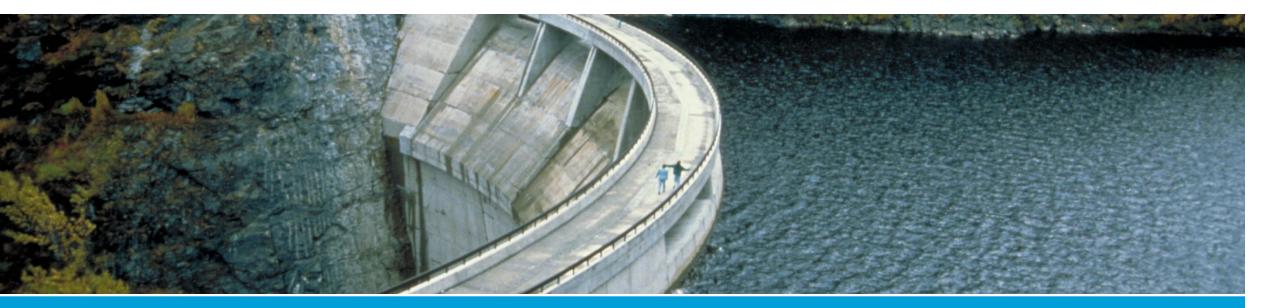
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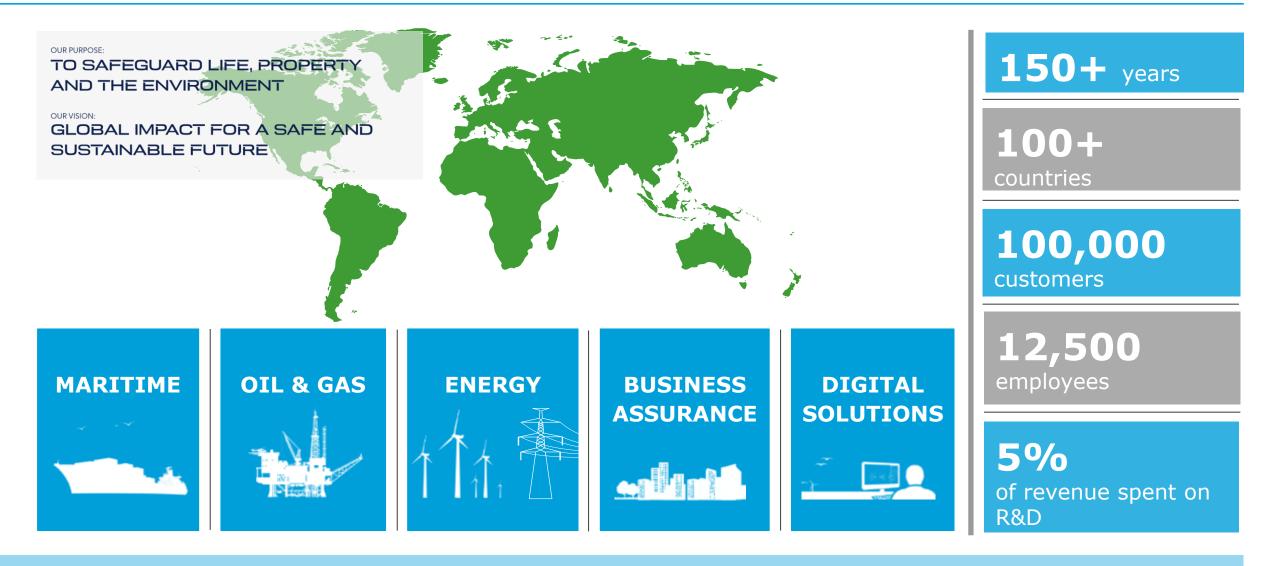


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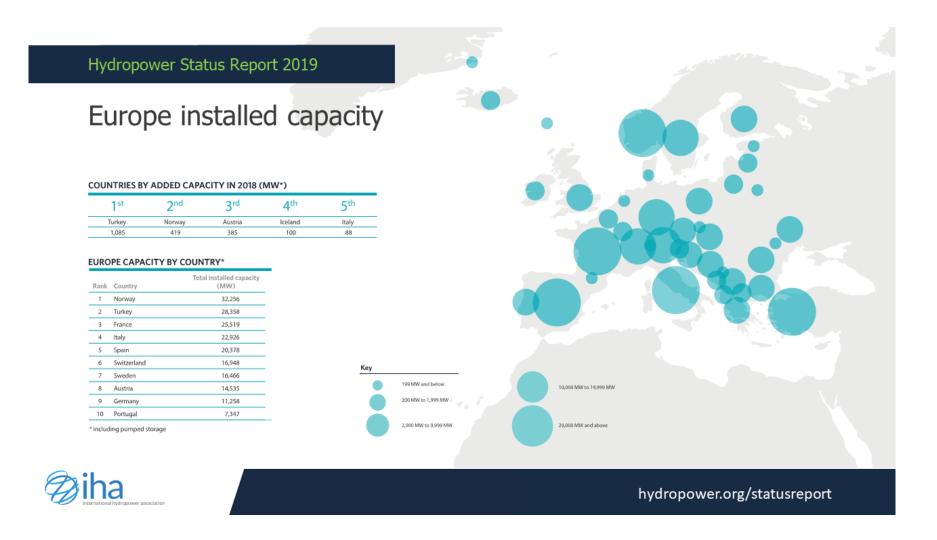
## Water and energy – a Norwegian perspective

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## Hydropower in Norway – the land of plenty



- 98 % hydropower; 32 GW
  - Decreasing share due to wind power increase
- Theoretical potential >600 TWh annual production
- Economic potential >200 TWh
  - Protected: 50 55 TWh
  - Current annual capacity: 136 TWh ± 30 %
  - Remaining potential: 23 TWh
- Reservoir capacity: 87 TWh
  - 50 % of European storage capacity

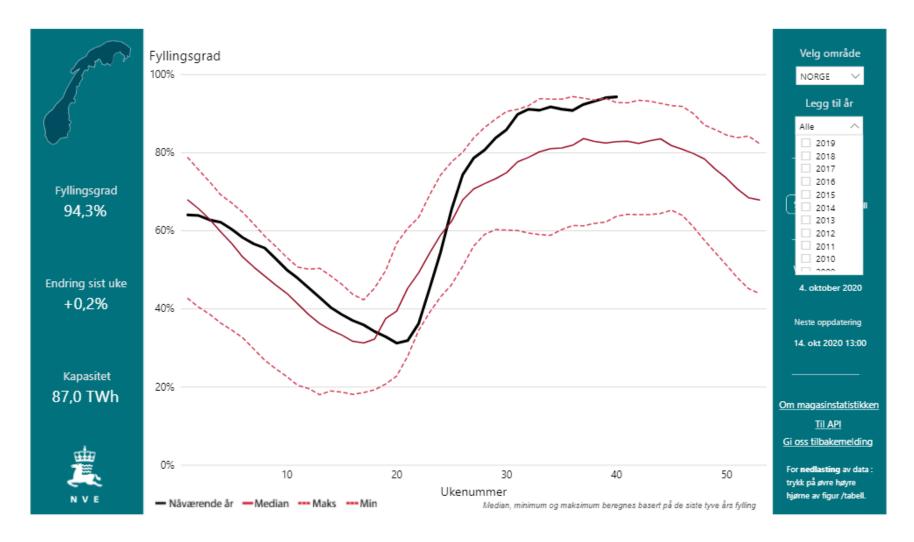
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## Climate change: Warmer, wetter and wilder

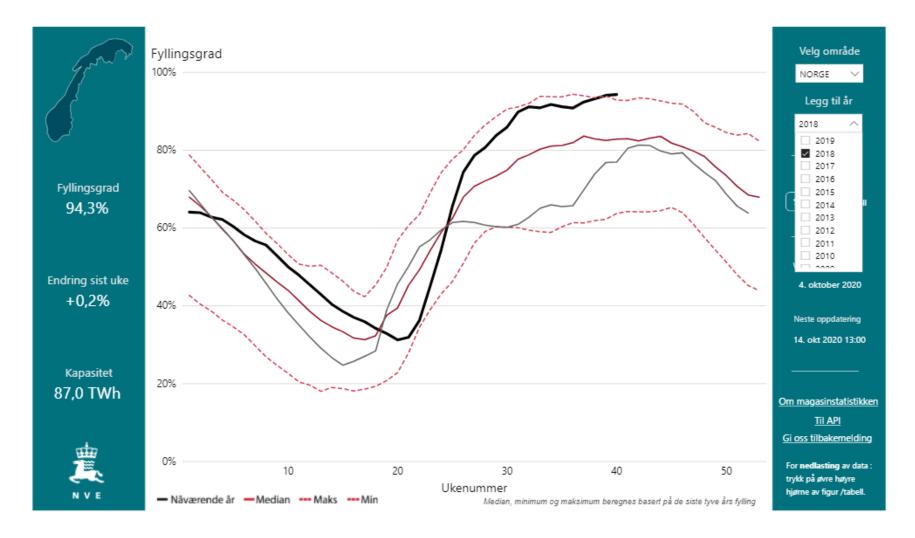
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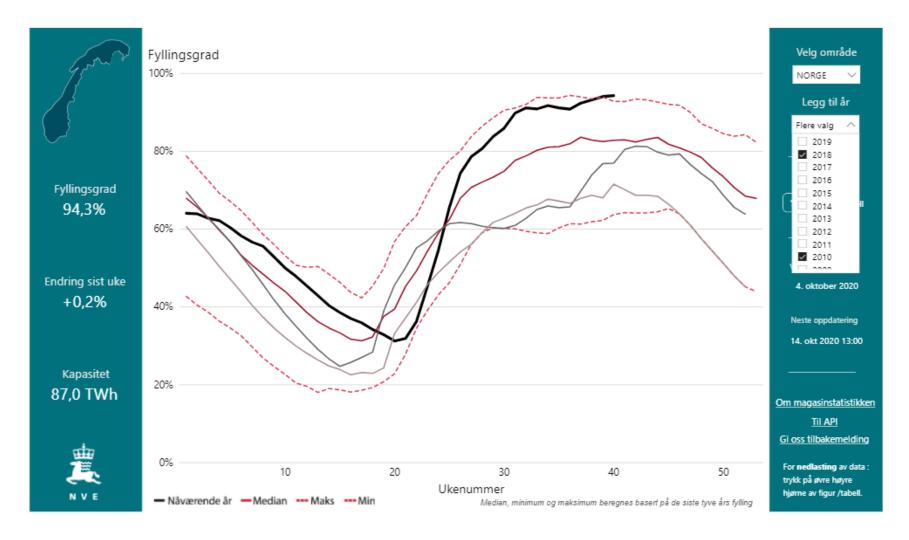
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## **Requirements to protect marine life**

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## Utilities invest in spawning grounds and ensure there is sufficient flow during spawning periods

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# Management of hydropower – avoid erosion of river banks

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## The energy sector can manage volatility

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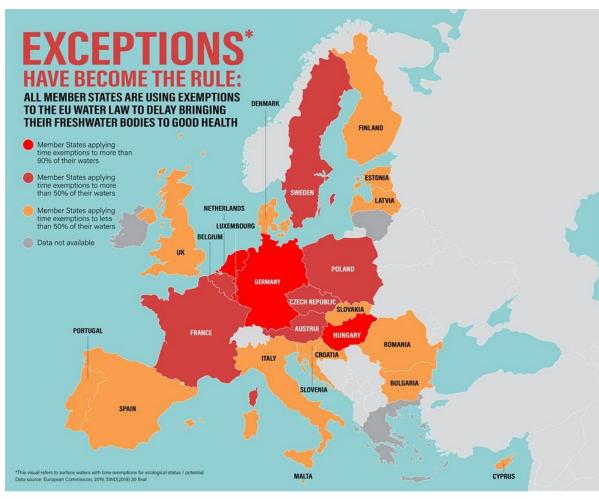
## **European and Norwegian regulatory approach to water resource management**

- 1887: unlike other European countries, Norway institutionalised private property rights for rivers and river systems (watercourse)
- 1906 the Panic act: realised that foreign capital took ownership to Norwegian watercourses
- 1917; revision of the Panic act
  - Empowered the government to set conditions for any private utilisation of water resources
    - Taxation
    - Public interests
    - River basin management
    - Reversion; after 60 years, private power plants must be handed over to the state
- Main principles continues: owners utilisation of watercourses is subject to public control

Holistic river basin management plans, with regular revisions



#### Water resource management: conflicting interests



- The EU Water Framework Directive adopted in 2000
- Implementation lagging behind
  - Complicated processes
  - Major conflicts are not resolved
    - The directive does not solve the conflicts, it defines processes to create solutions
- Key conflict areas not so much related to energy as to pollution vs. wildlife and recreational use

#### Illustration: WWF

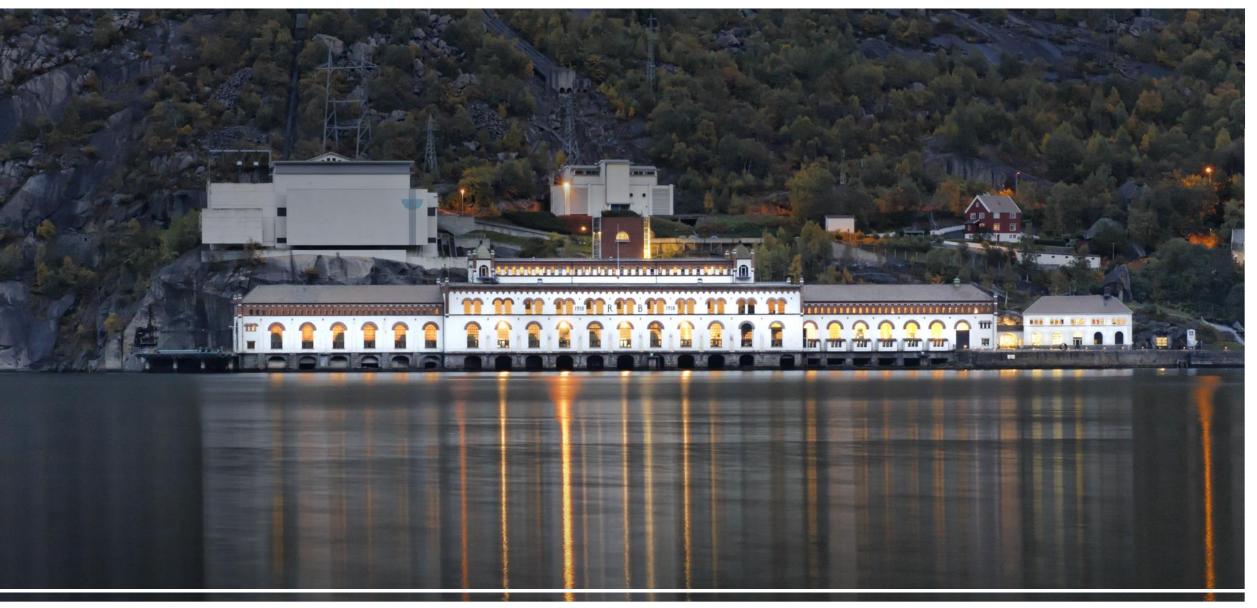


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