

Migration and integration research in Norway: institutional setting and some examples

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Why R&D activities on integration and migration?

Immigration debates often reflect

- ✘✘ Myths
- ✘✘ Debate cycles
- ✘✘ Individual cases
- ✘✘ Narrow issues

Policies are often developed or changed based on:

- ✘✘ Changing circumstances
- ✘✘ Events
- ✘✘ Media debates
- ✘✘ Combinations of the factors above



Institutional setting

The overall political responsibility for research in Norway rests with the **Ministry of Education and Research (KD)**

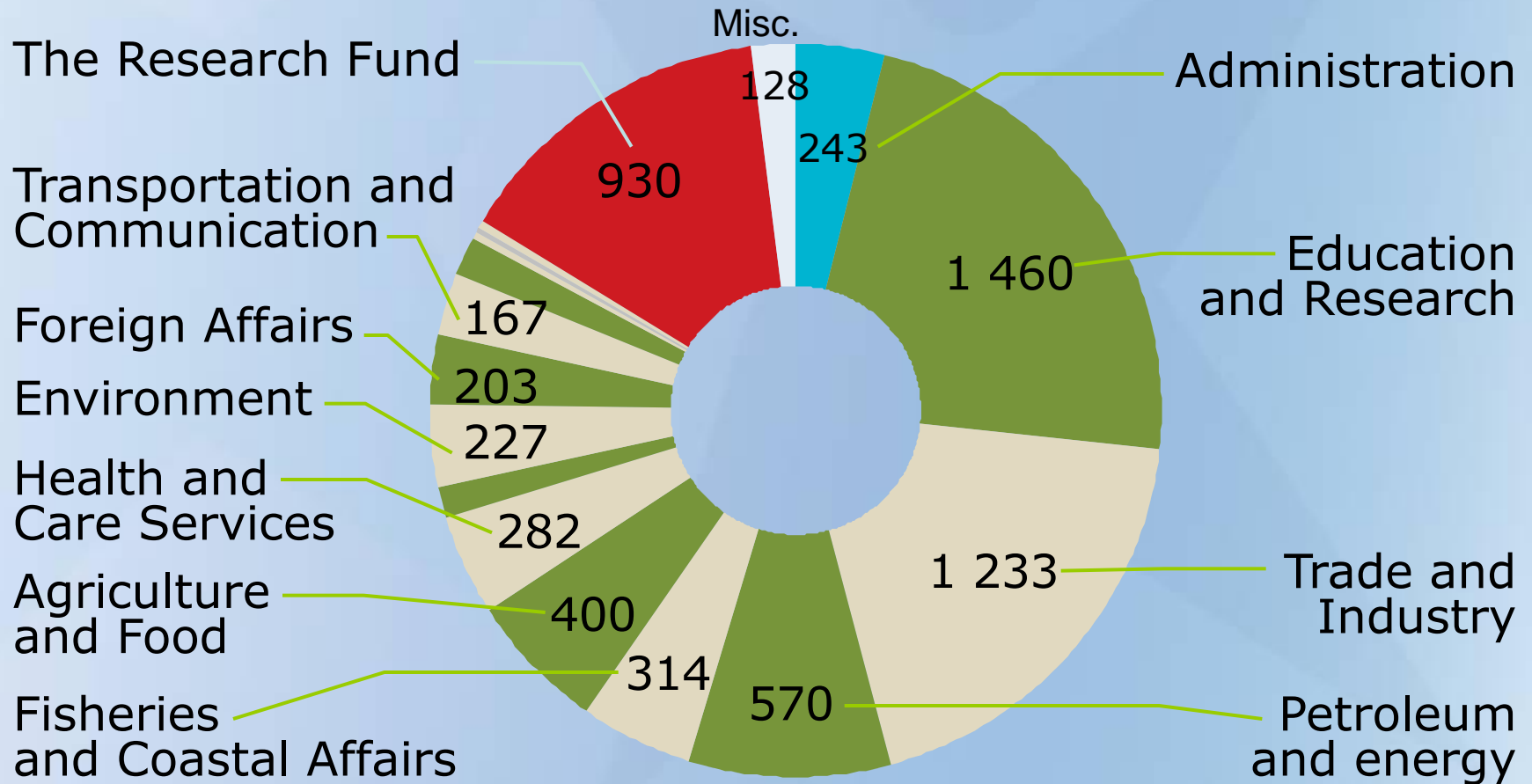
Ministries and directorates may commission R&D projects related to their area of competence

Norway has a number of research institutes financed by direct grants and commissioned projects

Public funding of Norwegian R&D



Funding received from the ministries (2009)



Examples of R&D institutions for migration research

- ✖✖ University departments or centres
 - ✓ Oslo
 - ✓ Bergen
 - ✓ Trondheim
- ✖✖ Statistics Norway's research units
- ✖✖ Independent research institutes, e.g.
 - ✓ ISF - Institute for social research
 - ✓ Fafo – Institute for labour and social research
 - ✓ NOVA – Norwegian social research
 - ✓ PRIO – Peace research institute - Oslo
- ✖✖ Consulting firms
- ✖✖ Independent researchers

Research Council's migration related activities

- ✖✖ Included in its welfare, working life and migration program (VAM), to which JD contribute
- ✖✖ 'International migration' is one of 17 program topics
- ✖✖ 28 new projects 2011 – 2014
 - ✓ 4 directly related to migration
 - ✓ 3 directly related to integration
 - ✓ Several other projects have migration and integration elements

New projects 2011 – 2014:

Integration

- ✧ Exclusion and inclusion in the suburbs
- ✧ Buying and selling (gender) equality:
feminized migration and gender equality
- ✧ Measuring and explaining discrimination in
the labour market

New projects 2011 – 2014: migration

- ✧ Media impacts on Norwegian immigration policy
- ✧ Possibilities and realities of return migration
- ✧ Provision of welfare to 'irregular migrants'
- ✧ Migration to Norway: flows and regulations

Government's direct funding for migration and integration research

Annual budget for R&D related to migration:

About 15.5 mill NOK (2 mill Euro)

Administered by UDI and the Ministry of Justice

Annual budget for R&D related to integration:

About 45 mill NOK (5.8 mill Euro)

Administered IMDi and the Ministry of Children and Equality

Areas for direct R&D funding - migration

- ✳️ Labour migration
- ✳️ Family migration
- ✳️ Asylum and protection
- ✳️ Reception facilities
- ✳️ Return
- ✳️ Visa
- ✳️ Others



Areas for direct R&D funding - integration

- ✧ Development of statistics and their use in Statistics Norway
- ✧ Living conditions of certain groups of immigrants
- ✧ Evaluation of projects
- ✧ Means to prevent forced marriages
- ✧ The cost to local authorities of settling former asylum seekers



Project criteria



Typical projects:

- ✧ Relevant to policy-makers
- ✧ Limited in budget and time
- ✧ Snapshots into an issue
- ✧ Evaluations of existing policies
- ✧ Comparative studies

Links to R&D activities and reports - migration

✳️ Financed by UDI

- ✓ <http://www.udi.no/Norwegian-Directorate-of-Immigration/Oversiktsider/Statistikk-/FoU---rapporter1/>

✳️ Others

- ✓ [NO EMN NCP](#)

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✧ Others

✓ [Nordic Migration Research](#)

Thank you for your attention

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