

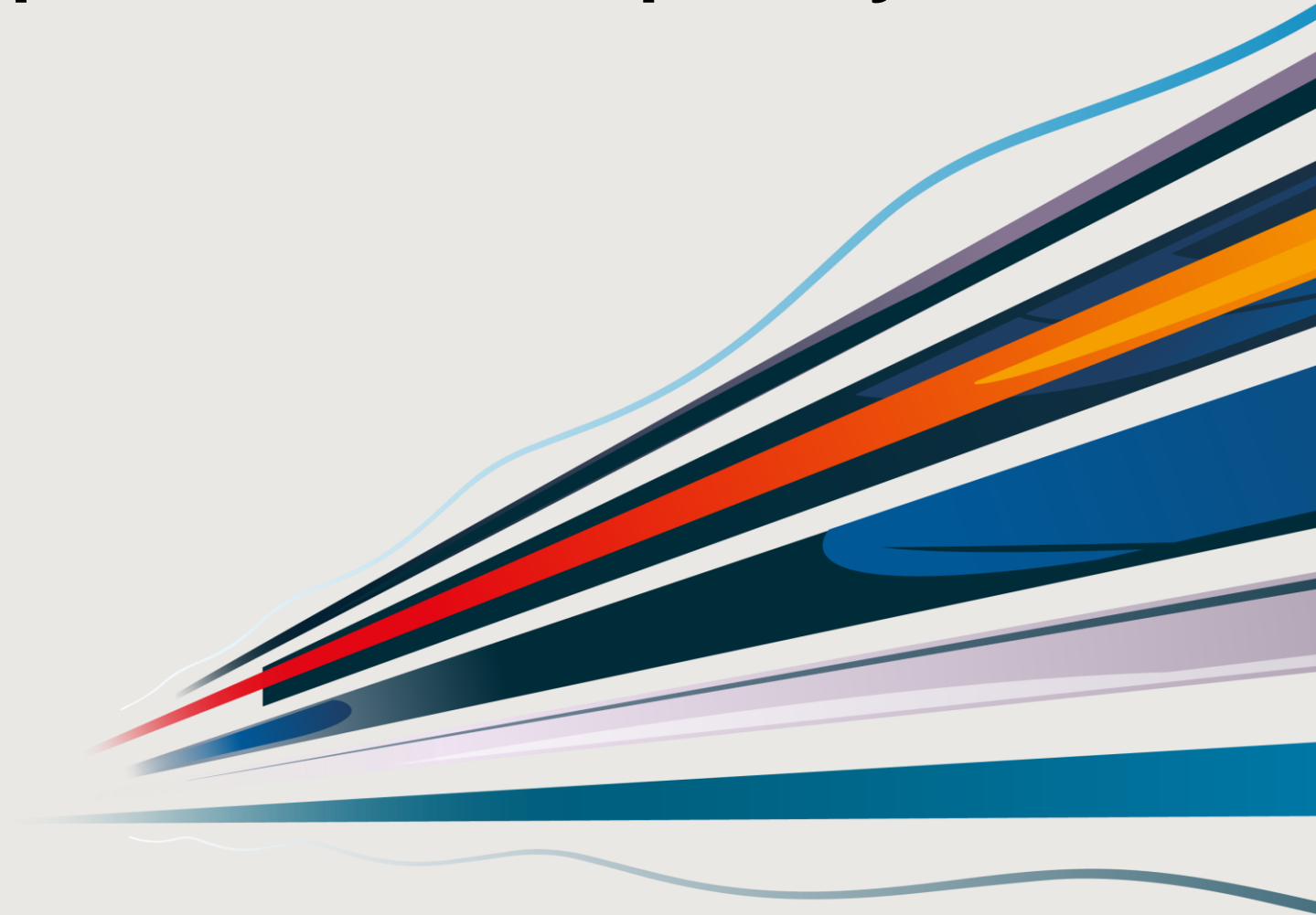


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# Implementing smart specialisation in sparsely populated areas

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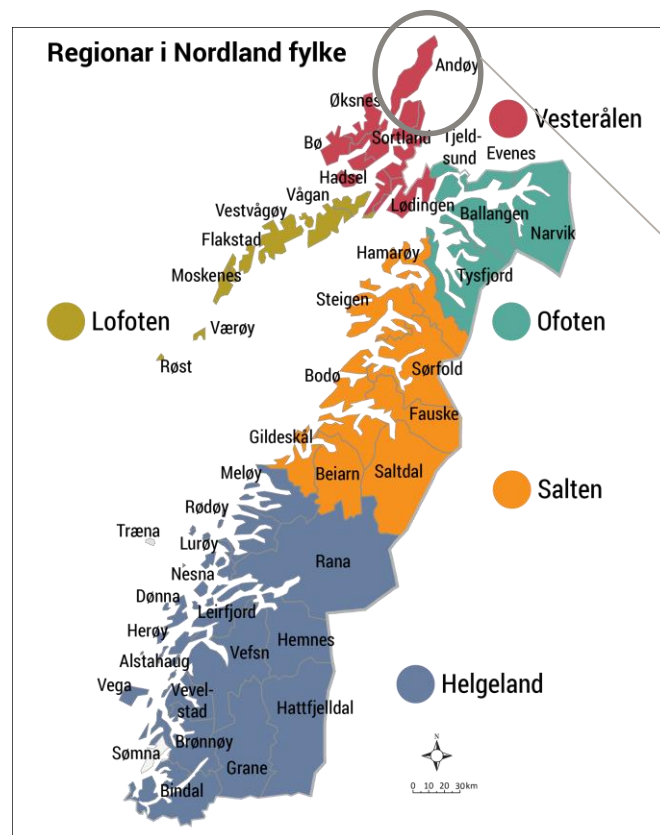
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# Main messages

- Regional authorities are the main drivers on using smart specialisation in Norway
- Smart specialisation and Norwegian national policy on regional development fit well together
- Obstacles and challenges ahead

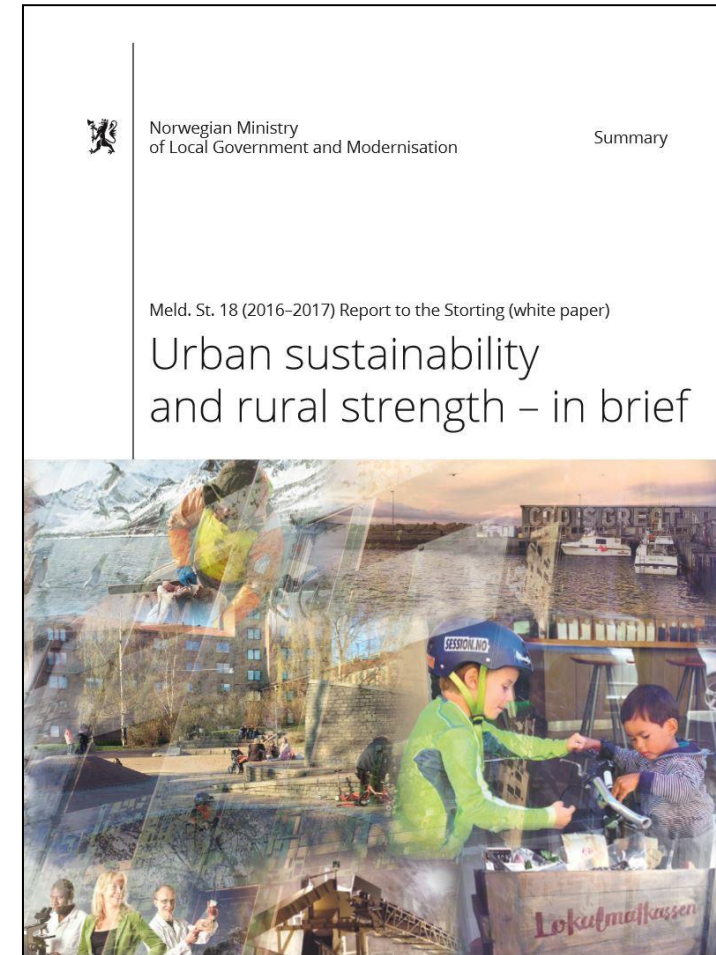
# Smart specialisation in Nordland



# National policy

The aim of the Government is to ensure a county level government that

- interacts well with central and local government,
- can meet key challenges in society, and
- can facilitate development and growth in all parts of the country

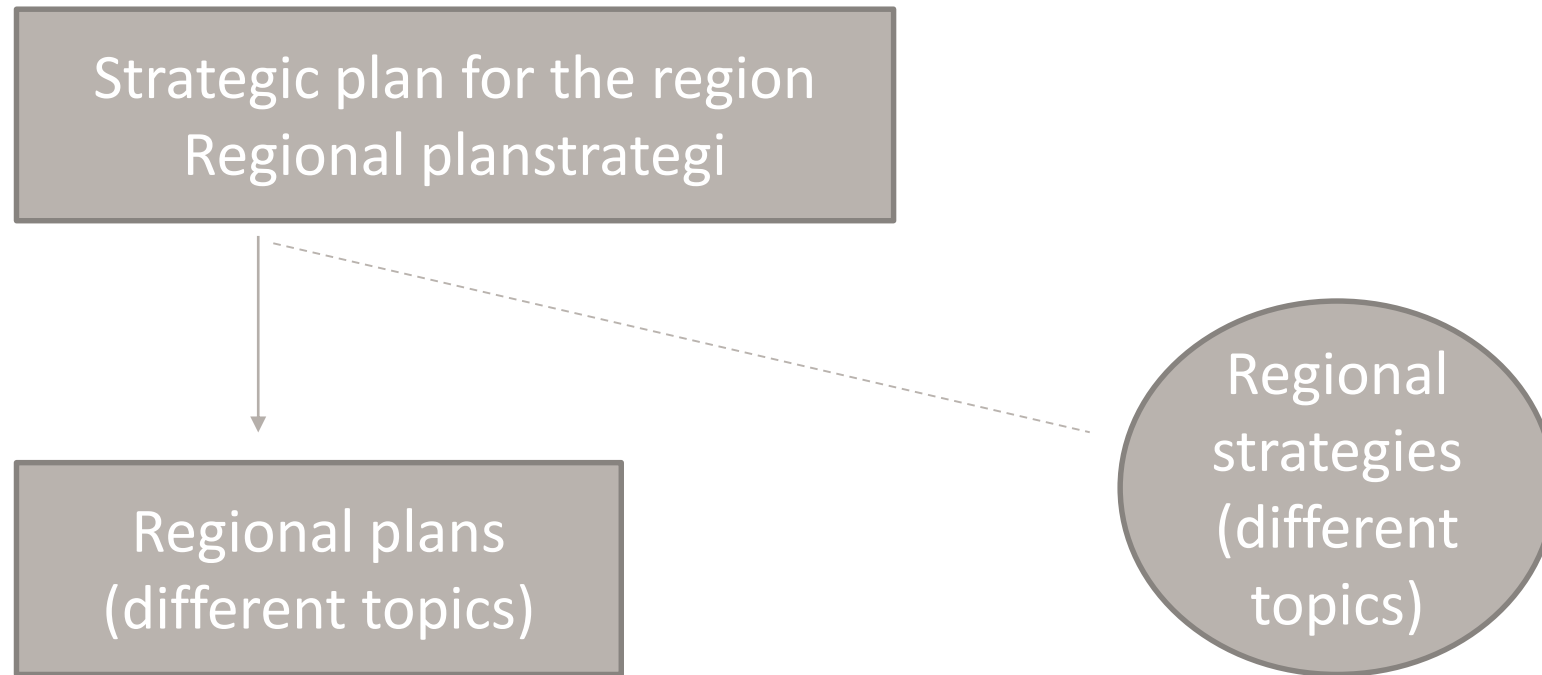




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- Development and implementation of regional plans/strategies
- Economic development and innovation, including research and competence policy relevant for economic development
- Norwegian context

# Norwegian Planning and Building Act and Smart specialisation



# Challenges ahead

## Triple transition imperative

- shift towards a more diversified and robust economy
- moving towards a more competitive, effective and efficient innovation system
- these structural transformations must be achieved while supporting research and innovation that can confront an array of societal challenges





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# Thank you

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