	1959	45	Govt agency	
Institutt for fredsforskning	PRIO	PRIO	1959	54	Foundation	
<b>Welfare and society institutes</b>						
Forskningstiftelsen Fafo	Fafo	Fafo	1982	67	Foundation	
Stiftelsen Frischsenteret for samfunnsøkonomisk forskning	Frisch Centre	Frisch	1999	21	Foundation	
International Research Institute of Stavanger AS, Samfunnsforskning	IRIS Social Science	IRIS Samf	1973	31	Ltd Company	UiS 50% Stiftelsen Rogalandforskning 50%
Institutt for samfunnsforskning	ISF	ISF	1950	38	Foundation	
Nordisk institutt for studier av innovasjon, forskning og utdanning	NIFU	NIFU	1950	55	Foundation	
NTNU Samfunnsforskning	NTNU Social Research	NTNU Samf	1984	48	Ltd Company	NTNU 100%
Stiftelsen SINTEF teknologi og samfunn	SINTEF Technology and Society	SINTEF T&S	1959*	52	Foundation	
Samfunns- og næringslivsforskning AS	SNF	SNF	1991	33	Ltd Company	NHH 85% Stiftelsen SFF 15%





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# Norwegian Centres of Excellence within Social Sciences and humanities

- [Centre for Multilingualism in Society across the Lifespan \(MultiLing\)](#) UiO
- [Centre for the study of Equality, Social Organization, and Performance \(ESOP\)](#) UiO
- [Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature \(CSMN\)](#) UiO
- [Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order \(PluriCourts\)](#) UiO
- Centre for Early Human Behaviour UiB
- Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality, and Rationality NHH
- Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Rhythm, Time and Motion UiO





## UiO : ESOP - Centre for the Study of Equality, Social Organization and Performance

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Centre for the Study of Equality, Social Organization and Performance (ESOP) is a research centre led by Kalle Moene and Halvor Mehlum. The centre was founded in 2007 as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) under their Centre of Excellency program.

ESOP has been rewarded with special funding by UiO for its internationally recognized research quality.

The centre is a part of [Department of economics \(UiO\)](#).

EQUALITY • SOCIAL ORGANIZATION • PERFORMANCE

# ESOP

## Research areas



Economic Policy



Growth and Development



Income, Employment and Welfare



Resources, Energy and  
Environment



NHH



**FAIR** Centre for Experimental Research  
on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality

## ABOUT

Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality and Rationality (FAIR) is a unique platform for collaboration between the Centre for Empirical Labour Economics and The Choice Lab.

FAIR constitutes a unique platform for long-term collaboration between the research groups The Choice Lab and the Center for Labour Economics and a truly multidisciplinary and outstanding set of national and international collaborators.

The centre is managed by a scientific coordination group, director Bertil Tungodden, deputy-directors Alexander Wright Cappelen and Kjell Gunnar Salvanes, four principal investigators Ingvid Almås, Sandra E. Black, Katrine Vellesen Løken, and Erik Øiolf Sørensen and the leader of FAIR Insight Team Kjetil Bjorvatn.

FAIR collaborates with internationally leading researchers from different social sciences and philosophy, including Nobel Laureate James Heckman, John Bates Clark medal winner Matthew Rabin, and ERC Advanced Grant recipients Armin Falk, Ernst Fehr, and Kenneth Hugdahl. A number of the outstanding scholars have positions at FAIR and are strongly committed to take an active part in the research activities at FAIR. FAIR has a number of outstanding institutional partners on the different projects.

FAIR Insight Team actively disseminates research findings to the public and relevant stakeholders and initiates applied research projects in collaboration with governments, non-governmental organizations, and companies. Nationally, it collaborates closely with the Centre for Applied Research at NHH (SNF), internationally it collaborates with the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP, Princeton University), Center for Effective Global Action at University of California (CEGA, University of California, Berkeley), and Global Insights Initiative (GINI, World Bank).

NHH Norwegian School of Economics is the host institution of FAIR and is strongly committed to this research initiative. FAIR represents a critical step for the long-term development of excellent research at NHH. FAIR is situated at the Department of Economics at NHH and was established as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in 2017 with funding from The Research Council of Norway.

FAIR consists of over 60 members including scientific coordination group, faculty, visiting professors, leading collaborators, PhD students, administrative staff and affiliated researchers, in addition to many short and long time guest researchers.

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UiO : **PluriCourts - Centre for the Study of the Legitimate Roles of the Judiciary in the Global Order**  
The Faculty of Law

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## Our research topics

PluriCourts studies the legitimacy of international courts and tribunals (ICs) from legal, political science and philosophical perspectives. The centre explores the normative, legal and empirical soundness of charges of illegitimacy, to understand and assess how ICs do, could and should respond.

PluriCourts explores the multidimensional [legitimacy standards](#) which include multilevel [separation of authority](#), [independence and accountability](#), [performance](#) and [comparative advantages](#). PluriCourts also aims to identify [best practices and models](#) to establish, improve or abolish ICs.

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## Vacancies

- [Doctoral Research Fellowship - LegInvest](#)
- [Doctoral Research Fellowships - State Consent](#)
- [Fulbright research grants at PluriCourts](#)

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# Europe in Transition

The Research Council of Norway has built Norwegian competence on European policy, challenges and influence on Norway

## Main thematic:

- Driving forces, trends and challenges in Europe's/EUs political development
- Economic development, the Internal Market and global competition
- Basic values under pressure
- EU foreign and security policy.
- Climate and energy challenges, the green transition



Total of 11  
million Euros  
2016-2020

# From National funded research to Horizon 2020

By the example of «Europe in Transition»

Institution	Project funded by RCN Europe in Transition	Project funded by Horizon 2020/ERA
NUPI	EUNOR, small states in a time of global change. <i>How does the crisis in Europe influence Norway</i>	EUNPACK Horizon 2020 2016-2020 <i>Gap in European crisis response, interaction, resources</i>
UiO ESOP center	European Strains <i>Interaction between politics, economic development and social change</i>	Globalization, Institutions and the Welfare state ERA-NET NORFACE 2015-2018 <i>Interaction trade, technology and welfare state</i>
UiO ARENA	EuroDiv – Integration and division – towards a segmented Europe  <i>implications of the current European crisis for democracy and integration in a long-term perspective?</i>	GLOBUS – Reconsidering European contributions to global justice HORIZON 2020 – 2016-2020  PLATO - The Post-Crisis Legitimacy of the European Union (2017-2020)

# European initiatives in Social Sciences and Humanities with Norwegian participation

- JPI URBAN EUROPE
- JPI CULTURAL HERITAGE AND GLOBAL CHANGE
- JPI DEMOGRAPHIC

- NORFACE

<https://www.norface.net/>

- HERA Joint Research Programme

<http://heranet.info/hera-joint-research-programme>

**<https://www.CESSDA.eu/>**



CESSDA stands for Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives and ERIC stands for European Research Infrastructure Consortium. CESSDA provides large-scale, integrated and sustainable data services to the social sciences. It brings together social science data archives across Europe, with the aim of promoting the results of social science research and supporting national and international research and cooperation.

# Horizon 2020. Results per organisation. Inclusive societies (societal challenge 6)

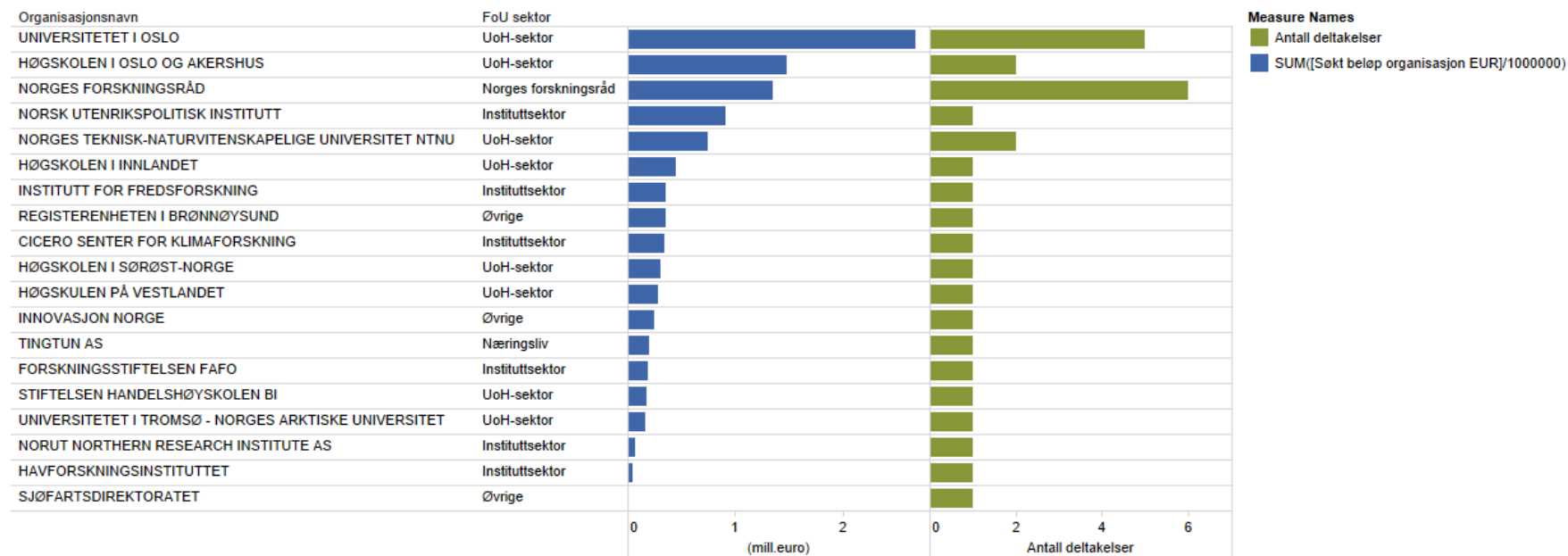
H2020: Resultater pr. organisasjon (Norge) (ekskl. Euratom)- Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies

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# Research Council thematic programmes in SSH

- UTENRIKS – foreign policies and international relations
- NORGLOBAL - development
- VAM – welfare, labour and migration
- FINNUT – education
- SAMRISK – societal security
- SAMKUL – culture and society

# International evaluation of humanities in Norway and White paper on humanities 2017



# How different fields perform – according to evaluation panel

- Nordic Languages and Linguistics are strong, benefiting from centres of excellence (SFF)
- Nordic and Comparative Literature: variable quality but with high productivity
- Modern and Classical Languages, Area Studies are large with English playing a big role, but other modern languages shrinking

## How different fields perform cont'd

- History, Archaeology and Cultural Studies are variable in quality; some high points but often insufficient linkage to more general substantive or conceptual debates or methods found internationally
- Philosophy of Mind, Language, Ethics, Epistemology and History of Philosophy show high quality
- Media Studies research is growing fast; quality development is not so fast
- Small specialist institutions in music and theology lack research culture

# **Evaluation of social science institutes in 2017 and evaluation of social science in Norway 2018**

## Social science research in Norway

FACTSHEET – Statistical analysis of publications and  
research personnel



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## Institutes receiving public basic funding







+ **Primary industry institutes**

+ **Environmental institutes**

— **Social science institutes**

The social science institutes comprise a diverse group with widely differing research profiles. Their research activities span from basic to applied research and encompass a broad range of social science thematic areas and research questions. The public sector is the most important commissioner of research for all the social science institutes. The institutes are dispersed throughout the country. Some are regionally oriented, with close ties to the region in which they are located as regards research topics and the organisations commissioning the research.

— **National research institutes**

1. [Work Research Institute \(AFI\) \(part of HiOA\)](#) 
2. [Chr. Michelsens Institute, CMI](#) 
3. [Fafo](#) 
4. [Fridtjof Nansen Institute \(FNI\)](#) 
5. [Peace Research Institute, Oslo \(PRIO\)](#) 
6. [Institute for Social Research \(ISF\)](#) 

## Useful links for more information

- <http://h2020viz.vinnova.se/#/>
- <https://www.euraxess.no/node/125917/>
- <https://www.forskningsradet.no/prosjektbanken/#/Sprak=en>