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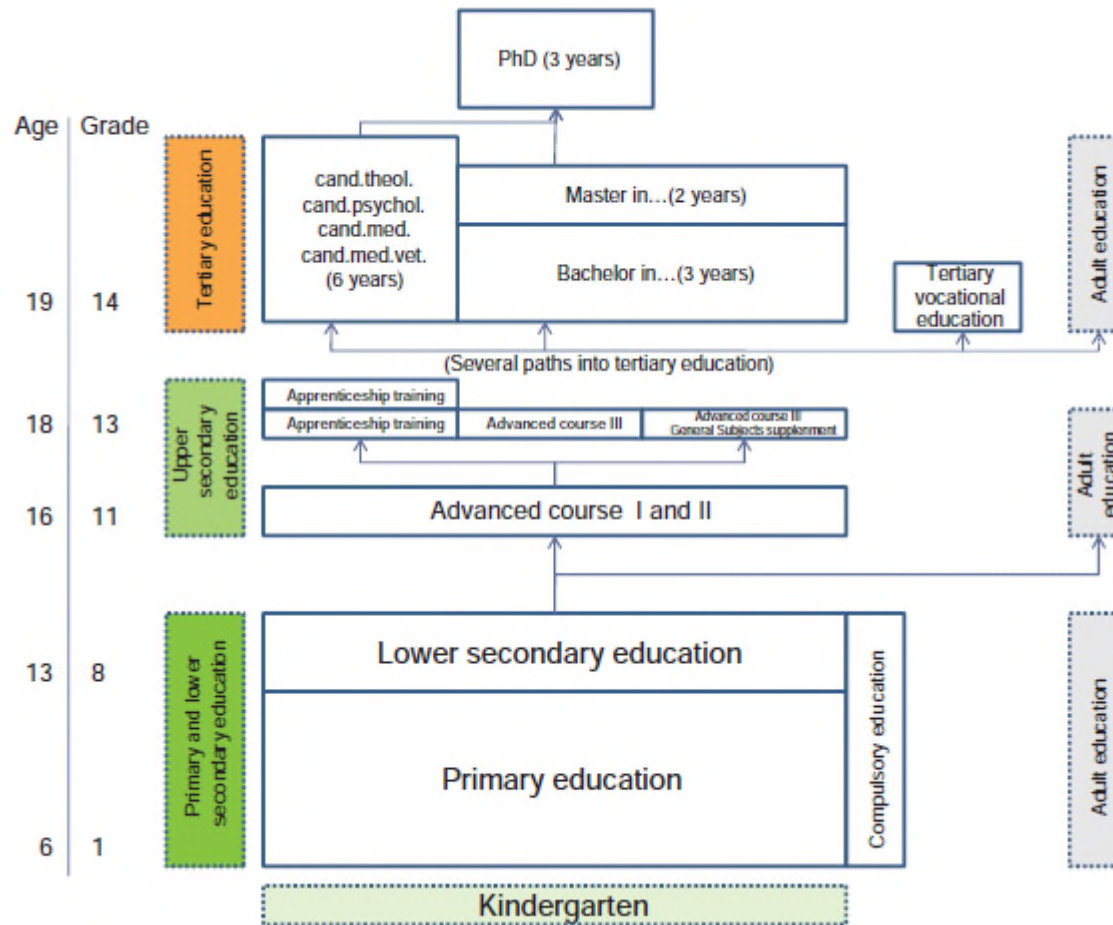


Norwegian institutions and how to reach them

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Educational system in Norway



Educational system in Norway

- Primary and secondary education (13 years)
 - 6087 kindergardens – 283 608
 - 2867 primary schools – 623 755
 - 419 secondary schools – 198 944
 - VET-apprentices – 44 546
- Higher education: degree structure follows European structure and standards (3+2+3 system)
- 58 HEIs: 273 325
 - **10 universities**
 - **9 specialized universities**
 - **5 university colleges**
 - 34 other (accredited fully or partially)
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Partner search

- The potential partner institutions in the Donor States will be in huge demand for project collaboration. It is therefore important that the inquiry is **clear, comprehensive, tempting, and not too long.**
- Applicants should have a reasonably clear picture of the project or the activity that they are seeking partners for.
- The whole project idea needs not be fully developed – the DS partner should be invited to be involved in the project development – but enough developed for a potential partner to be able to assess what the project is about.
- General statements like “ we are a school that wants to work with a similar Norwegian school” has very little chance of success, and such inquiries are very difficult to promote for the Donor Programme Partner, such as SIU/Diku.

Partner search

- An inquiry for partners should be sent as early as possible, invitations that are received a week or two before the application deadline puts pressure on the DPP and any other intermediary promoter, and will in most cases not even be considered by potential partners, such as schools or HEIs.

Partner search

- The inquiry should contain at least the following elements:
 - Name and contact information (address, email, phone) of applicant
 - Institution and any reference information (f i web page)
 - Some basic info about the institution and the intended project, such as
 - Number of students, staff etc (but not too much)
 - Previous experience in collaboration (EEA Grants, E+ etc. Examples only, not a long list)
 - Desired subject field(s) for collaboration (not too many, or it will be difficult to grasp for the recipient. If you want to work in several fields, make separate inquiries)
 - Main plans /ideas for the project (not in full detail, but enough to catch the interest of the potential partner.)
 - Time frame, size of project in terms of money and work/what is expected from partner.
 - Basic conditions for the collaboration, incl financial issues. Read the call and accompanying documents thoroughly.
 - Any other information that you think can be of interest

Partner search

- Finding a partner - **Do your homework!**
- Don't "shout in the forest", but rather try to target your audience.
 - An inquiry sent to tens or hundreds of recipients will have a general air about it which will rarely attract attention, and in addition will make it easier to discard, even without responding at all.
 - Experience tells us that those who have done projects before will be more likely to do so again. Much information is available on the web, and is easily accessible, this is especially the case for higher education institutions, but also other institutions and organisations may be found using web search tools.

Partner search

- Information sources on the web:
 - The EEA Grants website has information about all previous projects:
 - www.eeagrants.no
- Your PO will possess information about previous collaboration for your country
- The European Commission has a project catalogue: Erasmus+ Project results:
 - <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/eplu-projects-compendium/>
- E-twinning: E-twinning is a contact portal for schools, and even kindergardens all over Europe:
 - <https://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/index.htm>

Partner search

- Some useful Norwegian webpages:
 - Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training:
 - <https://www.udir.no/in-english/>
 - Utdanning.no: The official Norwegian national education and career portal:
 - https://utdanning.no/tema/hjelp_og_veiledning/study_norway
 - Vilbli.no: The counties' information service for applicants to upper secondary education and training
 - <https://www.vilbli.no/?ValgtInteressesete=66&Falang=&Lan=3>

Partner search

- Vofo: The Norwegian Association for Adult Learning
 - <http://www.vofo.no/en/>
- Fleksibel utdanning Norge: FuN organizes 40 Norwegian providers of flexible education; including independent distance education institutions, public universities and colleges, private institutions and training centers for business and industry.
 - <http://fleksibelutdanning.no/>
- Studyinnorway.no: In this website there is (among other things) a list of all Norwegian HEIs. All Norwegian HEIs have extensive information about their study programs, employees etc in English as well as in Norwegian.
 - <http://Studyinnorway.no>

Partner search

- When you have found one or more potential candidates, go one step further and try to address the right people directly. In a HEI you will be more than one step closer to success if you can contact the dean of the faculty closest to your idea, the director of a department, the responsible person for a subject field etc.
- Partner search portal? Our experience has shown that this is not a good way to find partners, and we presently therefore do not plan to use this in this period
- Good luck!

Partner search

- **TEMPLATE FOR PARTNER INFORMATION**

- If there is potential for collaboration in more than one field, use one sheet per subject.

- **Name of institution**

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- **Address of institution**

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- **If applicable: Web site, Facebook or similar**

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- **Basic facts about the institution (number of pupils, employees, subject areas etc)**

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- **Contact information Rector (name, phone, email)**

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- **Contact information for involved teacher(s) (name, phone, email)**

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- **Contact information other relevant persons (name, phone, email)**

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- **Potential areas of collaboration (subjects, administrative routines, teaching methods etc)**

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- **Possible activities in a collaboration**

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- **Experience from other international cooperation (if applicable)**

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Any other information:

SIU/Diku - a Donor Programme Partner (DPP)

- SIU/Diku is the Donor Programme Partner for Norway for the educational programmes, and is also involved in educational components in other programme areas (f i Innovation)
- SIU/Diku's role is to assist the recipient countries, PO, NFP, applicants, in the handling of the programme and to promote the programmes in Norway (partner search, advice etc). The organizational changes will not change this.

More information...

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