



The subregional level and the Sustainable Development Goals: Climate change as a case study

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Who are we?

Oppland County is one of 19 regional political bodies in Norway

Responsible for regional planning, regional development, transport and education

Yearly budget of EUR 218 million

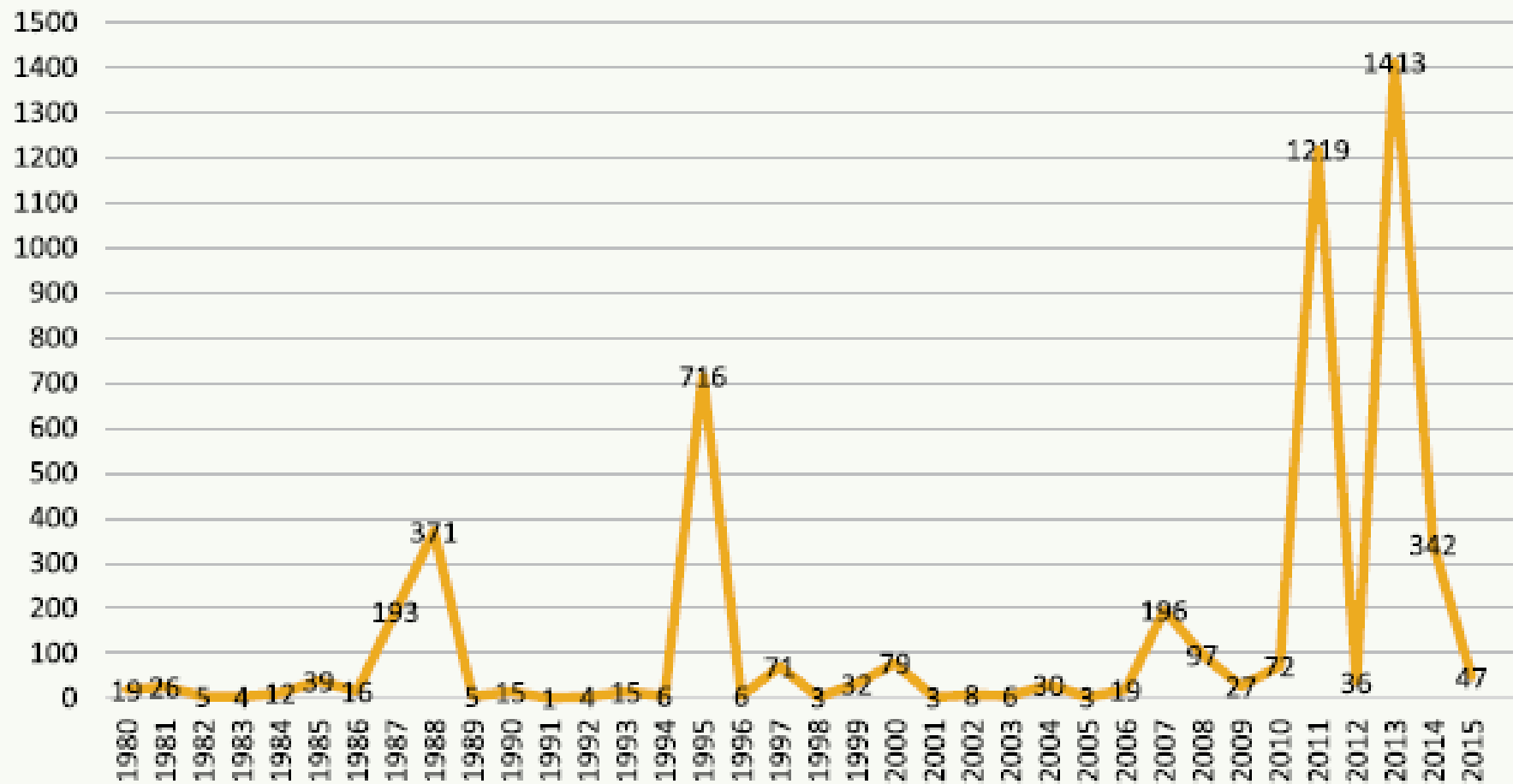






Kilde: Norsk naturskadepool

Antall flomhendelser registrert i Oppland i tidsrommet 1980–2015





Cities and regions are taking the lead in combatting climate change

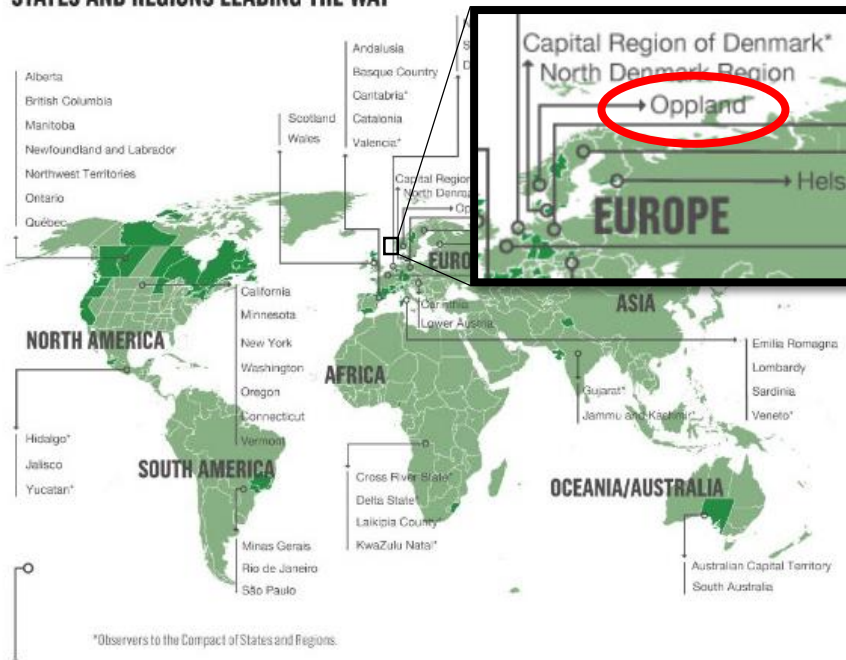
- *They are unburdened with the issues of borders and sovereignty which hobble the capacity of nation-states to work with one another*
 - Benjamin Barber: If Mayors Ruled the World, Yale University Press 2013





COMPACT OF STATES AND REGIONS

STATES AND REGIONS LEADING THE WAY



62 governments across 6 continents and 22 countries

“States and regions play a vital role in combating climate change and catalyzing the transition to sustainable economies”

- Represents over 450 million people
- Oppland is the first Norwegian regional member of *Compact of States and Regions*



Challenges and bottlenecks in transitioning to a sustainable economy:

- Infrastructure
- National policies
- Low electricity prices
- Need for a green shift in the global economy



Potential for growth:

*Using the green shift as
a strategy for regional
development*

**3,7 Mill EUR/YEAR to
sustainable innovation**



The Green Shift as regional development

Some tools:

- Funding sustainable innovation
- Sustainable procurement
- Climate adaption





The forest initiative: Everything made from oil,
can be made from trees



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