

BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

NORWAY: Norwegian Agricultural Cooperatives (Norsk Landbrukssamvirke)

The aim of the BOND Repository is to share real-life solutions of farmers' and land managers' capacity to develop collective activities and participate in networks involving a wide range of actors. The Repository contains 20 in-depth case studies emerging from the BOND Project, and in addition provides a store-and-share for other initiatives and projects to upload their success stories on an on-going basis.

The Repository is based on EU 'Practice Abstracts' that provide a common format to characterise a project. This makes it possible for readers to contact the project partners and enables the dissemination of project results.

The language is English apart from the project title and abstract.

This Table aims to provide basic information about the organisation or initiative as a whole.

Title (in native language)	Norsk Landbrukssamvirke
Title (in English)	Norwegian Agricultural Cooperatives
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Start date	1945
Main sectors/focus	All agricultural sectors; coordinating, representing and offering services to members.
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Association
Number of members	17
Type of members	Agricultural Cooperatives and Farmers Organizations at National level
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	National
Funding sources	Member fee
Total budget	Appr. 2.5 million Eur
Objectives of the initiative	
Description of main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing member arenas for developing politics and business• Holding and developing expertise in cooperative organization and business• Public relations and politics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the role of agricultural cooperatives in green economy • Coordinating R&D activity and funding • Competence and training programmes for elected leaders and employees.
Website	www.landbruk.no
Links to other websites if appropriate	
Tick if audiovisual material provided	x
Tick if project documents provided	

PRACTICE ABSTRACT 1

This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers and other practitioners, using easy understandable language.

(Please repeat this template for each project or subproject that you would like to record)

Short title in English	Norwegian Agricultural Cooperatives
<p>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) Include successes such as impact (on policy/productivity/land management etc), effectiveness (have objectives been achieved?), sustainability (economic and environmental), and transferability (can it be adapted and adopted elsewhere?) – The main practical recommendation(s): including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome. 	<p>NAC is the apex organization for all the farmers organizations in Norway. These are cooperatives in all sectors: marketing, purchasing, breeding, services, finance and insurance. It also includes the two farmers' unions. NAC is an important arena for coordination and strategic discussions. NAC also works on topics of common interests for members. Through the history of NAC there has been changing priorities, but the main areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political and legal framework for the cooperatives • Education and training of cooperative members, leaders and employees • Coordinating R&D activity and funding • Public relations – information • Ad hoc tasks <p>The Farmers Unions are working on the political arena, while the cooperatives are in their respective markets. As the farmers are dependent on both these, an arena for good coordination between the different organizations are therefore important. The cooperatives have developed from local and regional to national entities. It is important to maintain real member governance in the cooperatives, and the joint efforts of NAC in educating members and train leaders is an important task to achieve that.</p> <p>The success of Norsk Landbrukssamvirke is first and foremost the role as an arena for coordination and exchange of experience between organisations and cooperatives of which the farmers are members. As a result of this Norsk Landbrukssamvirke is conducting several tasks in common</p>

	<p>interest for the members. Focusing on the political and legal framework conditions for the cooperatives and the education of cooperative leaders are the most important. But there are also a substantial number of organizational and business tasks successfully facilitated by Norsk Landbrukssamvirke.</p>
<p>Short title in <u>native language</u></p>	<p>Norsk Landbrukssamvirke</p>
<p>Short summary for practitioners in <u>native language</u> (can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)</p>	<p>Norsk Landbrukssamvirke er en paraplyorganisasjon for alle bondeide- og styrte organisasjoner i Norge. Dette er samvirkeforetak i alle sektorer; salg, innkjøp, avl, tjenester, finans og forsikring. Det inkluderer også de to faglige organisasjonene for bøndene, Norges Bondelag og Norsk Bonde- og Småbrukarlag. NL er en viktig arena for koordinering og strategiske diskusjoner. NL arbeider også med saker av felles interesse for medlemmene. Gjennom NLS historie har det vært ulike prioriteringer, men hovedområdene er:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politiske og juridiske rammebetingelser for samvirkeforetakene. • Utdanning og trening av medlemmer, ledere og ansatte i organisasjonene. • Koordinering av aktivitet og finansiering av Forskning og Utvikling. • Samfunnskontakt – informasjon • Ad hoc oppgaver <p>Bøndernes faglige organisasjoner har sin hovedoppgave på den politiske arenaen, mens samvirkeforetakene opererer i sine respektive markeder. Bonden er avhengig av begge disse. Derfor er en arena for god koordinering mellom de ulike organisasjonene viktig.</p> <p>Samvirkeforetakene er utviklet fra lokale og regionale til nasjonale enheter. Det er viktig å opprettholde reell medlemsstyring av samvirkeforetakene. Den felles innsatsen gjennom NL med må utdanne medlemmer og trene ledere er en viktig oppgave for å oppnå dette.</p>

	<p>Suksessen med Norsk Landbrukssamvirke er først og fremst rollen som arena for koordinering og erfaringsutveksling mellom organisasjoner og samvirkeforetak hvor bøndene er medlemmer.</p> <p>Med utgangspunkt i dette gjennomfører NL en rekke oppgaver av felles interesse for medlemmene. Av disse er fokuset på politiske og juridiske rammebetingelser for samvirke, og utdanning av ledere de viktigste. Men det er også et stort antall organisatoriske og forretningsmessige utviklingsoppgaver som med stor suksess er tilrettelagt av NL.</p>
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