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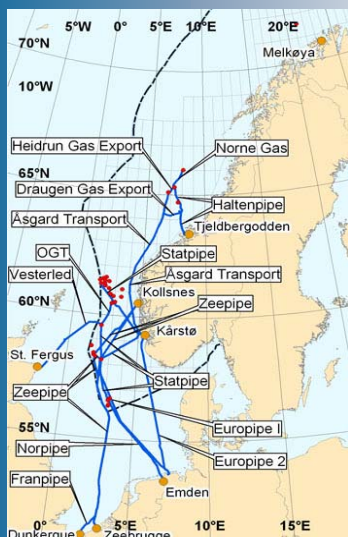
KÅRSTØ:

LANDFALL AND EXPORT TERMINAL FOR NORTH SEA GAS

Friday, May 26th

12:30-20:00

30 - 80 people, \$40 (includes late lunch)



The main destination is Kårstø Gas Terminal north of Stavanger. The excursion to this part of the county goes by bus through two long sub-sea tunnels (4 and 6 km long), and by ferry.

The Kårstø complex plays a key role in the transport and processing of gas and condensate (light oil) from the Norwegian continental shelf. Built in the late '70s, the terminal was a controversial development that raised many social and environmental concerns. Today the terminal is vital to European gas supply and important to local industry and energy production. The terminal is still being developed, and the establishment is also a foundation for other local industrial developments based on natural gas.

Attention will also be given to the revegetation and landscaping work that has been performed in connection with the installation of the gas pipelines that lead to and from the terminal.

From Kårstø the trip continues to Karmøy, one of the larger island in Norway and an important historical site. The famous viking Harald Hårfagre, who became the first king of Norway, ruled his kingdom from Karmøy. Today fishery and farming plays an important role in the local economy. Besides a historical view, attention will be given to the islands natural qualities. The inland is dominated by large oceanic heather moorlands, once a common habitat in western Norway, now slowly threatened by overgrowth due to less intensive use as well as by other interests for land use.

Before entering a ferry back to Stavanger we will visit Skudeneshavn, a picturesque city with well conserved wooden houses from the 19th century.

