

Norway

General Aspects

Norway is a parliamentary democracy. Population is 4.500.000 inhabitants.

Diffusion of ICT in the country

Data on Internet diffusion (2.390.018 accesses equal to approx. 50% of population), suggest a high level of ICT diffusion in the country.

Application of ICT to Public Administration

70% of public employees in central administration have a PC in their work place. Intranets/Extranets networks interlink central and local public administrations.

Public Administration on line

75% of governmental bodies of Central Public Administration in Norway have their own internet website. Both the Legislative and the Executive have their own internet web-site.

On the government's websites it is possible to send requests for information through e-mail, and to consult the press releases, official documents, Government and Legislative acts, transcription of parliamentary debates.

E-government issues

Norwegian government has started an action program to promote the application of ICT to the Public Administrations and to provide on-line services.

With the *e-Norway* plan, Government aims at accelerating the development of a knowledge society and at extending its benefits to the entire population.

The main instruments to attain these goals are: electronic commerce, 24-hour public sector online and Internet-based services.

The e-government program is formalized in an *Action Plan* , whose Internet address is www.odin.dep.no/nhd/

An Authority for co-ordination of the e-government program has been instituted. (URL address : www.odin.dep.no/nhd/).