

# The Norwegian Association for Local and Regional Authorities –KS

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### What does KS do?

428 municipalities19 counties500 municipal enterprises

495 000 employees11 500 councillors350 billion NOK

KS providing high quality services to 5 million inhabitants from cradle to grave.

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### KS' most important tasks

- Consultations with the National Government on framework conditions for municipal sector
- Central collective bargaining
- Advisory and consultative body on legal, economic and administrative issues
- Research and development, documentation
- Development and training of councillors and employees.
  10 000 participated in 2014
- Organisational development of local democracy





### National Policy on Climate Change Adaptation

2007 : Norwegian Climate Adaptation Programme

2008-2010 : Norwegian Report on Climate Change Adaptation

• 2013 : White Paper on National Adaptation Strategy

- Headed by the Ministry of the Environment
- 10 ministries
- Programme secretariat
- The Cities of the Future pilot project in 13 cities
- Continuous research, i.a. NORKLIMA, NORADAPT, KLIMAFORSK



### Major Statements From the White Paper

- Extreme weather events severe test
- Higher risk of landslides and flooding
- Different risks and new areas
- Infrastructure in urban areas vulnerable to intense precipitation and sea level rise
- Impact on species
- Major consequences in the Arctic region
- Direct impacts on the primary industries
- Pressure on the electricity infrastructure



### Focus on Counties and Municipalities

### The White Paper

• The climate change local character puts municipalities first in line; planning, water and sewage, natural resource management etc.

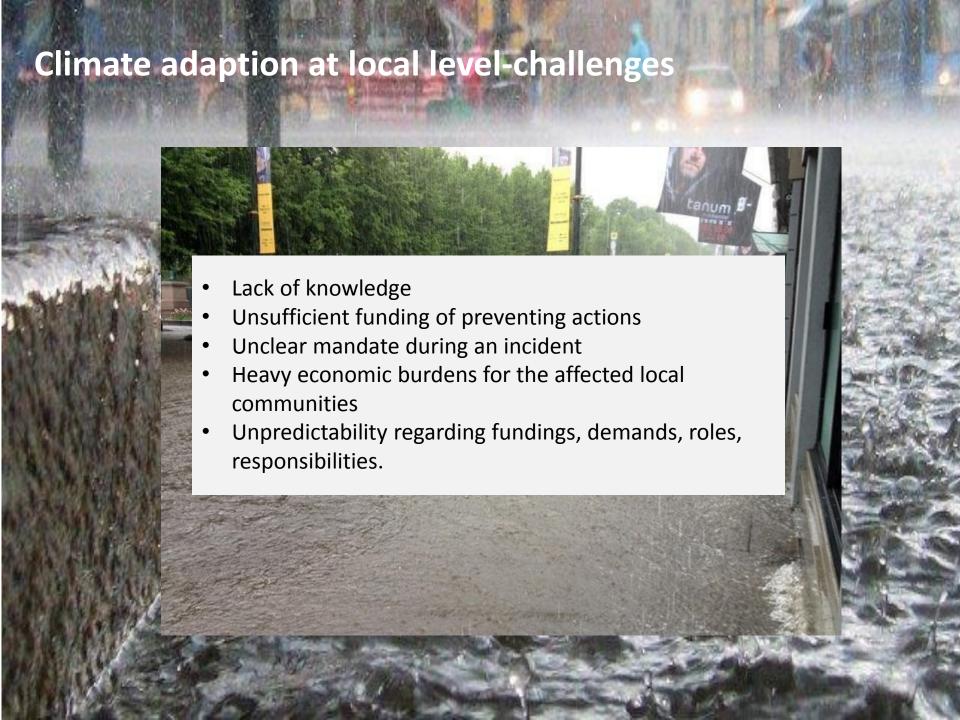
### Municipalities should

- Take account of climate change
- Provide knowledge and expertice
- Assess risk and vulnerability
- Prevent loss and damage



### National Authorities Action Forward

- 1. Strengthening the knowledge base
- 2. Urban runoff water
- 3. Central Planning Guidelines
- 4. Networks
- 5. Indicators
- 6. Capacity building
- 7. Dissemination www.klimatilpasning.no
- 8 .International activities



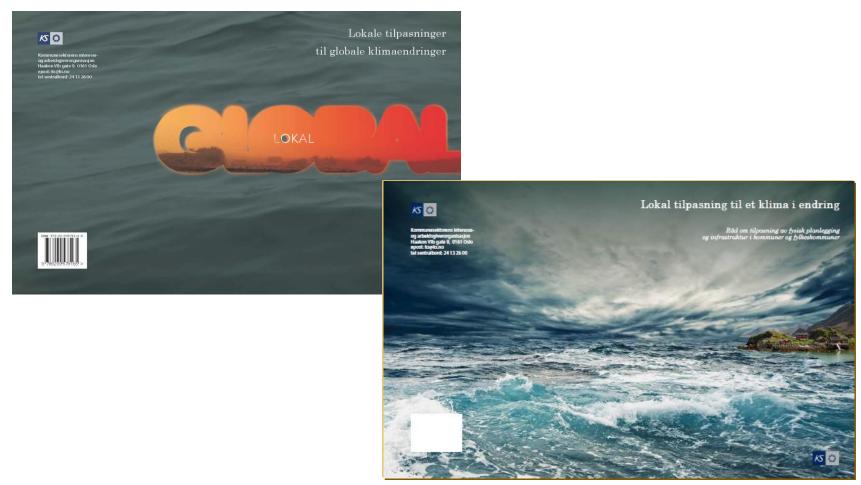
### Research as a basis of recognition







# How to get started and good practice on adaptation to climate change



# Municipal networking on adaptation - a way to get your city more prepared to meet the climate changes!



