



The Norwegian Association for Local and Regional Authorities –KS





Historical background



- The association was founded in 1972
- Amalgamation of
 - The Union of Norwegian Cities (founded in 1903)
 - Norwegian Association of Rural Municipalities (founded in 1923)
- Employer association for local government since 1987



- National members' association for local government
 - 428 municipalities
 - 19 counties
 - 500 public enterprises

- Head Quarter in Oslo
- 8 regional offices
- Office in Brussels

Key figures:

444 000 employees

11 500 elected councillors

350 billion NOK

and 5 million inhabitants, who receive good services from cradle to grave





National government

Storting
169 rep's

Government
17 ministries

Court of Justice

Regional state level (administration)

**Regional
Governor**

**Government
agencies**

Local/Regional government (elected)

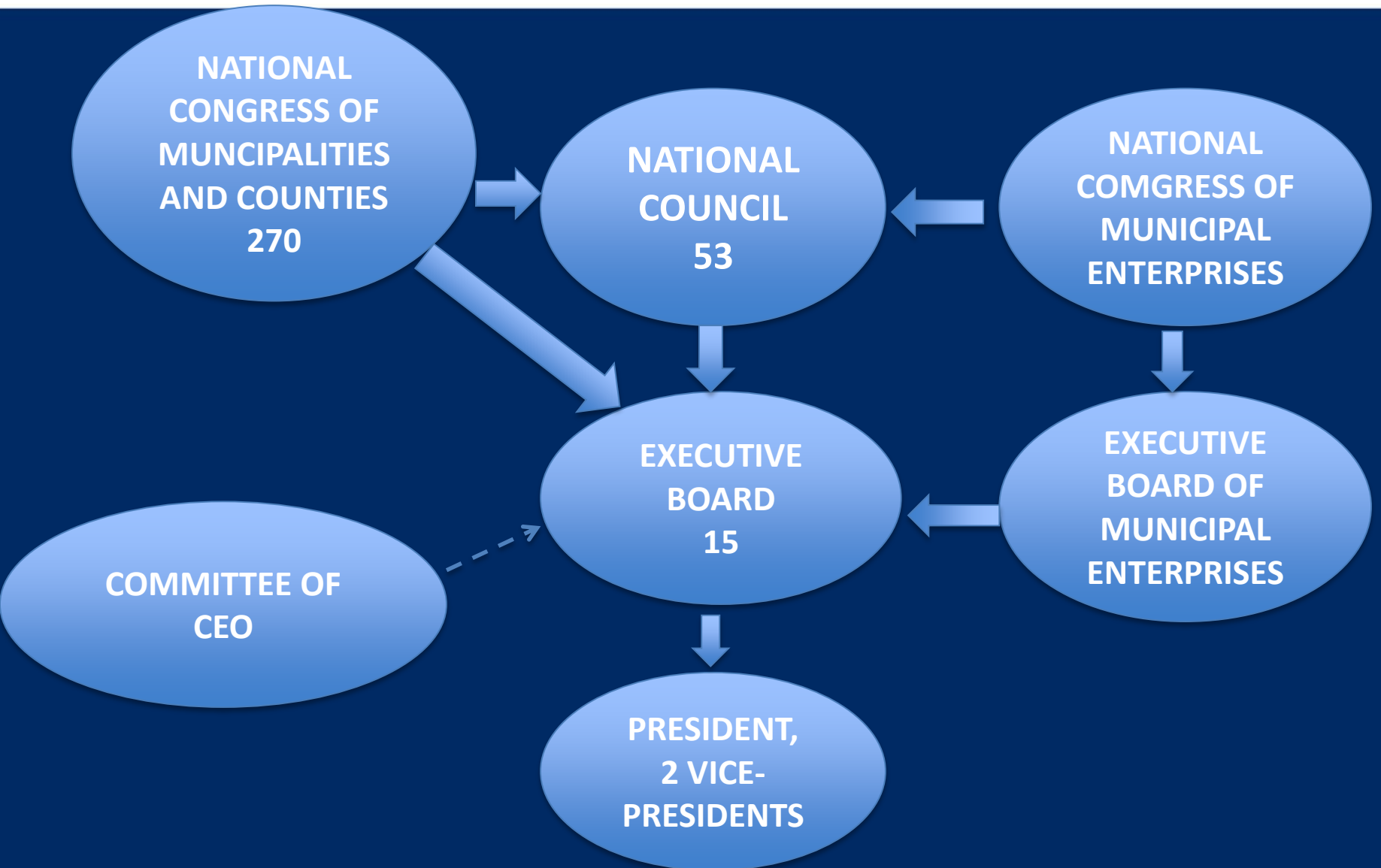
Municipalities
428

County Authorities
19



KS roles

- Interest and employer organisation
- Spokesman vis-à-vis central government
- Advisory and consultative body
- Central collective bargaining organisation





KS' Vision and Mission

- Vision
Develop an independent and innovative local government sector
- Mission
Shall secure the best possible framework conditions for the local government sector



Strategy

Priority Areas 2012-2016

- Local democracy and framework conditions
 - Local and regional government reform
 - Economic framework
- Organisation, efficiency and quality
 - Provision of services for the citizens
- The role of the employer
 - Recruiting a competent workforce
 - Modernisation of central agreements