

# The role of the county governor in spatial planning



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# The Norwegian planning system

NATIONAL

Planning act, National guidelines, White papers

REGIONAL

Regional (county) plan

Regional commissioner a. o.  
- evt. objection

LOCAL

Municipal master-plan

Local land-use plans (legally binding)

# National planning tasks

- National expectations
- National guidelines for planning
- National decisions for planning
- National land-use planning
- Plan initiative; Joint plan
- Objection decisions



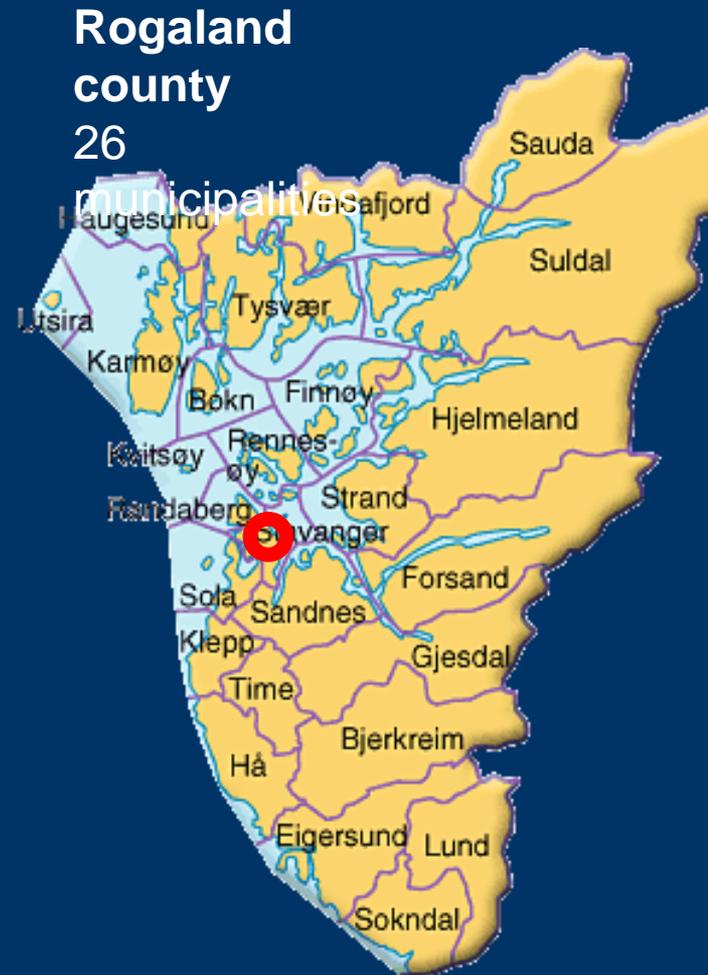
# Regional and local government

## Regional level: 19 counties

- County council & mayor
- County administration
- Regional commissioner
- Regional state agencies

## Local level: 430 municipalities

- Municipal council & mayor
- Municipal administration



# City transformation, compact

growth  
good for climate, environment, land use,  
transport



city growth in reverse: from outwards to inwards

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in a snowy, mountainous landscape. The aurora is a vibrant green, swirling in the dark night sky. The foreground shows a snow-covered field with some sparse vegetation. In the background, there are dark, jagged mountains under a starry sky.

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