



**Lights in the window
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Agenda

- Project – carrying out
- Status
- Experiences / challenges



Some words about the area

Buskerud region is located between Oslo and Bergen, the two biggest cities in Norway.

- Depopulation
- Majority of elderly people
- Complex situation:
 - Jobs available, challenge finding places to live.
- Demand for houses - lots of uninhabited houses.

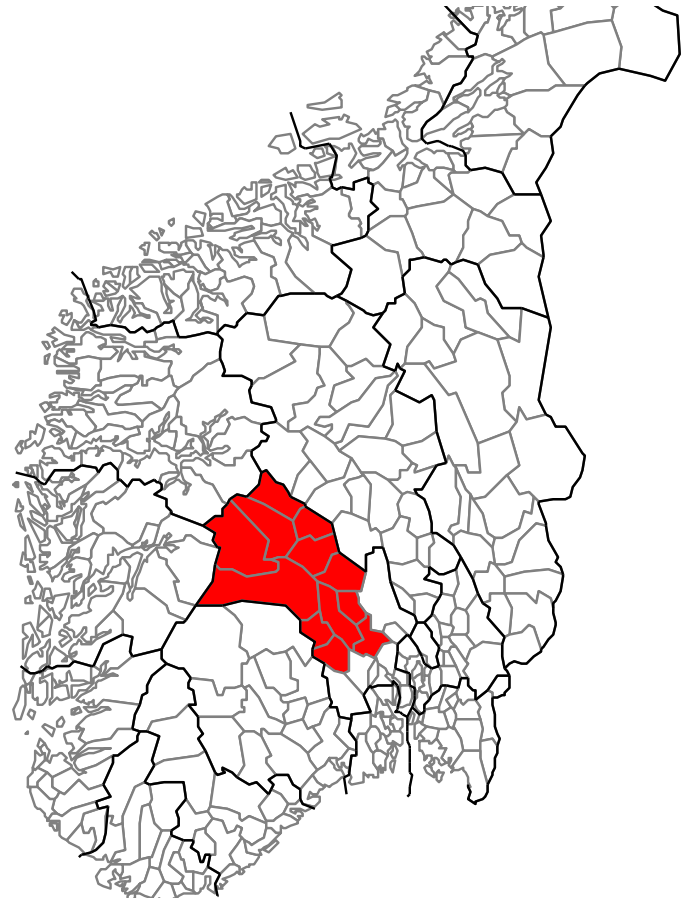


The object:

Lights in windows: 12 municipalities working together to obtain their goals.

Common measure:

"To contribute so that 100 vacant farms get permanent settlement in Numedal, Hallingdal og Midt-Buskerud within 31.12.2011 and that most of them get jobs in the region or establish their own operations.



What was the purpose?

- Lots of empty houses – demand on houses.
- Houses in dilapidation
- Depopulation - lack of interesting settlements.
- Secondary home, cabin



What did we do?

- Empty houses / farms – unexploited resource.
- Survey of empty houses / farms.
 - Farms settled – jobs occupied - more children in the schools – that in turn means ncreased revenues to the municipalities -vertous circle



How long?

Project period:

- Start in 2007
- End 31.12.11



Who got involved?

Partners:

- Local authorities
- Local administration

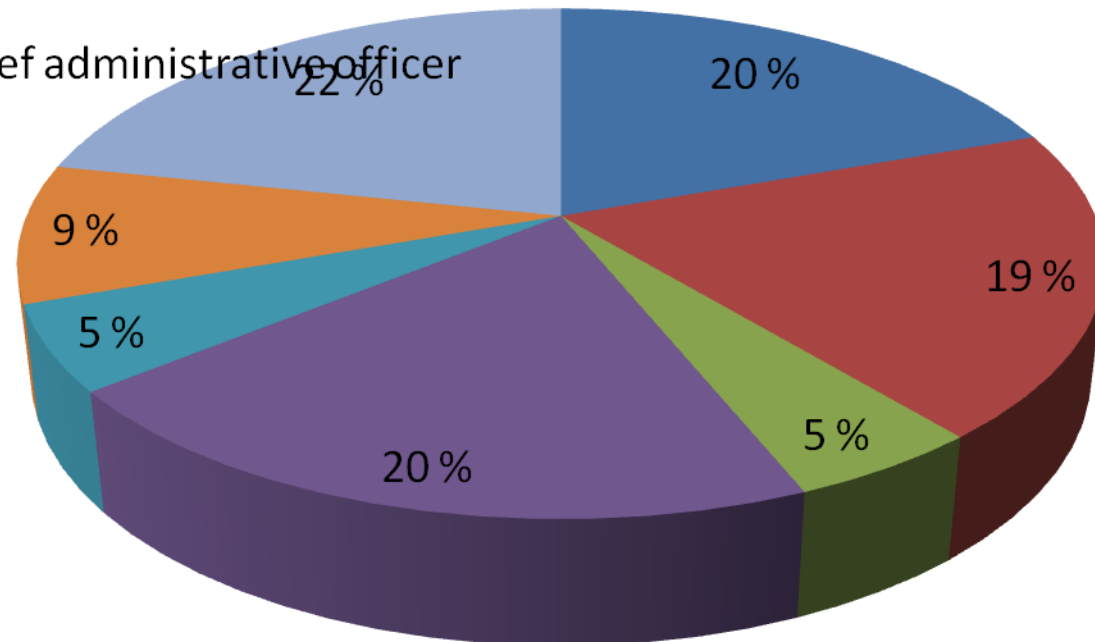
Funding sources:

- Different sources:
 - Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
 - Ministry of Agriculture and Food
 - Chief administrative officer (FM)
 - County council
 - Local authorities, municipalities



Financing overview

- Municipality
- Municipality, egeninnsats
- Regionråd
- County council
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Chief administrative officer



How did we do?

The project has three phases:

- Phase 1: Registration
- Phase 2: Dialogue
- Phase 3: Sale and follow-up (parallel with the dialogue phase).



Challenges?

- Time – changing attitude - long- term perspective
- Let the nature take its course.
- Lots of people interested in the area
- Legislation



Does it work?

	NUMEDAL	HALLINGDAL	MIDT-BUSKERUD	SUM
Registered properties	291	289	212	792
For sale	5	3	6	14
For rent	1	0	2	3
Completed sale	12	33	23	68
Conducted rent	6	3	18	27
The owner lives on the property itself	4	7	17	28
Requests for purchase and rental	55	70	45	170
Cabin, secondary home	119	64	60	243



Single initiative / Strategy?

- Part of a strategy
- One of several measures to increase the population.



Transferability to other areas?

- The basis made in "Lights in windows" - trasferability
- Local adjustment



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