

# *1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Associations of World Heritage properties in Europe*

*Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2015*

*World Heritage Norway*



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- 1977 Norwegian ratification of the WH Convention
- 8 Properties inscribed
  - First inscription 1979
  - Latest inscription 2015



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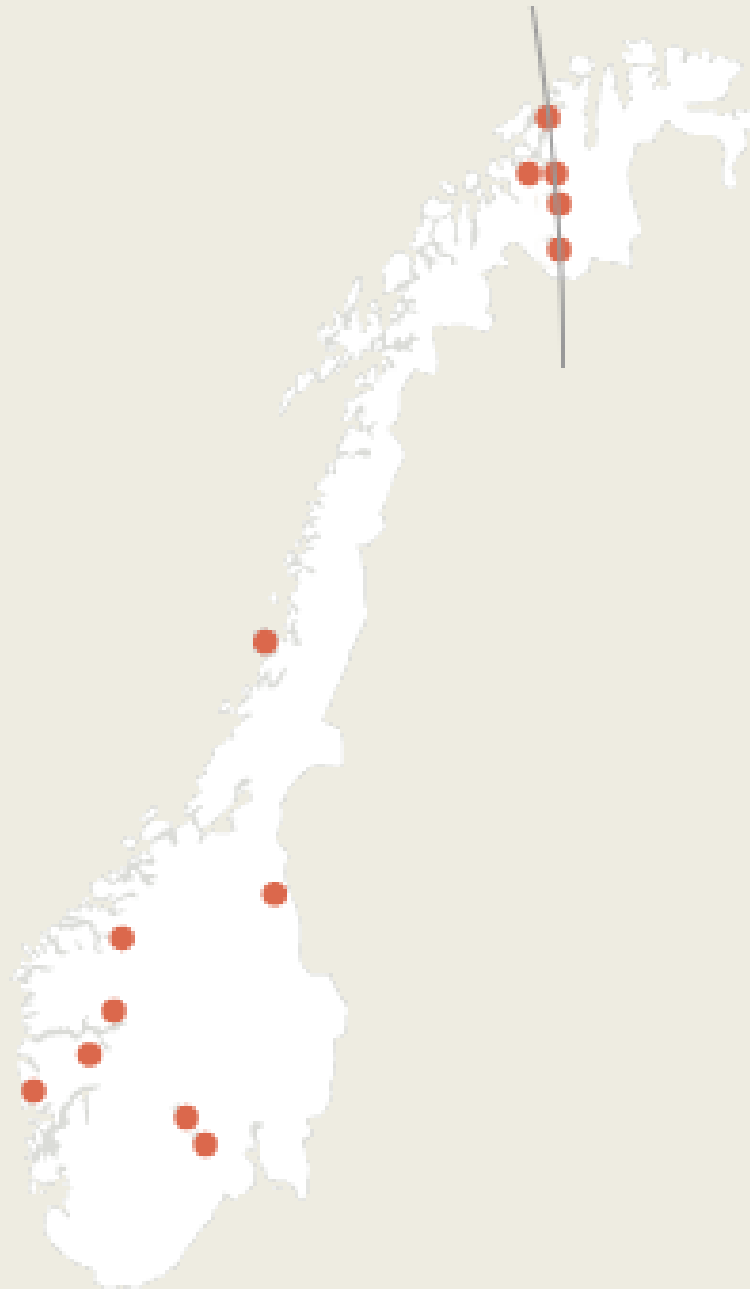
## 8 properties inscribed:

- 7 properties cultural
- 1 property natural.

## Types of cultural properties:

- Cultural landscape, traditional settlement, land-use
- Rock Art. Testimony of prehistoric society.
- City – trading port. Mining town. Company town.
- Traditional Scandinavian wooden architecture.
- Interchange of human values, scientific collaboration.
- Technological development, industry.





# World heritage **in** Norway

## ➔ Brief description of the national management of WH

### National level:

- Ministry of Climate and Environment.
  - The Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage: (C) } – Politics, strategies
  - The Norwegian Environment Agency: (N)+ C-landscapes } – Implementation
- **Regional level:** County Authorities. For Cultural Heritage: County Council (elected). For Natural Heritage: County Governor
- **Local level:** Municipalities
- The Cultural Heritage Act (1978/2009). } In charge: National level.
- The Nature Diversity Act (2009). } Frontline responsibility for acute cases: Regional level.
- Planning and Building Act (2009/2012/2015). In charge: Local authorities



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- Legal status since 2008 as a registered national non-profit NGO. Reporting the Annual Audited Accounts and the Board's Annual Report to the Registrar and authorities.
- Year of creation: 2007
- The Purpose is to raise awareness, increase understanding of and promote the common interests of Norwegian World Heritage sites, and assist in their protection and development in accordance with UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and best practice.
- A site driven national organization:  
World Heritage Norway emphasises that protection and development can best be achieved through a participatory approach, by the respect, understanding and involvement of stakeholders at each World Heritage Site.



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- Membership from four member categories:
  - Local Authorities / municipalities: 19
  - Counties: 7
  - Institutions and organizations (Heritage Centres, Museums, Tourist Boards, National Park Centres, property owner organizations etc.): 19
  - Private support membership
- Criteria and qualifications for membership:
  - Criteria: Having their activities in one or more of the sites nominated or inscribed as World Heritage Sites.
  - Membership by active signing up as a member and by paying an annual fee.



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## ■ Budget:

- Total amount: € 1/4 mill.
- Financed by membership fee and project financial support

## ■ Running of the association:

- Director. Non-salaried work by Board of Directors. Participatory non-paid involvement by site managers / coordinators and site stakeholders.
- Annual conference, annual meeting, project groups.
- Collaboration with the State Party – Ministry of Climate and Environment. The Norwegian Environment Agency and Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage.





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## Working areas:

- Competence building.
  - Stimulating technical exchange and cooperation.
  - Work-shops and conferences.
- Awareness-raising, mediation, exhibitions
- Advisory NGO to the State Party



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- European/international co-operation programmes:
  - Nordic World Heritage Network / Association
    - Nordic World Heritage Conference
    - Nordic-Baltic Sustainable Tourism Programme



Merci !

