

## UNESCO AND NORWAY : KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Founding member** on 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2007-2009)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - 2021 : Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage
  - 2021 : Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics
  - 2019 : Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme
  - 2019 : Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication
  - Scientific Advisory Committee of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme,
  - Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
4. **The Director-General's visits:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits:** 4
  - 2015: to attend the Oslo Summit on Education for Development
  - 2014: to attend the Nobel Peace Prize Award Ceremony
  - 2014: on the occasion of the International Conference Synergies for Development – Using Natural and Cultural Heritage in Sustainable Development
  - 2010: official visit, signature of the Programme Cooperation Agreement for 2010-2011
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
  - H.E. Ms Elin Østebø Johansen, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 12 September 2014)
  - Ms Grethe Sofie Bratlie, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Ms Kristin Karlsen, Chargée de mission
  - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Tore Eriksen (2011-2014)
7. **National Commission:**
  - Creation in November 1946
  - President: Ms Tora Aasland
  - Vice-President: Mr Espen Hernes
  - Secretary-General: Ms Tanja Kristine Hegge
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Ms Deeyah Khan, Goodwill Ambassador for Artistic Freedom and Creativity
  - Dr Peter Haugan, Chair of the Executive Board of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Dr Anne Forus, Member of the International Bioethics Committee (2016-2019)
  - Mr. Gard Titlestad, Member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
  - Mr Dankert Vedeler, Member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 2
  - 2015 : Chair on Education for Sustainable Lifestyles, Inland University of Applied Sciences

- 2015 : Chair on Sustainable Heritage and Environmental Management-Nature and Culture, University of Bergen

**10. Associated Schools: 60**

- 11 primary, 11 primary/secondary, 34 secondary, 4 teacher training institutions
- Joined the ASP Network in 1953

**11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none**

**12. Biosphere Reserves: none**

**13. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 2**

- 2015 : Gea Norvegica
- 2015 : Magma

**14. World Heritage Sites: 8 (7 cultural and 1 natural)**

*Cultural:*

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

*Natural:*

- 2005 : West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord

**15. Tentative List: 5 properties**

- 2001 : Viking Monuments and Sites / Vestfold Ship Burials and Hyllestad Quernstone Quarries
- 2007 : Svalbard Archipelago
- 2007 : Islands of Jan Mayen and Bouvet as parts of a serial transnational nomination of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge system
- 2002 : The Laponian Area - Tysfjord, the fjord of Hellemobotn and Rago
- 2002 : The Lofoten islands

**16. Intangible Heritage lists: 1 element on the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices**

- 2016 : Oselvar boat - reframing a traditional learning process of building and use to a modern context

**17. Memory of the World Register: 6 inscriptions**

- 2017 : The Castbergian Child Laws of 1915
- 2013 : Sophus Tromholt Collection
- 2011 : Thor Heyerdahl Archives
- 2005 : Roald Amundsen's South Pole Expedition (1910-1912)
- 2001 : The Leprosy Archives of Bergen
- 2001 : Henrik Ibsen: A Doll's House

**18. Creative Cities Network: 2 cities**

- 2017 : Lillehammer, City of Literature
- 2015 : Bergen, City of Gastronomy

**19. Legal instruments:** 28 ratified, 12 non-ratified

- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified on 17 January 2007
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified on 17 January 2007
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified on 13 January 2006
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified

**20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018-2019:** none

**21. NGO in Official Partnership with UNESCO:** 1 with consultative status

- International Council For Open And Distance Education (ICDE) - 1967

**22. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018:** paid

- Assessment rate: 0.849%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 2,771,985

**23. Voluntary contributions (in US\$):**

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
<b>Total</b>	17,853,664	12,029,085	11,284,162	12,607,128	12,467,904	10,120,739	11,321,520	10,061,398

**24. Staff :** normally represented (min. 4, max. 6)

- 4 professionals in geographical posts
- 2 professionals in non-geographical posts