

## **Elverum Municipality** Kickoff Ropazi / Mucenieki March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

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### **Elverum as an International Municipality**

Elverum is a medium sized Municipality.

- 21.300 inhabitants (2021)
- 2.581 (12,1 %) are immigrants Hereof 905 from EU, USA, Canada, Australia, and 1676 from Asia, Africa, Latin-Amerika, Russia



The Municipality must care for <u>all</u> the inhabitants, including the immigrants.

- Diversity is an enrichment
- Solidarity
- Contribute to global stability

I hope that the project may have spinoffs, and I am looking forward to an important cooperation.



## **Elverum Municipality**

- "The «Capital» of Sør-Østerdal»
- 21 300 inhabitants , 1 229 km2
- 150 km from Oslo
- 110 km from OSL- Oslo Airport
- Part of « Innlandet » County









## What characterizes our district:



- Small population / Long distances
- Forestry, Agriculture, Tourism, <u>some</u> Industry
- >Education (College University)
- > Training facilities and education for Norw. Defense
- Tradition and willingness for <u>cooperation</u>





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## Our main (political) challenge:

#### Climate change

- City planning
- Sustainable construction
- Environment and Nature
- Business Development
  - Population stable.
  - Too many <u>public</u> workplaces.
- Health services for the inhabitants
  - Elderly Care
  - "The public health city"
  - Children and youth





## Ongoing in-house activities (Examples)



#### "Energy and Climate"

- Sustainable City (village) planning "Ydalir"
- Sustainable building materials and methods
- Renewable Energy. (Solar, Bio, LT Geothermal)
- Green business development

#### "Public Health"

- "You may live at home longer than you believe"

"Integration of refugees and asylum seekers" - Several activities within sport, culture etc.



#### Ydalir – Sustainable City Planning

- "Eco-village" for 3000 people
- Realization 10 15 years
- Extensive use of sustainable materials
- Green energy supply
- Solutions for electric vehicles

- New solutions for public transport
- Adapted for pedestrians and cyclists
- Modern waste solutions





## **International Experience**

## Our politicians encourage us to be active in international projects.

#### **EEA / Norway Grant**



- Latvia: Aloja (Sustainable building) (2014 2016)
- Hungary: Racalmas: Heat Pump / Energy (2013 2017)
- Hungary: Abasár / Szamossalyi: Elderly care (2017)
- Hungary: Racalmas: Micro-grid (2017)
- Latvia: Ropazi (Integration), Vidzeme (Business dev,) Ongoing

#### EU / Interreg

- > FEM (Sustainable energy (Norw. / Sweden))
- EcoINSIDE (Sustainable and green business development)
- Effect4buildings (Energy saving public buildings)
- Smart Circular Procurement CircPro Ongoing



#### **Our co-partner:**

#### Inland College University – Campus Elverum



<u>38 studies in Norwegian, among them:</u>

- Nursery
- Advanced clinical nursing
- Physical education and sports subjects
- Public Health
- Public health science with focus changing lifestyle habits
- Sport Trainer

#### <u>2 studies in English:</u>

- Introduction to Public Health
- Philosophy of Science and Methodology
- Innovation Center. (Innolab)
- Cluster Innovation SME





#### Our co-partner: Elverum Fotball



A broad-based sports association with 88 teams, from girls and boys 7 year, up to Men A (Elite). 900 players, (65% / 35% boys / girls)

#### Men A is now in the Norwegian 2 division (level 3)

Arranges the annual Elverum tournament with 200 - 250 teams. (June)

Active in integration work. 180 players, 40 nations





#### What makes us proud:

## **Terningen Arena**



Inland College University, Sportshall, FIE – Music Festival, Innovation center, etc.





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### What makes us proud: Elverum Handball



Winner of the Norwegian top league since 2017 / 18





### What makes us proud: Festspillene (Music Festival)



Symphonic concerts, Public open air-concerts. In cooperation with the National youth symphonic orchestra





### What makes us proud: Jakt & Fiske-dagene



Festival for hunting, fishing, wild-life and active tourism





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## **Thank You for Your attention!**



# International cooperation is the worlds best problem solver!

(- clearly proven in the fight against Covid 19)



Picture: Ydalir School and Kindergarten

