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## **Communication Courts – Lawyers in Norway**

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## **Agenda**

- General background
- The Norwegian court system
- Courts and computers – Reorganization of Court administration
- Communication with courts – Status and History
- Legislative background for progress
- Trial projects and progress plans

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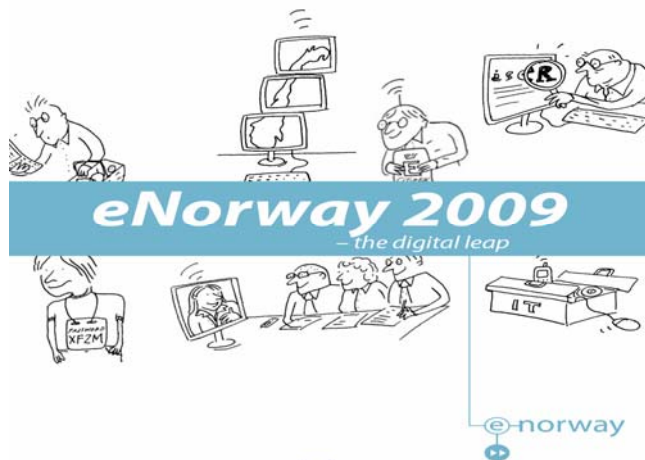
## Norway ...

- App 4,5 mill inhabitants
- 324 220 km<sup>2</sup>
- GDP/Capita
  - App \$40 000
- Oil export
  - 3 466 000 bbl/day



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MINISTRY OF MODERNISATION

### The information society – in Norway?

- 60% of households have Internet access
  - 30% of households have broadband access
- 75% of pop. have used Internet the last 3 months
- Public Sector
- Ministry of Modernisation
  - E-Norway 2009
- Ministry of Justice

 altinn- simplified electronic dialogue



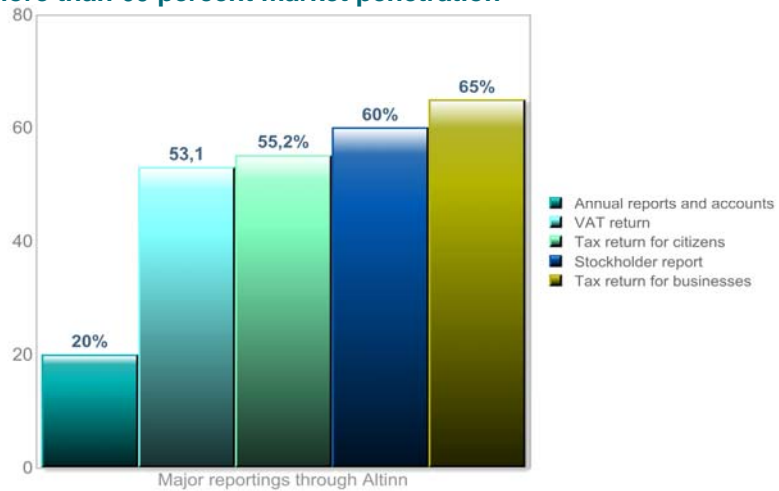
 altinn- simplified electronic dialogue

**Altinn is  
the Norwegian government's  
portal for electronic dialogue  
with businesses**

**...but does even contain  
significant services  
for citizens**

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**Tax return for businesses —  
more than 60 percent market penetration**



At the end of 2008, electronic reporting of all public forms required by law shall be available through Altinn.



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## Why electronic ID and digital signatures?

- It has become clear that many new services depend on the existence of an infrastructure for electronic ID and signatures
- Roll out and maintenance of new ID-schemes is expensive, and single government units can not bear this cost alone
- Citizens already have too many passwords and PIN-codes to keep track of
- Electronic ID and digital signatures is the security mechanism that meets future needs for security and functionality

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**altinn** – simplified electronic dialogue

**4 security levels and PKI**

Log in with pin codes distributed by post or sms at security level 2 ...

... or with smart card at security level 4

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## Security portal – status

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## The Norwegian Judiciary

- One jurisdiction
- Simple court structure
  - 92 District courts
  - 6 Courts of appeal
  - The Supreme Court
- National Courts Administration
- Established in 2002

## The size of the District Courts

Number of courts	Permanent judges	Deputy judges	Administrative staff
39	1	1-2	3-6,5
25	2	1-2,5	4-16,5
7	3	1-2	6,5-25,5
6	4	1-3	8,5-35,5
3	5	2-5	12-46
2	6	2	13-14,8
8	7-12	0-3	10,5-73
1	17	3	18,5
1	66	19	75,5

## Technological development in the Norwegian Judiciary – I

- **First wave**
  - Late 80-ies early 90-ies
- **Private Public Sector initiative**
- **Lovdata (legal retrieval) was established in 1981**
- **Technical infrastructure to courts**
- **Land Registry (courts)**
- **Case Management System**
- **Accounting Software**
- **Time standards**
- **Reduction of administrative staff**

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Renewing the Land Register Systems



## NE

- State owned company under the Ministry of Justice
- 57 employees
- Data-distribution from the Land Register
- IT-development and computer operations
- NE develops a new Land and Title register for Norway



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## NE

Background and history:

**NE was established to transfer the former paperbased Land Register to electronic form (6 M Pages)**

**Performed 1988 - 1995**

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## Technological development in the Norwegian Judiciary – II



- Second wave:
  - Strategy from 1997
  - Focusing on goals
  - New system portfolio
- Should be the basis for e-courts
- WAN
- A new CMS for the judiciary
- Land Registry System
- Common portal on the web
- Intranet
- E-mail
- Accounting system



- The LOVISA-project
  - Development (2001 – 2004)
  - Introduction in the judiciary (2001 – 2005)
- Budget
  - NOK 173 mill / USD 27,6 mill
  - 78% on development
  - 22% on introduction to the courts
- Personal resources
  - Total 75 persons
    - Judges, administrative staff, technical staff, consultant
  - At the most 50 persons
- Agreement with an external developer
  - Computas AS
  - Based on PS 2000

## **Five thesis regarding court case handling**

- **A modern case management system should be based on case flow, steering each case through the court**
- **A modern case management system should open for a flexible way of managing each case individually, based on the characteristics of the individual case, so the case might be brought to an end within a reasonable and foreseeable time frame**
- **A modern case management system should be integrated with e-filing, in developing e-courts, where the parties are able to integrate their own case management system with the case management system of the courts, and also take responsibility for trivial managing of the case**
- **A modern case management system should be a part of an integrated criminal justice chain**
- **A modern case management system needs a strong involvement from judges, court administrators and administrative staff to succeed, both in developing new business procedures and getting acceptance from these groups in the courts**

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## **New Civil Procedures Act 2005**

- **Legislation aims at technology neutrality**
- **Legislation opens for electronic communication**
- **leaves it to administration to implement and to decide when and to which extent electronic communication shall be allowed or mandatory**

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## Legal foundation for Electronic communication with courts

The Act regarding the courts, section 197 A:

- The Government may decide that communication with the courts which according to law shall be in writing, may be made electronically
- The Government may by regulations make exception from a legal requirement to communicate in writing, when the communication is made electronically.
- The Government may by regulations implement more detailed rules regarding electronic communication with the courts, including rules regarding signature, authentication, integrity and confidentiality, and rules stipulating requirements to products, services and standards required for such communication.

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To be served	<b>You have new documents</b>		
New documents			
New time limits			
New Case			
New counsel			
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	03-23456789 Per Hansen - Kari Hansen	02.06.04 Reply to summons by. 06-12345678 Hilda Hansen - AS Tut og Kjør	15.08.04 Hearing 04-23456789 Per Olsen - AS Lillevik Sportslager (Oslo District Court)
			15.08.04 Hearing 04-33456789 Ole Vold- AS Lillevik Kolonial (Oslo District Court)

