

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON NORWAY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member (4 November 1946)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2007-2009)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme; Vice-President (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2015)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning
Chairperson : Mr Birger Fredriksen
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission; Vice-President: Mr Peter Haugan
4. **The Director-General's visits to Norway: 4**
 - 6-7 July 2015: to attend the Oslo Summit on Education for Development
 - 9-10 December 2014: to attend the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony taking place on 10 December at the City Hall of the city of Oslo.
 - From 23 to 25 March 2014, you paid your second visit to the Kingdom of Norway, on the occasion of the International Conference entitled "Synergies for Development – Using Natural and Cultural Heritage in Sustainable Development" which is taking place in Bergen on 24-26 March 2014.
 - 5-7 September 2010: official visit, signature of the Programme Cooperation Agreement for 2010-2011 with the Minister of the Environment and International Development
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Norway: 2**
 - 16-18 December 2008: on the occasion of the Eighth High Level Group Meeting on EFA
 - 25-27 June 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - Mrs Elin Østebø Johansen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to OECD and UNESCO (since 14 September 2014)
 - Staff: Mrs Gry Ulverud, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Kristin Karlsen, Chargée de mission
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Tore Eriksen, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Norway to OECD, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (21 October 2011 – September 2014); Mr Harald Neple, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Norway to OECD and UNESCO (September 2006 – October 2011); Ms Tanja H. Storm, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Norway to OECD (February 2005 – August 2006); Mr Sven Svedman, Ambassador of Norway to France (September 2003 – February 2005); Mr Rolf Trolle Andersen (June 1998 – September 2003)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: November 1946
 - President: Ms Tora Aasland (since January 2013)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Tanja Kristine Hegge (since September 2012)

9. Norwegian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:

- Mr Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister of Norway and Founder and President of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights, is a member of the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures
- Mr. Jan Monteverde Haakonsen, Vice-Chair of the MOST Intergovernmental Council
- Mr Birger Fredriksen, Chairperson of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP)
- Mr Peter Haugan, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

10. UNESCO Chairs: 1

- UNESCO Chair on education for sustainable lifestyles (2015), Hedmark University College, Elverum (1104)

11. Associated Schools: 58 (9 primary, 10 primary and secondary, 35 secondary schools, and 4 teacher training institutions). Norway joined the ASP Network in 1953.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- Nordic World Heritage Foundation, Oslo

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: none

15. World Heritage Sites: 8 (7 Cultural and 1 Natural)

Cultural:

- Urnes Stave Church (1979)
- Bryggen (1979)
- Rock Art of Alta (1985)
- Røros Mining Town and the Circumference (1980, extension in 2010)
- Vegaøyan – The Vega Archipelago (2004)
- Struve Geodetic Arc (2005), jointly with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Sweden and Ukraine
- Rjukan–Notodden Industrial Heritage Site (2015)

Natural:

- West Norwegian Fjords - Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord (2005)

16. Tentative List: 5 properties

- The Laponian Area - Tysfjord, the fjord of Hellemobotn and Rago (extension) (2002)
- The Lofoten islands (2002)
- Svalbard Archipelago (2007)
- Islands of Jan Mayen and Bouvet as parts of a serial transnational nomination of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge system (2007)
- Viking Monuments and Sites / Vestfold Ship Burials and Hyllestad Quernstone Quarries (2011)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

18. Memory of the World Register: 5 inscriptions

- The Leprosy Archives of Bergen (2001)
- Henrik Ibsen: A Doll House (2001)
- Roald Amundsen's South Pole Expedition (1910-1912) (2005)
- Thor Heyerdahl Archives (2011)
- Sophus Tromholt Collection (2013)

19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

20. **Legal instruments:** 27 ratified, 13 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (17 January 2007)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (17 January 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (13 January 2006). Norway contributed US\$ 20,747 in 2003 for the development of the Convention.

21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none

22. **Participation Programme:** no requests submitted since 2006

23. **Fellowships:** no fellowships requested

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014 - 2015:** fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2015: 0.851%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$5,557,030

25. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013*	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	12,607,128	12,467,904	10,120,739	11,321,520	10,061,398	11,709,466

26. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented

- 4 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 6):