



ELVERUM KOMMUNE

Welcome to Elverum municipality

to Latvian municipalities on visit

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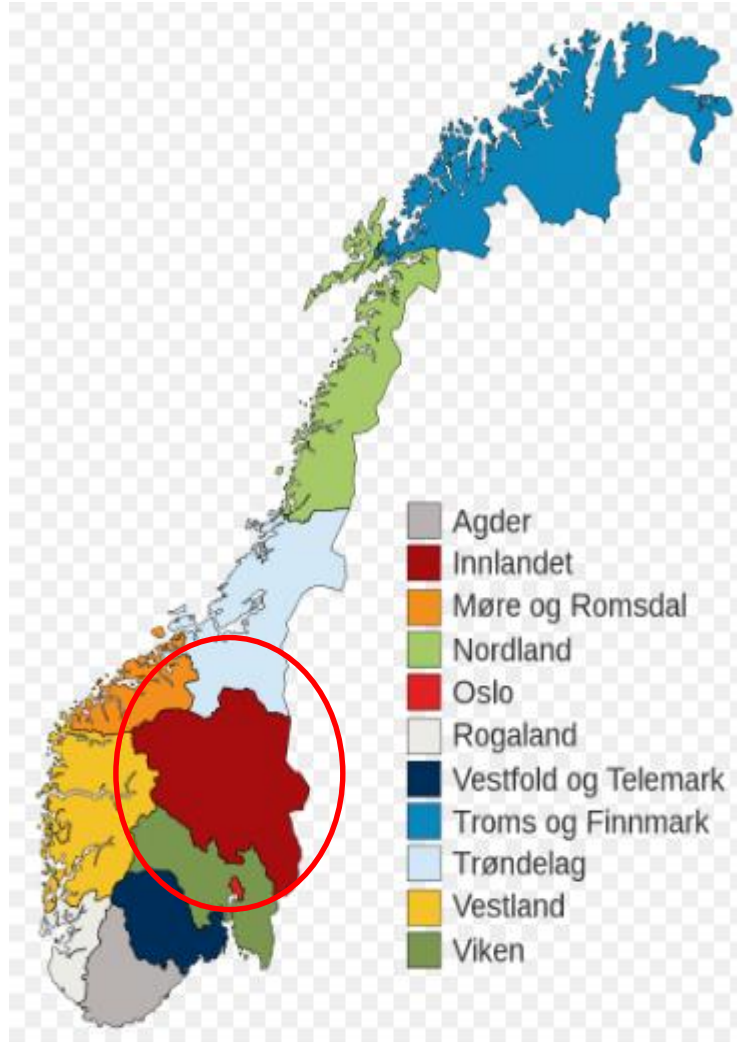


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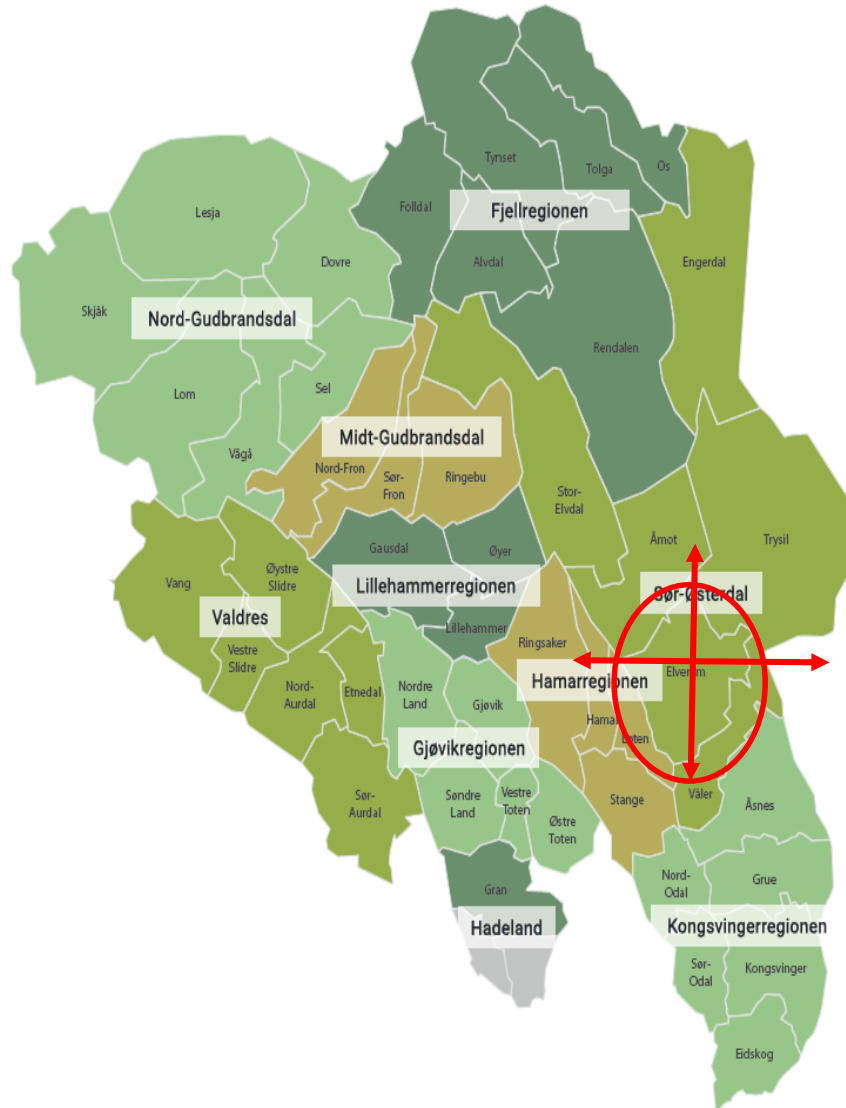




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Innlandet county – one out of 11 counties in Norway.



Innlandet and Elverum

- Innlandet - a large county in Norway - larger than Denmark in surface area.
- Sør-Østerdal is one of 10 regions in the county, with 6 municipalities.
- Elverum municipality is the regional center in Sør-Østerdal.
- Located in the heart of Norway, between Trondheim and Oslo.
- One of five cities in Innlandet: Hamar, Lillehammer, Gjøvik, Kongsvinger, Elverum.
- Oslo Airport is 75 minutes away.
- An important hub with Hamar to the west, Kongsvinger to the south, Trondheim to the north, Trysil and Sweden to the northeast.



The areas of the municipality

Elverum is strongly characterized by quaternary geology with significant deposits of sand and gravel, large drinking water reserves, large productive forest areas and areas well suited for construction.

Kategori	km ²
Productive forests	1.031
Swamps and wetlands	88
Cropland for food production	51
Lakes and rivers	22
Roads, buildings etc.	21
Other areas	16
Sum:	1.229





Glomma and the deep forests

- Norway's longest river, Glomma, flows through Elverum. Glomma is 623 km long.
- A typical inland climate with cold winters and hot summers.
- Agricultural municipality with significant forestry.
- The municipality with the largest production and harvesting of timber in Norway.





Historical facts



The main street – 1930's



The city hall – due to the bombing 11th of April 1940

- *In Elverum we carry a nostalgic grief– a very nice center of the town burned down due to the bombing 11th of April 1940.*
 - *World War II came to Norway 9th of April 1940. The King, Parliament and the governmental members were hunted by the Germans north from Oslo. German forces were fought back west of town during the night 10th of April. In Elverum a meeting between King Haakon and the German envoy was arranged, the Norwegians were threatened to surrender. The King gave his famous «NO». The war went on, Elverum was bombed, 35 civilians died. The King, Parliament and the governmental members managed to escape to London and established their administration there during the war. Norway had to surrender by June 1940, and were occupied by Nazi-Germany until May 1945, from 1941 fighting the Germans within Norway by an ever-increasing resistance movement.*
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Elverum - some facts by 2022

- A reconstructed center of town after world war II - parts of town needs renewal and improvement in accordance with the city plan.
- 21 600 inhabitants (by end of 2022) – 75% lives in town, within a radius of 3 km.
- Students and soldiers living in town: 3.000.
- Workplaces located in the municipality: 10.000.



- 1 229 km², out of which 80% are forested land.
 - 150 km from Oslo – the capital of Norway.
 - A regional center for trade, education, defense and health care.
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Municipal democracy

Three elected levels in Norway:

- Stortinget (the parliament)
- The county council
- The municipal board

The municipal board is elected for a period of 4 years:

- In Elverum: 35 politicians.
- From the following political parties:
 - Arbeiderpartiet (labour – social democracy).
 - Høyre (conservatives).
 - Senterpartiet (a center party, rural areas).
 - Sosialistisk Venstreparti (socialist).
 - Fremskrittspartiet (progressive – right wing).
 - Pensjonistpartiet (pensioners).
 - Miljøpartiet De Grønne (green).



Mayor Lillian Skjærvik and Deputy mayor Eldri Svisdal



Culture and tourism

Events on national level:

- Film festival: Movies on War.
- The Nordic hunting and fishing days.
- Elverum music festival – classical music.
- Grundset market – local traditional market through more than 400 years.
- The Elverum days – local market and festival each year in August.
- Elvebris – rock music festival in June.

Museums and some attractions:

- Norwegian forest museum.
- Glomdal museum – regional folk museum.
- Elverum cultural center – cinema, concerts, theatre.
- Elverum activity park.
- Terningen Arena – for sports (2.500 spectators) and concerts.





Sports and outdoor life

Two main sports clubs:

- Elverum handball:
 - More than 500 children and young players.
 - The men's team is Norway's best through many years and one of Europe's top ten.

- Elverum Football:
 - More than 1000 children and young players.
 - The men's team plays in the 3rd division.

- In addition – all kinds of sports:
 - Gymnastics – Swimming
 - Skijumping – bicycling
 - Etc.

- 530 km of cross-country skiing and hiking trails.



Foto: Elverum håndball



Education in Elverum

- Inland Norway University (state):
 - Campus Elverum - 2 400 students, 40 different studies. Public health is the overall profile.
- Elverum Upper Secondary School (county). 1.100 pupils.
 - broad range of subjects within vocational and study preparatory education programmes, as well as an international line.
- Elverum folkehøgskole (private foundation)– 130 students.
- Primary schools and secondary school (municipal)– 2.400 pupils.





Jobs within Elverum Municipality

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021
Government jobs *	2126	2131	2273	2336
Municipal jobs **	2050	2058	2069	2072
County jobs ***	259	270	283	287
Publicly owned enterprises	225	322	325	324
Private sector ****	5162	5114	4927	5154
Total	9822	9895	9877	10173

* = The Norwegian Army has a large garrison in Elverum + regional hospital + Inland Norway University, campus Elverum.

** = The organization of Elverum Municipality + some intermunicipal cooperations.

*** = The main part have their workplace at Elverum Upper Secondary School (1150 students - 11th – 13th grade)

**** = all kinds of trade, services, industry, construction, forestry, agriculture etc.



Elverum - an international community, meaning...

- The population more than 10% have their origin, in first or second generation, from 70 different countries.
 - Quite many of our inhabitants have experience from international assignments.
 - We have a strategic plan on municipal level making us work with international affairs – that is to say:
 - ❖ on internationalization and change within our community.
 - ❖ solidarity and relief work.
 - ❖ cooperation with our town of friendship.
 - ❖ European co-operation within the framework of the EEA Agreement.
 - ❖ Recruitment, education and integration of people from outside Norway into our community.
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«Elverum har hjerterom» is our credo ...



...meaning, we want to show the warmth from our hearts,
and live up to our values of openness, honesty and respect
... and mother owl looks after us.



Thank you for your attention
