



Strategy Paper - Rogaland

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Rogaland consists of several areas, and two of these are part of this project. That is Ryfylke IKS with 5 municipalities and Dalaneraadet with 4 municipalities. These two are among the four most rural areas in the Rogaland County. Rogaland County with all municipalities has already in 2006 a high percentage of population regarding who can access broadband if they want. The average percentage is believed to be more than 80% with the central areas leading.

It is stated on a national level in Norway and repeated at county and municipality levels that all people shall have a possible broadband access within short time. The timeframe differs from place to place, but it is a common decision from all political parties that all shall have possibility for access. As a consequence of this common understanding there have been and are several implementation and utilization projects running all over Norway. Due to early investments in the petroleum sector, Rogaland have been ahead of most counties in implementation rate. And as a consequence, the discussion is much more on how to utilize broadband for public support, regional development, knowledge distribution, and the welfare of the citizens.

PP3 Inter-communal co-operation and application sharing

The BRB partners Ryfylke IKS and DalaneRaadet are organizations created for inter communal co-operation and the generation of regional development. As such they have accepted to develop organizations for common support of common systems and structure in each of the two areas. The questions are not if, but how to finance and how to get access to people with necessary knowledge to run, support and utilize the broadband systems. Both Ryfylke and Dalane are in a development and utilization process of the installed broadband structure.

PP4 Citizen Services and e-government

Both Ryfylke and Dalane have in the same way as most Norwegian counties a process running on how to improve service for citizens and how to involve people in e-government

PP5 Broadband use in the education sector

All schools in Rogaland County from primary school to university are using the “ItsLearning” content management system based on broadband access. This includes also most public and private post education providers. (Some of these use competing systems) In addition administrative common systems are used, but these vary with the level of education.

For the BRB project, the University of Stavanger is preparing several e-learning demonstration packages to use autumn 2007. These are programs that partly have been developed and are used for education and commercial purposes, or it is program that are under development according to specifications of university or other customers. The programs will be tested and run with course participants both from Norwegian BRB partners, and the possibility to participate in these courses will be offered to all BRB partners. These programs with various topics are much more automated and utilize the broadband much more than the ordinary content management systems which in principle only move the manual course to an internet platform.

PP6 E-solutions for businesses

The utilisation of broadband for businesses varies a lot. Most companies in the petroleum sector have utilized it as common tools for more than 10 years. Public organizations use it the same way as schools. SME's varies a lot from traditional companies with almost no computer and no internet to companies with extensive use. This depends on the age of the employees and the type of trade.

PP7 Broadband use in the health sector

Rogaland health sector is using broadband both internally and to communicate with hospitals and experts in other regions. All new medical data are on common databases.