



Welcome to Østfold!

Ole Haabeth, mayor, Østfold County Council



# We proudly present: Østfold!

- A compact, but unique part of Norway
- The gateway (for Us) to Europe
- 290.000 inhabitants
- 4.140 sq.km
- Forests and coastline, rural and urban – we've got it all













# A county in transformation

- Early days: Labour intensive industry
- Now: With most of the industry is gone, we need to re-invent ourselves.
- The answer: Knowledge-based and green industry – smart solutions

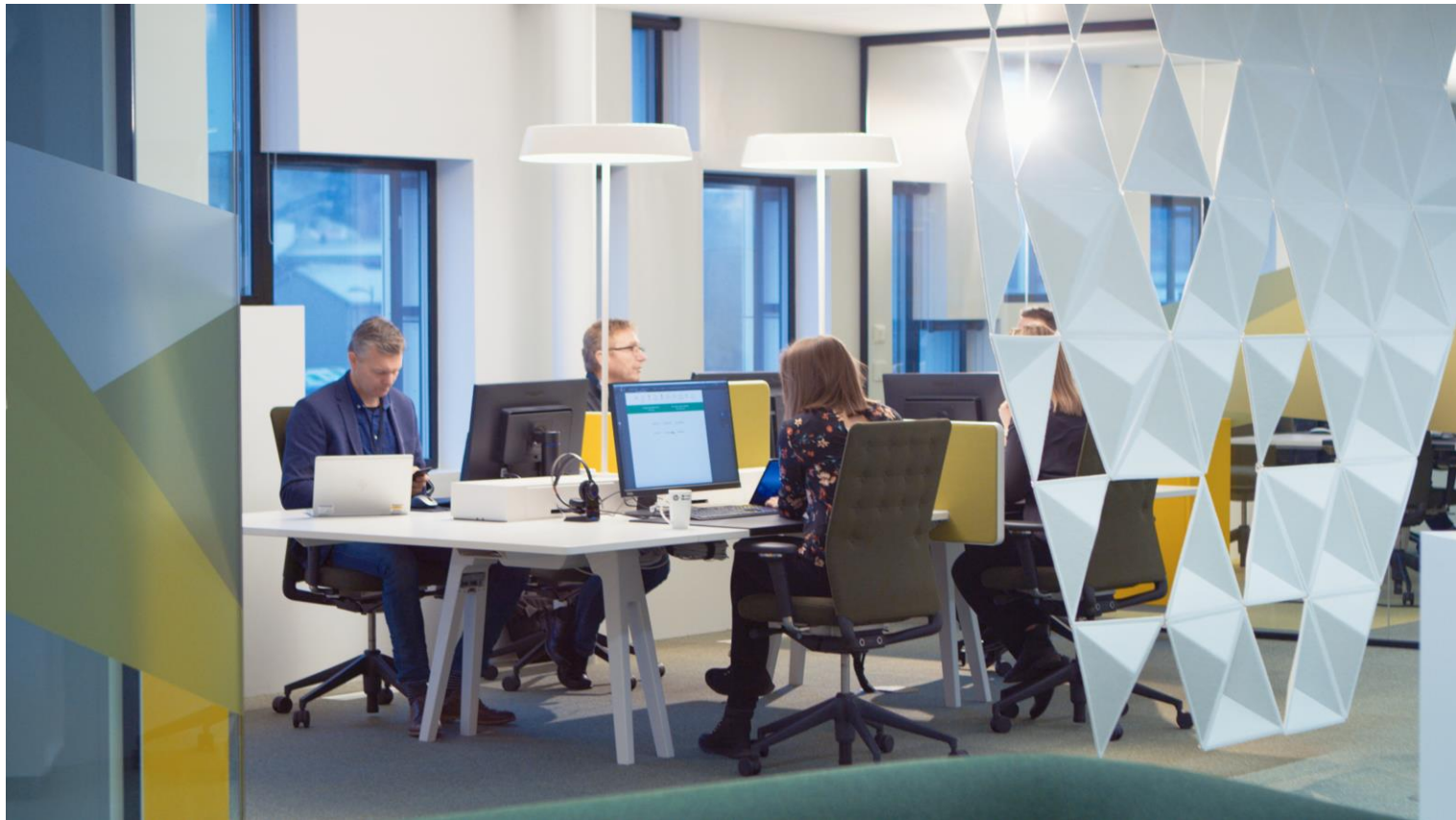
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# World leading in bio chemistry

- Borregaard LTD - Borregaard operates the world's most advanced biorefinery. By using natural, sustainable raw materials, Borregaard produces advanced and environmentally friendly biochemicals and biomaterials that replace oil-based products.
- Borregaard is a cornerstone in Østfold's industry





# Smart Thinking in Østfold

- We work with infrastructures like Smart Buildings, Smart Water, Smart Health, Smart Governance and Smart Mobility, where technological solutions are creating new opportunities through integration, radical co-operation and innovation.
- This is an example of how we see Østfold in the future: Close co-operation of academia, the public sector, businesses and inhabitants.





# The transit county

- The two major roads in and out of Norway runs through Østfold
- On rail: The main bordercrossing
- Østfold is Norway's gateway to Europe
- This means a heavy toll on our infrastructure
- Urgent: Better rail connections in/ out of Norway



# The Peacefull Border





# Hard to be heard







# Things are about to change...

- From 01.01.2020 Østfold will merge with two other counties – Akershus and Buskerud



# Norway from 2020

