



KS

*The Norwegian Association
of Local and Regional
Authorities*





- Founded in 1972
- Member organization - all 356 municipalities and 11 county councils in Norway are members, in addition to 500 public enterprises
- Size of members (2020):
 - Smallest member: Utsira municipality - 192 inhabitants
 - Largest member: Oslo municipality – 697 549 inhabitants
 - Average size of municipalities: 15 000 inhabitants
 - Median size of municipalities: 5100 inhabitants
 - Share of municipalities with less than 3000 inhabitants: 35%

KS – What do we do?

Advocate

- Represents the interests of the local and regional government level
- Regular meetings with the national government

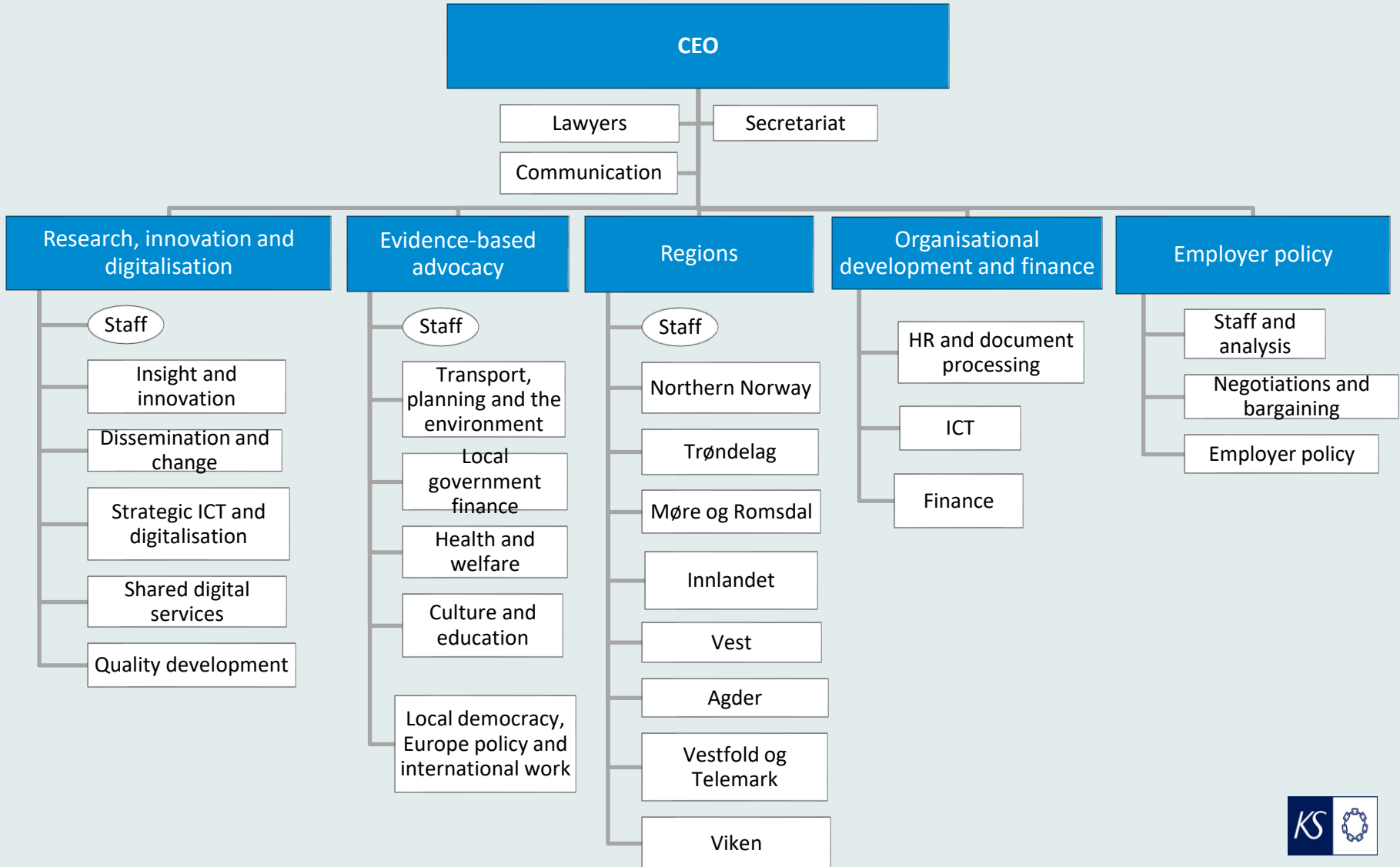
Employer

- Employer organization for the local government sector, which employs a total of 500 000 people
- Negotiates with unions on behalf of 366 local and regional authorities – all except Oslo

Developer

- Legal, financial and administrative advice for members
- Research, expert assessment and preparatory work

KS' departments



Topics covered by tools used by KS

- Local democracy surveys
- Efficiency networks
- Universal design – ensuring accessibility and inclusiveness in the municipality
- Ethics and anti-corruption
- Citizen engagement
- Councilor Training Program
- Age friendly communities

KS and the EEA/Norway Grants 2014-21 (2024)



Latvia

- DPP – Local development, poverty reduction and culture
- Projects – Good governance and inter-municipal cooperation



Poland

- DPP – Local development
- Projects – Urban development



Romania

- DPP – Local development, poverty reduction, Roma inclusion
- Project – Good governance, anti-corruption



Bulgaria

- DPP – Local development, vulnerable groups
- Projects – Local development; welfare technology; climate change



Hungary

- DPP – Local development and poverty reduction
- Projects – Development of services, access to statistical information