

## ROGALAND COUNTY NORWAY

### POPULATION

approx. 420.000, which is about 8,7% of the population of Norway. The population here is young, and many young families move to Rogaland to get well paid jobs in industries related to oil and gas and IT.

### NUMBER OF MUNICIPALITIES

26

### INDUSTRY

Rogaland is the most important region for oil and gas exploration and development in Norway. There is also a well developed industrial cluster related to the petroleum industry, with special know-how in deep well technologies. The aluminium works in Karmøy is important to Norwegian and international industries.

### AGRICULTURE

Rogaland is the largest agricultural county in Norway, measured in gross-product and man-years. They say that there are more sheep than people here.

### FISHING

The seafood cluster including fish farming is big. Egersund and Karmsund ports are among the country's largest both for landing fresh fish and exports of frozen fish.

### SERVICE SECTORS

such as finance, hotel and restaurant services, wholesale, retail, and the public service are also very well developed.

### ENERGY

Rogaland is a major producer of hydro electric power. Research on wind generators is a new field which is predicted a promising future.



Rogaland county is situated on the south-west coast of Norway. The population has always looked across the sea, and has for hundreds of years made contacts with the UK and other countries around the North Sea.

Fishing used to be the major industry branch, until the oil and gas industry took the lead.

Fishing and fish farming is still important. Nowadays the information and communication industry is growing fast. Tourism is another important business.

## STAVANGER (approx. 120.000)

is the largest city in Rogaland, and is also the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in Norway. Stavanger is called "the oil and gas capital of Norway". All the big oil and gas companies have their main offices here.

Stavanger is actively working with international alliances, and is a member of the World Energy Cities Partnership.

The city has several institutions for higher education, like the University of Stavanger, a number of university colleges and iPark, the innovation and research park close to the city centre.

The House of Culinology is a research hub for food and food production.



## ROGALAND COUNTY COUNCIL

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rogaland County Council develops and promotes the region through local and international partnerships. The council is responsible for regional planning and coordination and has environmental responsibilities.

### NORTH SEA COMMISSION

Rogaland is active in international activities, and is a member of the North Sea Commission. The county mayor is a member of the CPMR Executive Committee, and two senior officers are advisers for the North Sea Commission's thematic groups Culture and Tourism and Innovation & Education Group. County councillors have special international responsibility and attend the NSC thematic groups' meetings.

Also, Rogaland is a lead partner in Interreg projects under the North Sea programme, and participates in other EU projects and partnership agreements with EU regions, as well as student exchange programmes.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The County Council encourages and facilitates economic development through projects, guidance and financial support with a special focus on tourism, energy, seafood and culture.

### TRANSPORT

Responsibility for regional transport include maintenance of county roads, allocation of resources to local boat and bus routes, allocation and licence for taxi as well as transport for the disabled.

### EDUCATION

The county has 28 upper secondary (/high school) schools 16.000 students in the 16 – 21 age group. The schools offer general and vocational education and training. The county is also responsible for apprenticeship training and adult education.

### DENTAL CARE

The county council offers dental care for children and youth 0 – 20 years, and has dental clinics all over the county.



## THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Has 47 representatives who are directly elected every 4 years.

Representatives:

Labour party – 11

Conservatives - 11

Party of progress – 10

Christian democratic party – 6

Centre party – 3

Liberal party – 3

Socialist left wing party – 2

Pensioners' party – 1

The County Council elects the 15 members of the County Executive Board among its representatives.

## HOW TO GET HERE

Stavanger Airport at Sola (12 km from the city centre) is an international airport with flights to all the major airport hubs in Europe, connecting a large number of airports in Norway to Scandinavia, the UK and the continent.

From hubs in Europe you'll easily find connections to Australia, the far east and North/South America

The heliport at Sola is one of Europe's largest, with busy traffic to the platforms in the North Sea.

There is a train connection along the coast to Oslo, and speed boat connections northwards to Bergen.

Rogaland has a number of important international ports, Stavanger being the largest one.

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