SDGs as a tool to implement territorial reforms
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- Viken County will include the present counties of Akershus, Buskerud and Østfold in South-Eastern Norway from January 1 2020
- 1.2 million residents – most populous county in Norway
- 51 municipalities
SDGs as a framework for policy-making

• SDGs as a platform for developing the new culture of the organisation
• SDGs as a platform for regional planning
• SDGs as a basis for policy and planning system
• SDGs as a platform for multi-level dialogue and partnership
At the CORE is the regional planning strategy process

- Determine and localise the SDGs
- Mapping regional challenges and long-term development opportunities
- Engaging a multi-level dialogue
- Allows the SDGs to gain focus in determining the long-term development goals
- “Mother of all future plans to come”

...four-year cycles
Key challenges and opportunities
Break down the silos
on all governance levels and in NGOs and companies
Comprehensive planning and management system

➢ Develop and implement
➢ Link the strategic, tactical and operational level
Measuring and mapping the regional and local development on the SDGs

Viken one of the 7 OECD pilots:
Localising indicators,
Benchmarking, Best-practices,
Strategic network
RAISE AWARENESS

• about the SDGs and how we can reach the goals in the 2030-Agenda
✓ in the organisation
✓ in society
✓ politicians
✓ other stakeholders
A STRONG NEED FOR A STAKEHOLDER STRATEGY
“If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan, but never the goal.”

- Author Unknown
A national Norwegian Agenda 2030 strategy would be helpful in guiding us along some main tracks.

The government is preparing a white paper on the SDGs this year.

We have experienced a strong interest and will to have a dialogue with the regional level on the topic of SDGs.
Viken County Council's vision:

Sustainability * Development * Competence