



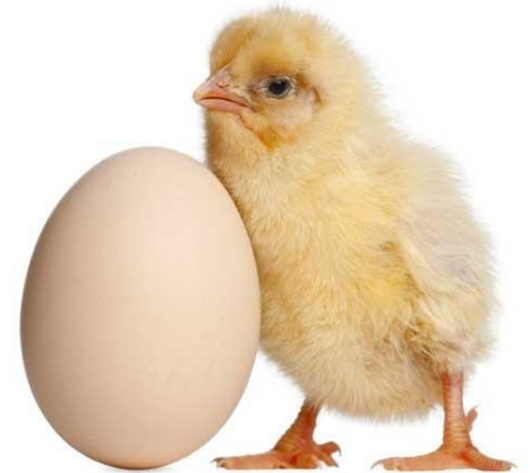
Regional and municipal reforms in Norway

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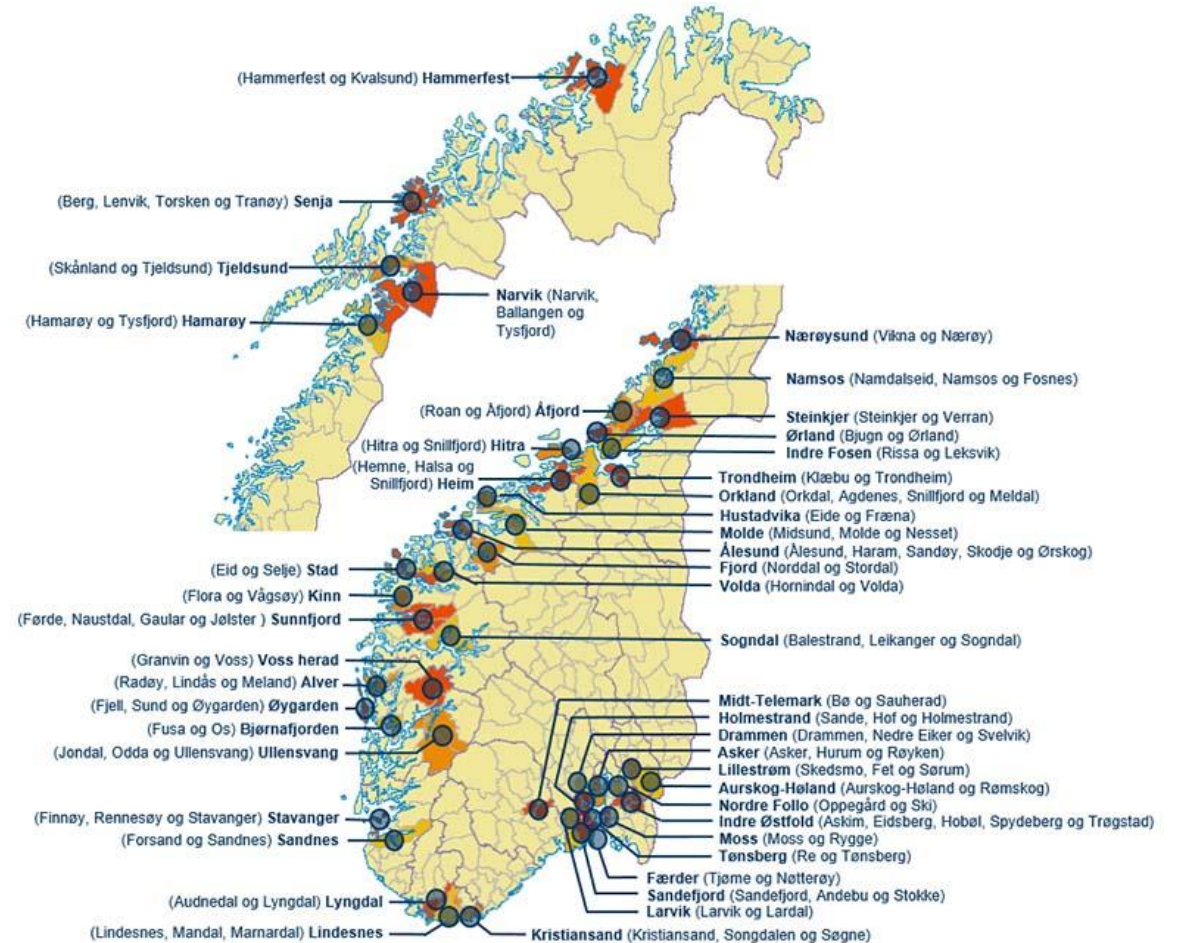
Which came first? – size vs. responsibilities

| | Municipalities | | Counties | |
|------|----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Number | Population average | Number | Population average |
| 1837 | 392 | 3,000 | 18 | 65,000 |
| 1957 | 744 | 5,000 | 20 | 186,000 |
| 2020 | 356 | 15,000 | 11 | 485,000 |



Municipal reform 2013-2020

- ▶ Processes everywhere
- ▶ Local resistance
- ▶ 108 involved in mergers
- ▶ From 428 to 356 municipalities
- ▶ Minor changes in responsibilities



Regional reform 2015-2020

- ▶ All county councils discussed with their neighbours
- ▶ Local resistance almost everywhere, especially in Finnmark
- ▶ From 19 to 11 county councils
- ▶ From 18 to 10 county governors

