



Statens tilsyn for planter, fisk, dyr og næringsmidler

Focal Point Meeting

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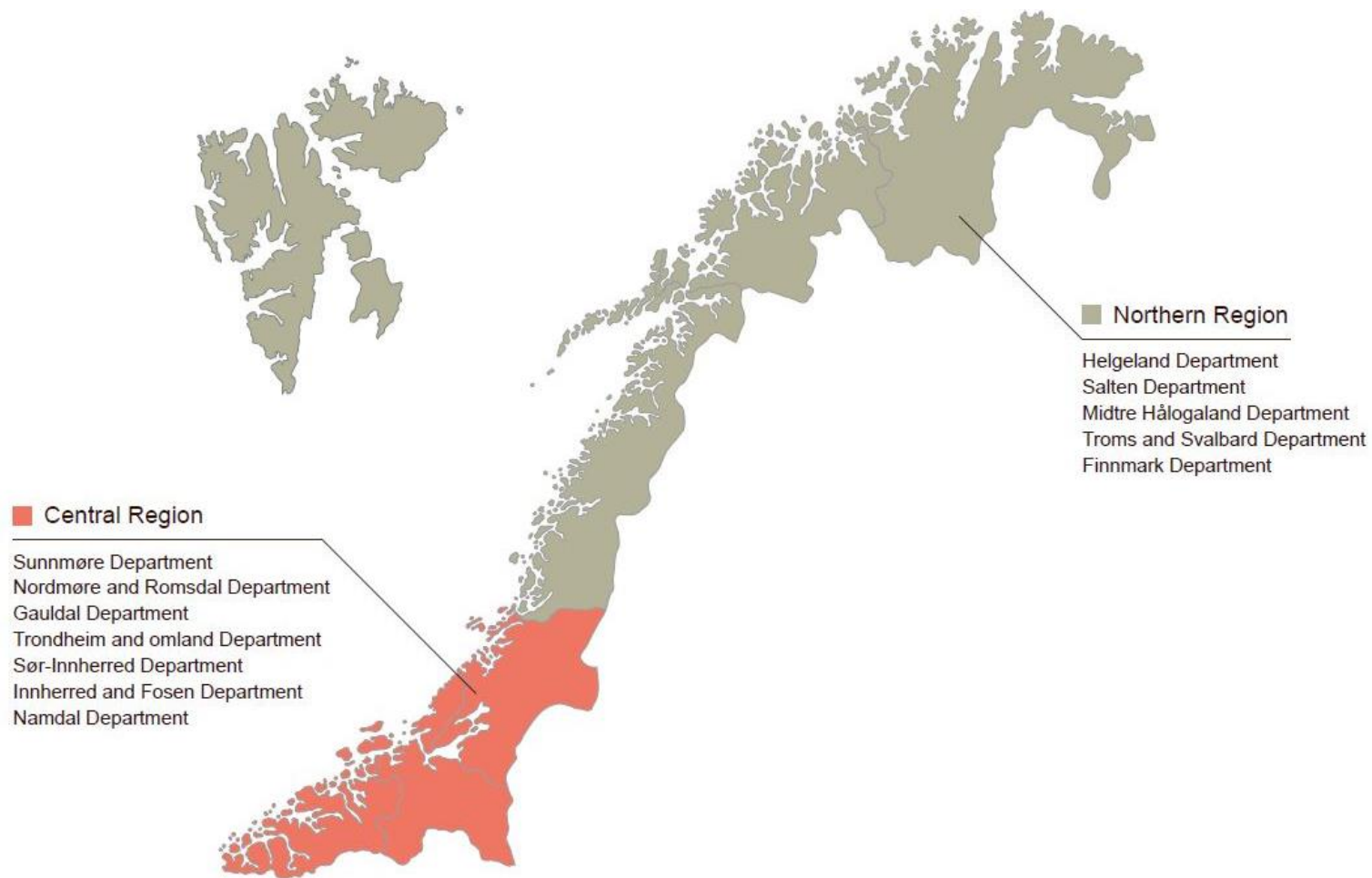
Director General: Harald Gjein
Yearly FTE: 1255
Established: 1.1.2004

Head office (6 office sites)
5 regional offices
32 local departments (70 office sites)

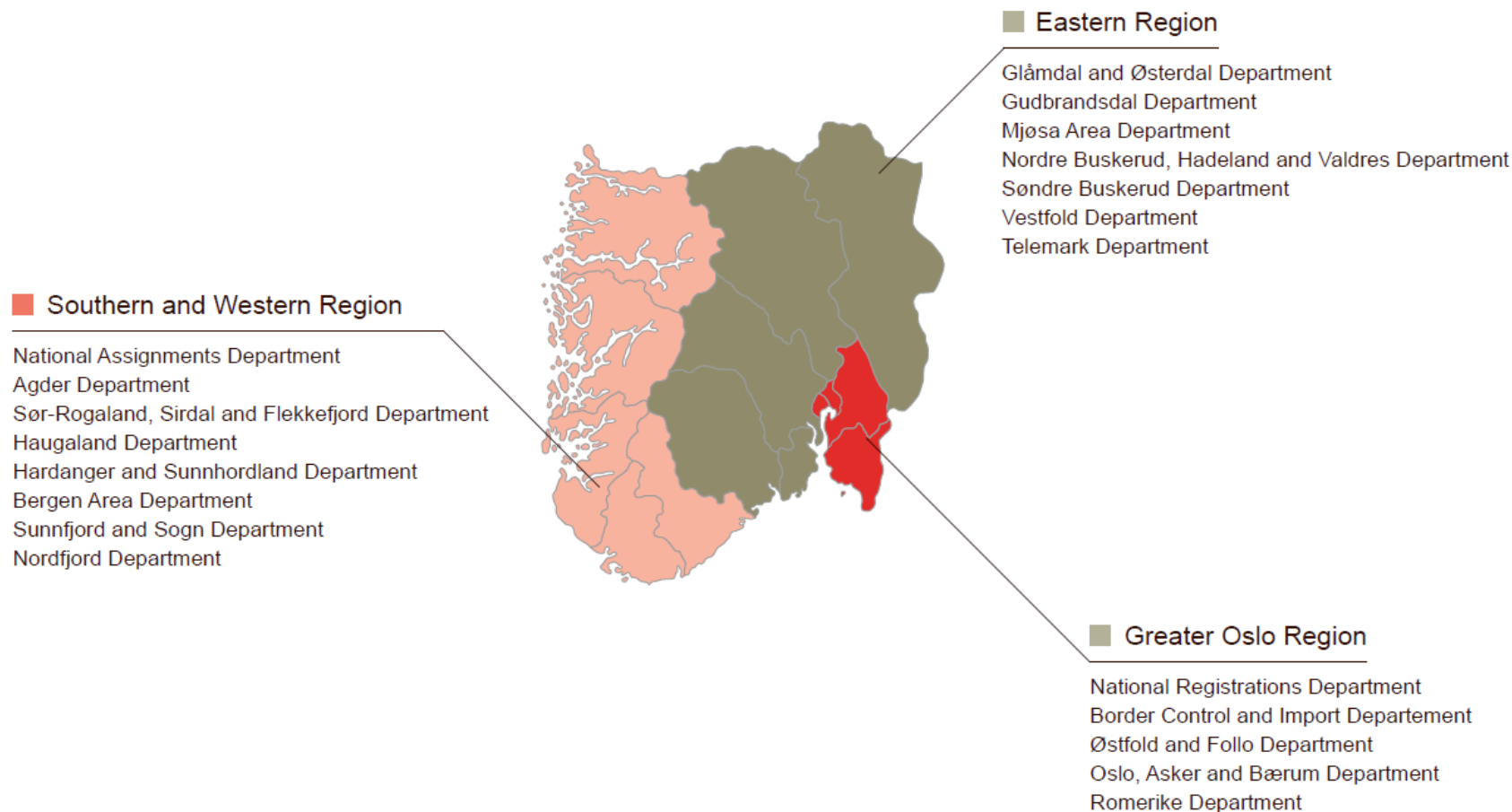
Answers to three ministries:

Ministry of Agriculture and Food (administrative responsibility)
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries
Ministry of Health and Care Services

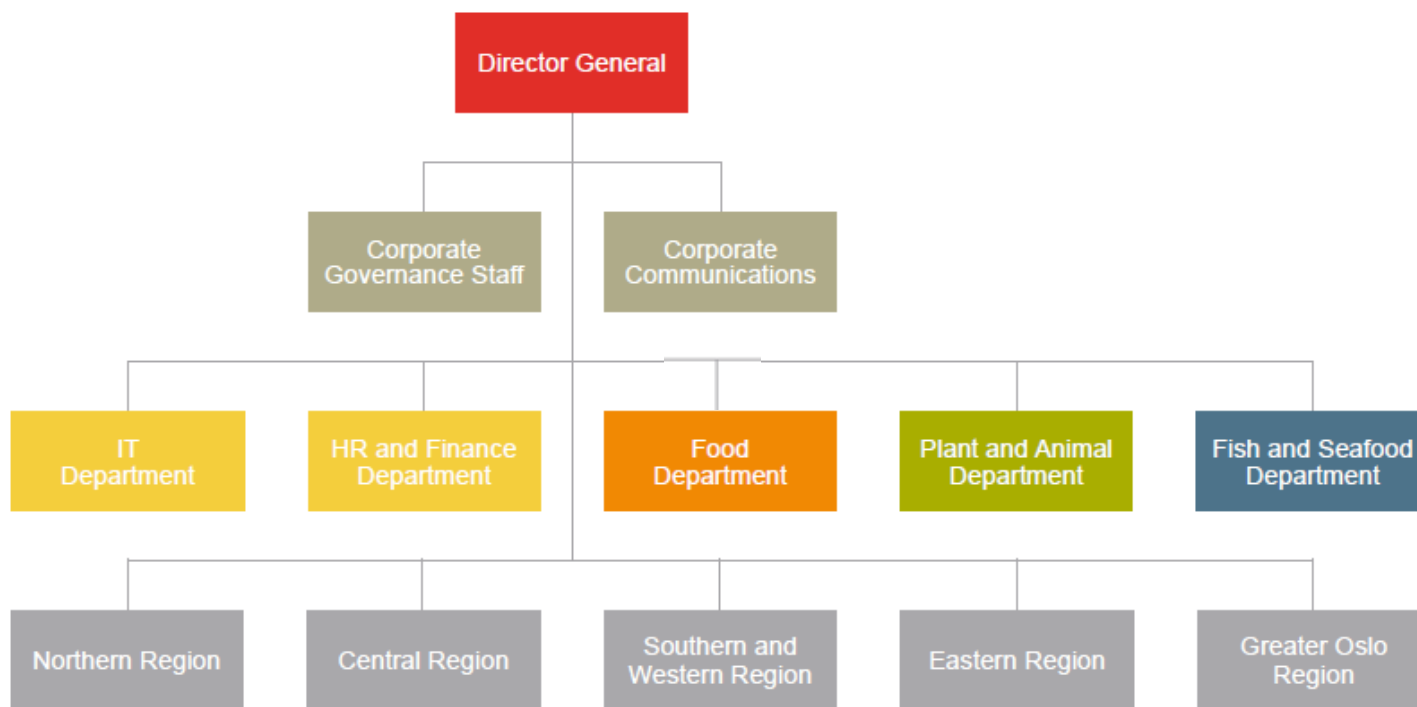
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Head office and the five regions of the NFSA



The mission of the NFSA is to promote:

Safe, healthy food

Safe drinking water

Healthy plants, fish and animals

Excellence in animal welfare and respect for fish and animals

Environmentally friendly production

Health, quality and consumer interests throughout the food production chain

Legislation administered by the NFSA

The Food Safety Act:

is designed to guarantee healthy, safe food and safe drinking water for consumers, promote health, regulate environmentally friendly production and prevent the spread of animal and plant diseases

Act concerning the welfare of animals:

is designed to ensure ethical keeping of animals and fish

Act relating to cosmetic products and other body care products, etc.:

is designed to ensure that cosmetics and body care products safeguard human and animal health



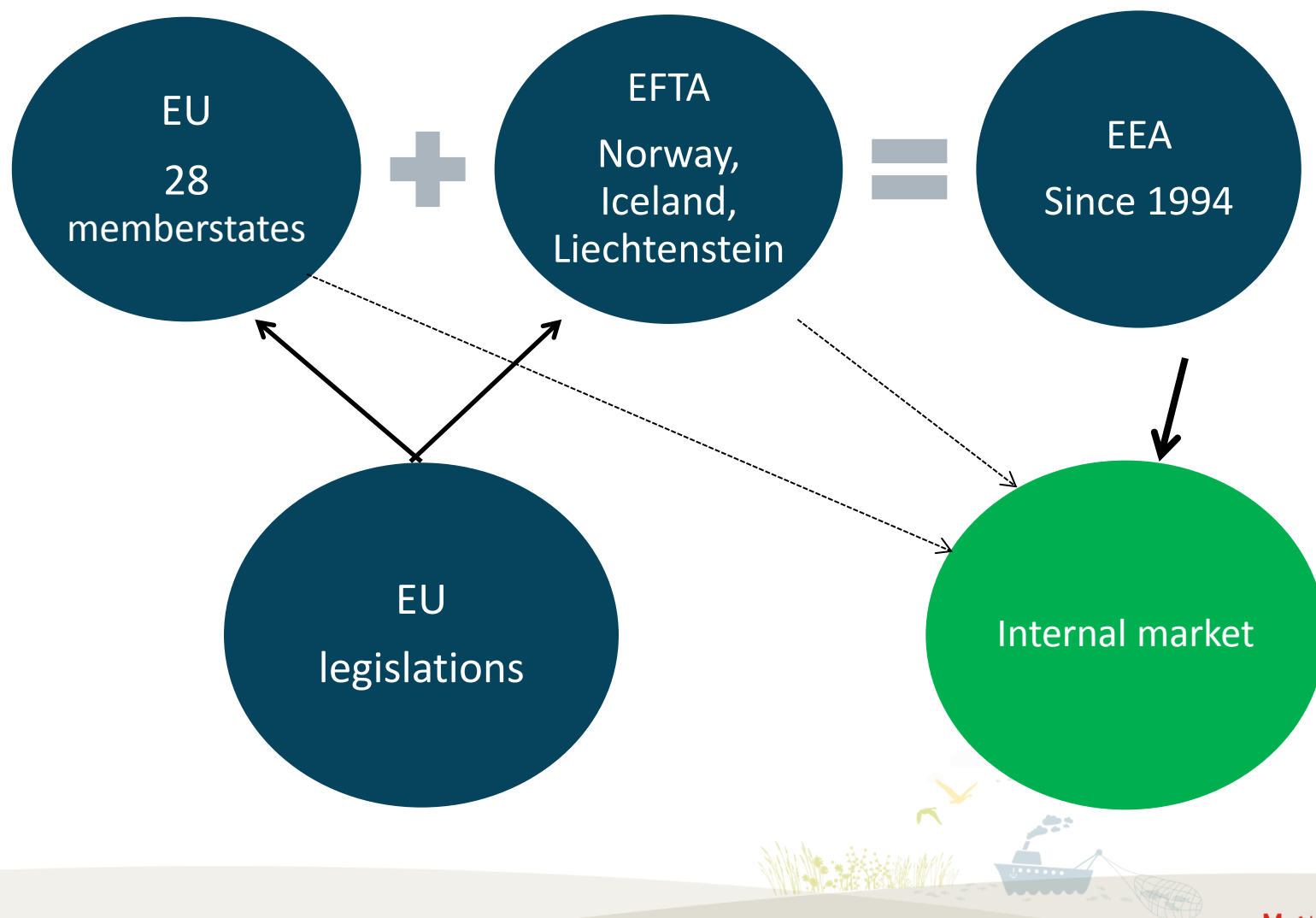
The NFSA also administers:

- Acts relating to veterinarians and other animal health personnel
- Acts relating to the plant breeder's right
- Acts relating to livestock breeding

Regulations appurtenant to these acts lay down more detailed provisions.

The majority of the Norwegian acts and regulations are included in the EEA Agreement and constitute common European rules.

Regulatory framework - Norway and the EU



Designated initiatives 2017

Areas the ministries asked us to prioritise:

- Fish health and welfare
- Drinking water
- Smiley inspections
- Antibiotic resistance in livestock
- Chronic Wasting Disease



The core tasks of the NFSA

Gathering
information and
analysing current
conditions

Regulatory and
legislative work

Supervision,
control and
inspections

Communication
and guidance

The NFSA's inspection activities in figures 2017

Total of 70902 inspections:

- **25 173 on food hygiene control**
- **27070 on animal primary production and welfare**
- **3445 on fish establishments**
- **6233 on boarder control**
- **8981 on other areas**
- **58831 export certificates for fish and seafood issued**



Conclusions 2017

Food in Norway is safe

There is generally a low level of foreign substances in food

No findings give grounds for suspecting any illegal medication of animals

Plant and animal health is generally satisfactory

The salmon lice infestation level has decreased, but the situation related to fish health and welfare is still unsatisfactory

Role of different institutions

Political



Nærings- og
fiskeridepartementet



Landbruks- og
matdepartementet



Helse- og
omsorgsdepartementet

Operative

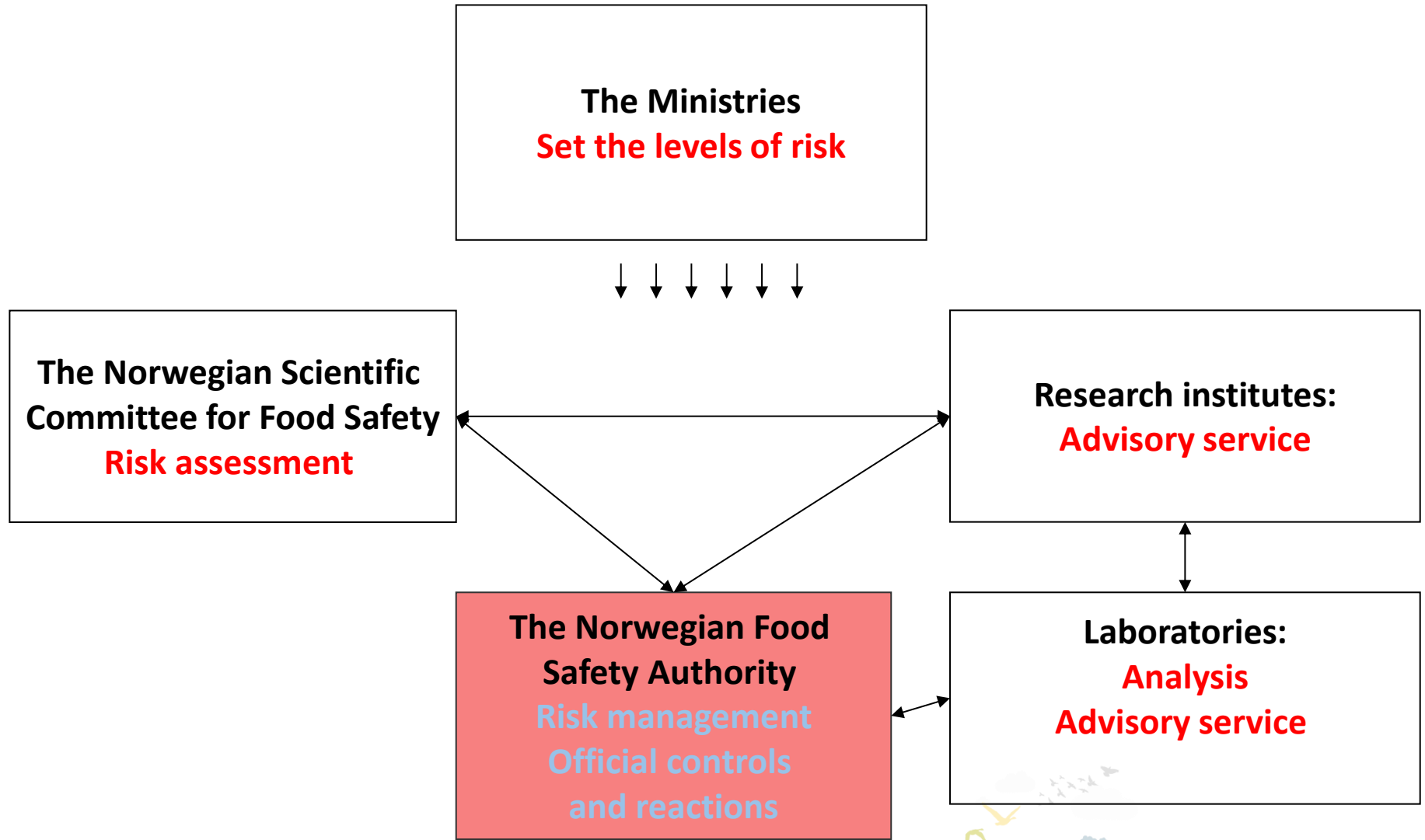


Scientific



Veterinærinstituttet
Norwegian Veterinary Institute





Cooperation

- Our risk management should be based on knowledge
- Risk assessments from VKM and EFSA are essential for
 - Regulations
 - Control and inspections
 - Communication
 - And for our reliability and trust
- Cooperation and sharing best practise makes risk assessments better

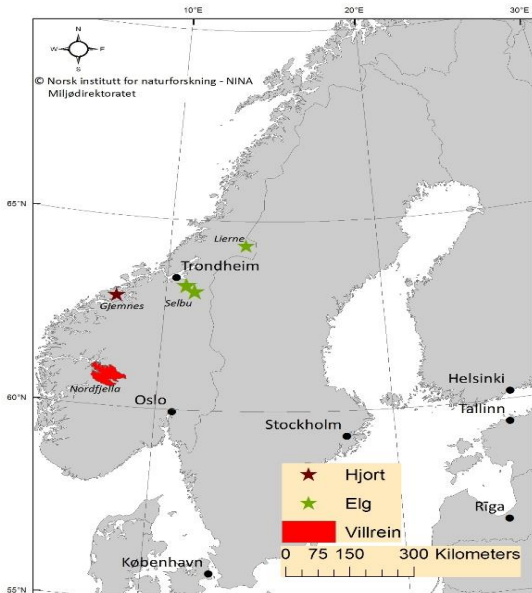




Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

Stauts in Norway

- Our goal is healthy cervidae in Norway
 - CWD – a prion disease – no cure
 - 40.000 animals tested 2016-2017, 22 animals found positive
 - Culling of the Nordfjella zone 1 population is completed
 - No indications of spreading outside Nordfjella
 - Plan for 2018 is to test 30.000 animals
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- Important success criteria for risk management and trust:
 - Risk assessment and updates from VKM
 - Cooperation between EFSA and VKM



Risk assessment from VKM

Some highlights from 2017

- Cleaner fish and the risks of transmitting infection to farmed salmon
- Risk assessment of radioactivity in food
- Still low probability that humans can be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
- Risk assessments of "other substances" in food supplements and energy drinks
- Use of electric shocks in order to control behaviour in animals
- Risk Assessment of Tomato leaf miner moth (*Tuta absoluta*)
- Welfare of dogs kept permanently outdoors and used for sled dog racing
- Suggests tolerable upper intake levels for selenium for the Norwegian population



Regulatory and legislative work - international activities

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority participated in:

- 220 meetings within the EU
- 11 CODEX committees



External audits 2016

ESA Inspections

The EFTA Surveillance Authority (ESA) monitors Norway's compliance with EEA rules.

