

# Oslo Akershus

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Metropolitan regions of Norway

There are 16 statistical metropolitan areas in Norway, of which six count as "Greater City Regions" and ten as "City Regions". The classification comes from the Greater City Report from the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. This report was completed in 2002–2003 to create a coherent policy for the development of metropolitan areas within Norwegian society. The Greater City Regions contain cities with numbers of inhabitants ranging from around 60,000 to 1,4 million, while the City Regions range from around 45 to 175 thousand. This is out of a national population of around 4,8 million citizens.

The Oslo website is currently being revised. More information in English will be uploaded during 2016.

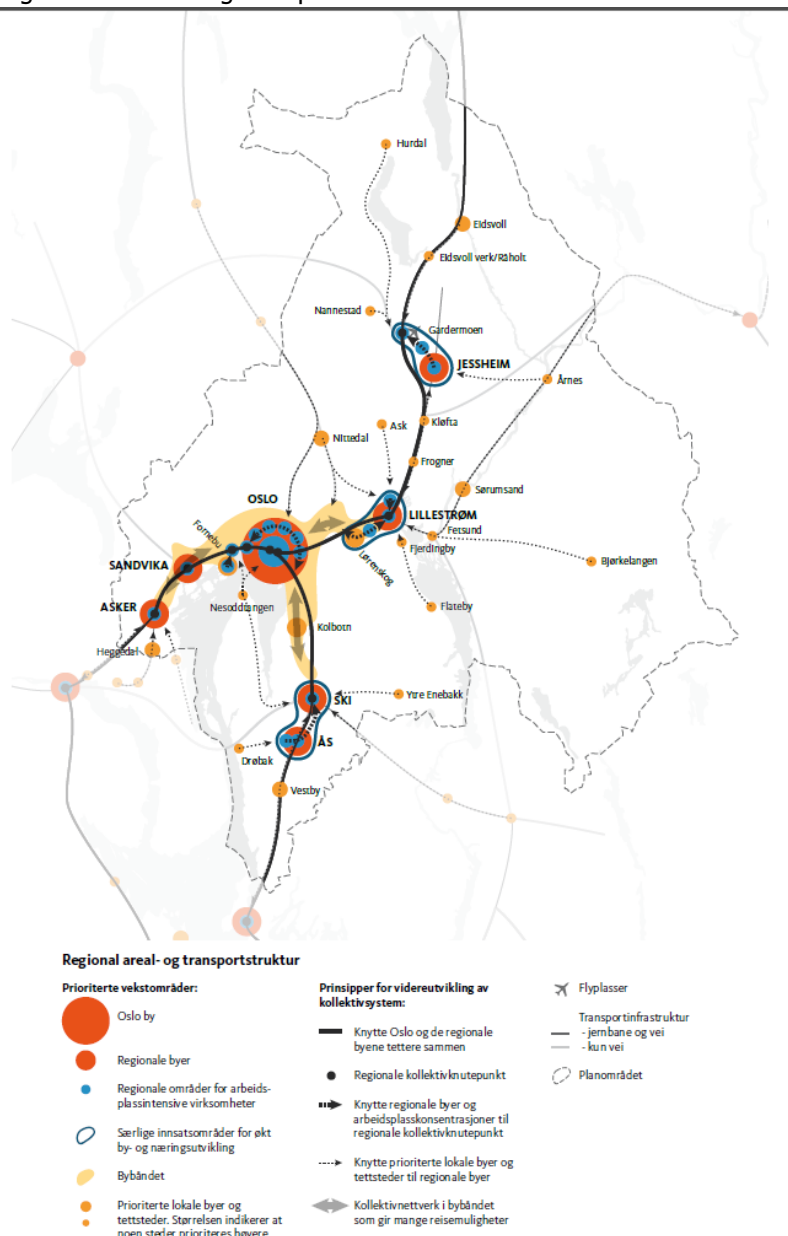
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## Oslo Sustainable Development

In 2015 Oslo adopted a City Plan, which includes both a city-wide strategy and a legal zoning plan for land-use. The vision in Oslo's City Plan is captured in the key headings of "Safe, Smart and Green".

Later in the same year, the City of Oslo and the County Council of Akershus adopted a joint Land-use and Transport plan. The main objectives here are to secure a sustainable future, including economic competitiveness and jobs, safe welfare for all, and environmental sustainability. Through efficient land-use and continued improvements to public transport, cycle-routes and walkways, the region aims to ensure that the current stable level of road traffic is maintained, or reduced.

### Strategic overview – regional plan for Oslo & Akershus



## Introduction

### 2015 City Plan

Overall planning in Oslo features a division of functions between the municipal City Plan, the finance plan/annual budget, strategic sector plans and detailed land-use plans. The City Plan presents the challenges facing the municipality and the city as a community, sets the long-term goals and selects strategies to achieve the desired evolution. Concrete measures for achieving the goals set are further defined in the finance plan/annual budget and sector/land-use plans. The annual management report and annual financial statements show the outcomes of the goals set, strategies selected and measures implemented.

## Principal tasks

The City of Oslo's principal tasks are to ensure the provision of public services and put in place a framework for the development of the city and community. Oslo has both municipal and regional functions, so that spatial issues such as land use, transport, economic development, In Akershus, the 22 municipalities are responsible for land use planning and local services, whereas the County Council is responsible for public transport, regional development and strategic planning.

The city's development is dependent on the interplay between the City Council, private developers and other public bodies. Major investments in infrastructure are organized at the regional level jointly with Akershus. A rolling program for transport development in the region is funded by revenues from the Toll Ring, which generates 300 mill € each year. Other sector plans are important, such as recently approved plans for climate and energy and for economic development and innovation. At the wider geographic scale, the Oslo Region Alliance (78 local authorities) has developed a strategy for land use and transport, and a strategy for joint branding.

## Sustainable Growth is the main challenge

The population in Oslo and Akershus is growing at record levels. Inward migration from peripheral parts of Norway has always been a trend. Labour migration from other EU countries became very significant after 2004, and increased to the highest levels ever after the financial crisis in 2009. We anticipate that international migration to Oslo will increase still further as a result of the movement of refugees from the Middle East from 2015.

Strong demographic growth puts high pressure on land where development is permitted, on transport infrastructure and on expanding public services. Housebuilding will also be a challenge, finding the right balance between the number of dwellings that are needed, and their quality and localization.



## Bakgrunn

- ✓ Population growth of 260,000 over 20 years
- ✓ 8,000-9,000 new jobs each year
- ✓ Oslo & Akershus cooperate, to enable sustainable growth and to manage the impacts



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