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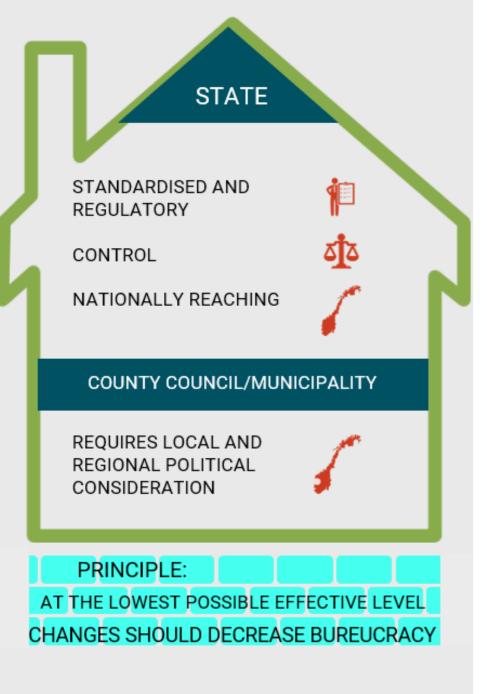
The importance, benefits and challenges of regional sustainable economic development. Methods and results of regional cooperation and dialogue in Vestland

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- Mobilize different actors with recourses
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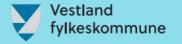
### PRINCIPLES FOR THE DIVISION OF MANDATE State - County - Municipality

#### Vestland:

- Education
- Regional development and innovation
- Culture, arts and sports
- Dental care
- Public transport



# Provide strategic direction for development of the society



## Regional plan for innovation and business development

- 1. Restructuring and renewal
  - Develop areas where we have an underlying strength
  - Use of smart specialisation as a method for innovation and business development
- Bergen as a motor for innovation and business development through interplay with the rest of Vestland county
- 3. Innovative societies and equal opportunities for participation in value creation
- 4. Spatial planning





#### «The Great Transformation»

- Vestland is an oil-dependent region
- The region has been dominated by fossile fuel extraction for 50 years
- Planning for the future beyond oil and gas?
- Think new not only merge two former approaches
- Mission-oriented innovation

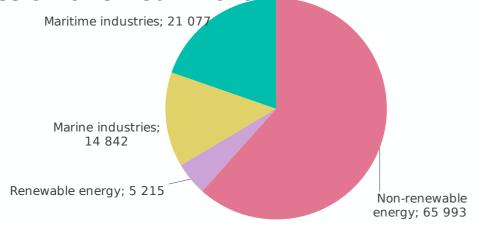


Figure 3: Share of full time equivalents in four key industries in Vestland, 2017





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- Our politicians have put the green shift clearly on our planning-agenda
- We are looking for methodology to carry this out
  - Through smart specialisation we can take one step further
  - Searching for new business opportunities to contribute to smarter societies and the green shift based upon the shoulders of our strong industries.
  - By identifying societal challenges we may challenge businesses to be partners in solving the problems.





# Mobilize different actors with recourses



#### **Partners**

#### Advisors to Chief County Executive/Director of innovation and commerce

- «Næringsforum Vestland», regional partnership, meets 5
  - 6 times/year

























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# Vestland's Entrepreneurial Discovery Process



# Join actors and coordinate public effort and resources





### Public procurement - Vestland County County In Silon transport

- Maritime passenger services are an important part of the transport system
- Promoting the development of zero-emission ferries and high speed vessels
- Environmental requirements in procurement processes
- Support from funding agencies as Enova and Nox Fund
- Accelerating the development of a value chain for zero-emission maritime industry



Ampere – the world's first electric car and passenger ferry

Ampere cuts carbon emissions by 95 percent and costs by 80 percent compared to its fuel-powered counterparts.



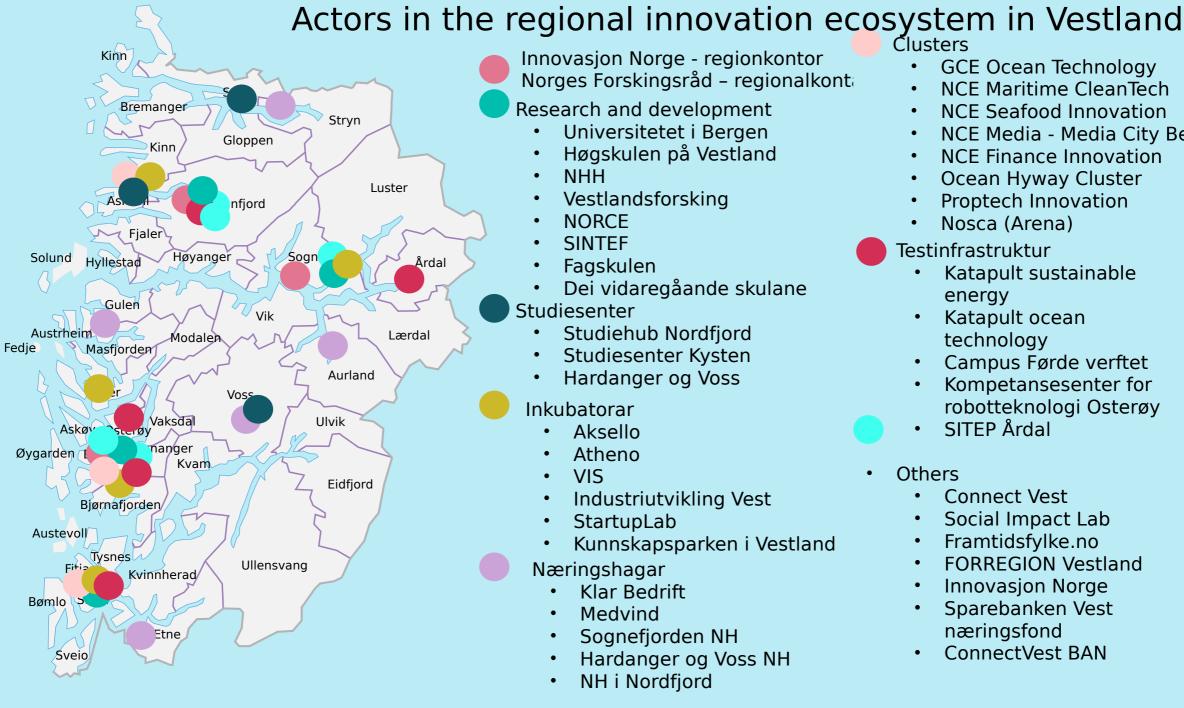
### Networks for the municipalities

- Business development
- Industry
- International
- Aquaculture
- Local community development
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Vestland

43 municipalities 632 000 inhabitants



#### Clusters

- GCE Ocean Technology
- NCE Maritime CleanTech
- NCE Seafood Innovation
- NCE Media Media City Bergen
- NCE Finance Innovation
- Ocean Hyway Cluster
- **Proptech Innovation**
- Nosca (Arena)

#### Testinfrastruktur

- Katapult sustainable energy
- Katapult ocean technology
- Campus Førde verftet
- Kompetansesenter for robotteknologi Osterøy
- SITEP Ardal

#### Others

- Connect Vest
- Social Impact Lab
- Framtidsfylke.no
- **FORREGION Vestland**
- Innovasjon Norge
- Sparebanken Vest næringsfond
- ConnectVest BAN

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### Thank you!

