

Technical visit F

NORTH JÆREN:

LAND USE AND TRANSPORT PLANNING

Saturday, May 27th

10:00-14:00 (NOT 12:30-17:30 as previously stated)

20-45 people, \$40 (includes lunch)



The North Jæren area is one of the fastest growing regions in Norway. The rapid economic growth, mainly based on Stavanger's status as the centre of Norway's petroleum industry, has caused a fast increase in the population size. This has proven to be a challenge for spatial and transport planning. Valuable agricultural land, recreational areas and areas of nature conservation interests are under pressure for housing, industrial and energy developments as well as an increasing need for efficient transport solutions. The excursion will show the participants some of the main main issues of the regional plans for urban development, transport and wind energy development.

First stop is Sandnes, one of the "Healthy Cities" in Europe. Integration of living environment, recreation and culture are key words. Being the fastest growing city in Norway, future housing developments and transport solutions will also be presented.

The bus tour will continue through the hilly part of Jæren, a prime area for future large-scale wind energy developments, but also for nature conservation and outdoor recreation. A regional plan for wind energy, focusing on identifying the more and less suited areas, is under development.

From the hillsides the tour continues to the flat, coastal farmlands. Intensely farmed, and rich in important historical sites as well as internationally important wetlands and large protected areas, conflicts of land use interest are well known issues. The tour includes lunch, and if the weather allows, a stroll along the protected Jæren beaches.