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NORWEGIAN MINISTRY  
OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS



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Mobile surfing,  
package post, safe  
cycling, travelling  
away and  
returning home  
– transport and  
communications  
form a major part  
of our daily lives



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The Ministry of Transport and Communications has overall responsibility for:

- > Postal services
- > Telecommunications
- > Civil aviation
- > Public roads
- > Rail transport
- > Ferry services forming part of the national road system

The core responsibilities of the Ministry of Transport and Communications include long-term planning, research and analysis, preparation of legislation and regulations, licensing and budgetary matters in the above sectors.

**Policy formulation:** Preparation of policy documents for submission to the Storting, such as the National Transport Plan, the annual state budget and proposals for laws and legislative amendments.

**Administration:** Processing of and notifying about matters within the Ministry's jurisdiction, as well as dealing with enquiries from individuals and institutions.

**Agency management:** Monitoring and checking that appropriations to subordinate agencies are spent in accordance with objectives, performance requirements and other criteria stipulated by the Norwegian parliament (Storting) and the Ministry. The Ministry is responsible for managing the Norwegian Public Roads Administration, the Norwegian National Railway Administration, the Civil Aviation Authority – Norway, the Norwegian Communications Authority, the Accident Investigation Board Norway and the Norwegian Railway Authority, including technical supervision of ropeways, cableways and technical installations at fairgrounds and amusement parks.

**State enterprise management:** Administers government ownership interests in Avinor AS, Norway Post (Posten Norge AS), Norwegian State Railways (NSB AS) and Railway Contractors (Baneservice AS).





Minister  
State Secretary  
Political Adviser

Secretary General

Dep. of Strategy, Economic  
Affairs and Administration

Planning Section

Economic Affairs Section

Administrative Affairs  
Section

Dep. of Civil Aviation,  
Postal Services and  
Telecommunications

Civil Aviation Section

Postal Services and  
Telecommunications Section

Dep. of Public Roads and  
Traffic Safety

Public Roads Section

Traffic Safety and Civil  
Emergency Planning  
Section

Dep. of Public and  
Rail Transport

Public and  
Professional Transport  
Section

Rail Transport Section

Dep. of Coastal Affairs and  
Environment

Maritime Transport Section

Analysis, Planning and  
Budgeting Section

Environmental Affairs  
Section

Maritime Safety  
and Emergency  
Preparedness Section

Dep. of Press and Information



Many of those  
employed at the  
Ministry of  
Transport &  
Communications  
are economists,  
lawyers or  
social scientists

### **Management and organisation of the Ministry**

The Minister of Transport and Communications has overall responsibility for the management and organisation of the Ministry. The political leadership also includes state secretaries and a political advisor.

The most senior official at the Ministry is the Secretary General, who also advises the Minister and political leadership about matters dealt with by the Ministry.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications consists of five departments, each of which is run by a Director General. Apart from the Department of Press and Information, the departments are divided into sections run by Deputy Director Generals.

### **Departments and Sections:**

- > Department of Public and Rail Transport
- > Department of Press and Information
- > Department of Civil Aviation, Postal Services and Telecommunications
- > Department of Strategy, Environmental Affairs and Administration
- > Department of Public Roads and Traffic Safety



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Photo: Kystverket

A container ship  
can carry the  
same amount  
of cargo as  
approximately  
400 trucks

## ***Department of Coastal Affairs and Environment***

### ***Maritime Transport Section***

Responsible for the supervision of the Norwegian Coastal Administration and follows up decisions relating to maritime transport in the National Transport Plan. Its responsibilities include port policies, management and maintenance of maritime infrastructure, pilot services as well as coastal culture initiatives and grants to the community of Jan Mayen.

### ***Maritime Safety and Emergency Pollution Response Section***

Responsible for safety at sea, such as traffic regulations, aids to navigation, monitoring of traffic at sea (VTS), reporting and information services and pilotage. The section has the responsibility for the overall state contingency preparedness and response to acute pollution.

### ***Environmental Affairs Section***

Responsible for environmental matters in the transport sector, such as the Ministry's policy on climate gas emissions, air and water pollution, and biodiversity. It is also responsible for the Ministry's policy on climate change adaptation and mitigation, environmental and transport taxes and public charges, as well as international environmental matters. The section co-ordinates the Ministry's work related to universal design in the transport sector.

### ***Analysis and Budget Section***

Responsible for the budgeting and long-term planning of the maritime transport sector. The Section is responsible for improving the basis for decision-making through statistics, analyses, transport models and economic analyses and co-ordinates the Department's research activities. The section is also responsible for the public grants to *Redningselskapet* - The Norwegian Society for Sea Rescue.





*Photo: Øystein Grue,  
Norwegian National Railway Administration*



More than  
59 million  
passengers travel  
annually by rail  
in Norway

## ***Department of Public and Rail Transport***

### ***Rail Transport Section***

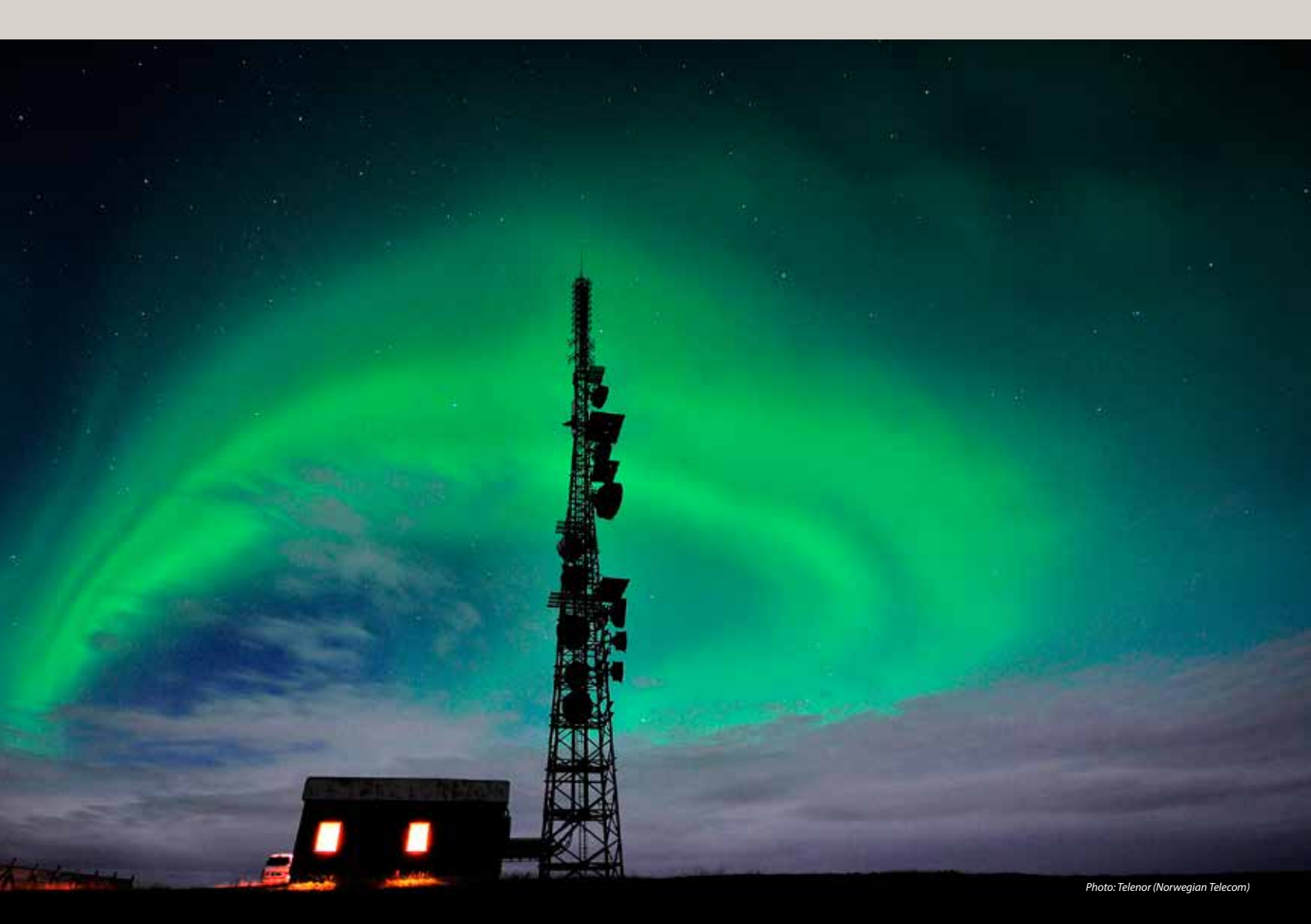
Works with framework conditions, planning and budgeting for the railways and other rail transport (tram and metro systems). Responsible for managing the Norwegian Railway Authority and Norwegian National Railway Administration (NSB AS). Administers government ownership interests in Norwegian State Railways (NSB AS) and Railway Contractors (Baneservice AS). Enters into and follows up passenger rail traffic agreements.

### ***Public and Professional Transport Section***

Works with public transport and policy instruments aimed at improving public transport services. Leads on the Public Transport Project, which formulates government objectives for the public transport sector. Prepares framework conditions for road and sea transport in line with the Professional Transport Act. Responsible for procurement of services from the Bergen-Kirkenes coastal express route (Hurtigruta).

## ***Department of Press and Information***

Responsible for organising of press and information work. Advises other sections and the political leadership on communicating with the public and media. Responsible for developing internet and social media channels. Strengthens and coordinates information within the Ministry. Tasks include speechwriting, media inserts, press statements and presentations. Editorial responsibility for the Ministry's intranet, as well as updating the Ministry's website at [www.regjeringen.no](http://www.regjeringen.no).



16.6 million text  
messages are  
sent every day  
in Norway

## **Department of Civil Aviation, Postal Services and Telecommunications**

### **Civil Aviation Section**

Overall responsibility for framework conditions for civil aviation in Norway. Works with preparing legislation and regulations and general legal issues pursuant to the Civil Aviation Act, where EU and EEA issues are central. Responsible for aviation agreements with other countries and purchase of regional air routes in Norway. Administers government ownership interests in Avinor AS and has agency management responsibility for the Civil Aviation Authority – Norway and Accident Investigation Board Norway (SHT).

### **Postal Services and Telecommunications Section**

Works with arranging for good, inexpensive and future-oriented services within the postal sector and electronic communications. Responsible for licencing and regulatory preparation pursuant to the Postal Services Act and Electronic Communications Act. Tasks include frequency administration, managing the Norwegian Communications Authority, and dealing with complaints about the Authority's decisions. Administers government ownership interests in Norway Post (Posten Norge AS).



*Photo: Vanja Grut,  
Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority*





Photo: Søren Nielsen, Norway Post (Posten Norge AS)

In relation to its  
population  
Norway has  
the highest  
number of  
battery-powered  
vehicles in  
the world

## ***Department of Strategy and Administration***

### ***Planning Section***

Works with long-term planning, research and analysis of problems across the transport sectors. One of the main tasks of the section is preparation of the National Transport Plan, as well as coordinating R&D at the Ministry.

### ***Economic Affairs Section***

Coordinating and managing work on the national budget and national accounts. Responsible for the Ministry's operating budget and accounts, common issues relating to the economy, and national audit issues.

### ***Administrative Affairs Section***

Coordinates internal planning processes related to personnel, organisational and ICT development. Responsible for personnel management, HES function, ICT and documentation at the Ministry, as well as personnel matters in subordinate agencies.





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The number of  
deaths on  
Norwegian roads  
has fallen by  
30% in 40 years

## **Department of Public Roads and Traffic Safety**

### **Public Roads Section**

Responsible for planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the public roads system, and has overall responsibility for agency management of the Norwegian Public Roads Administration. Responsible for road toll financing and ferry services forming part of the national road system.

### **Section for Traffic Safety and Civil Emergency Planning**

The section manages the work on safety across the various forms of transport and is responsible for work on public safety and civil emergency planning related to the transport sector.



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*At the Ministry of Transport and Communications I work with key political issues that help set the national agenda. This involves learning about transport and communications and political decision-making processes.*

*Solveig Ingebrigtsen, political scientist*



Norway has one  
of the highest  
numbers of  
airports per  
capita in  
the world

## ***Agencies within the transport sector***

The Ministry of Transport and Communications is responsible for the following agencies within the transport sector.

### ***Norwegian National Rail Administration***

Responsible for planning, development and maintenance of the railway infrastructure. [www.jernbaneverket.no](http://www.jernbaneverket.no)

### ***Civil Aviation Authority – Norway***

Responsible for ensuring safe and efficient operation of civil aviation in Norway. [www.luftfartstilsynet.no](http://www.luftfartstilsynet.no)

### ***Norwegian Communications Authority***

Regulates and monitors the post and telecommunications sector in Norway. [www.npt.no](http://www.npt.no)

### ***Accident Investigation Board Norway***

Responsible for investigating accidents and incidents in the civil aviation, road, sea and railway transport sectors (including tramways and underground systems). [www.sht.no](http://www.sht.no)

### ***Norwegian Railway Authority***

Responsible for public safety issues on the railways, as well as supervision of operators, including cableways, fairgrounds and amusement parks in Norway. Processes licence applications for rail activity. [www.sjt.no](http://www.sjt.no)

### ***Norwegian Public Roads Administration***

Responsible for planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the national and county road networks. The agency is also responsible for vehicle inspection and driver training, road design and maintenance, traffic education and vehicle requirements. [www.vegvesen.no](http://www.vegvesen.no)

### ***Norwegian Coastal Administration***

The Norwegian National Coastal Administration is the Ministry's advisory and executive body in matters pertaining to the administration of ports and seaways. [www.kystverket.no](http://www.kystverket.no)





Photo: Erik Burås, Norway Post (Posten Norge AS)

The Norwegian  
postal service  
handles around  
40 million  
packages and  
almost 1 billion  
letters a year

## **State enterprises**

The following enterprises are fully owned by the State via the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and where the Minister of Transport and Communications represents the State as shareholder.

### ***Avinor AS***

Avinor is responsible for planning, development and operation of the state-owned airport network in Norway. The company is also responsible for aviation safety services in Norway. [www.avinor.no](http://www.avinor.no)

### ***Railway Contractors (Baneservice AS)***

Baneservice AS is responsible for delivering machine and contracting services for railway related activities. [www.baneservice.no](http://www.baneservice.no)

### ***Norwegian State Railways (NSB AS)***

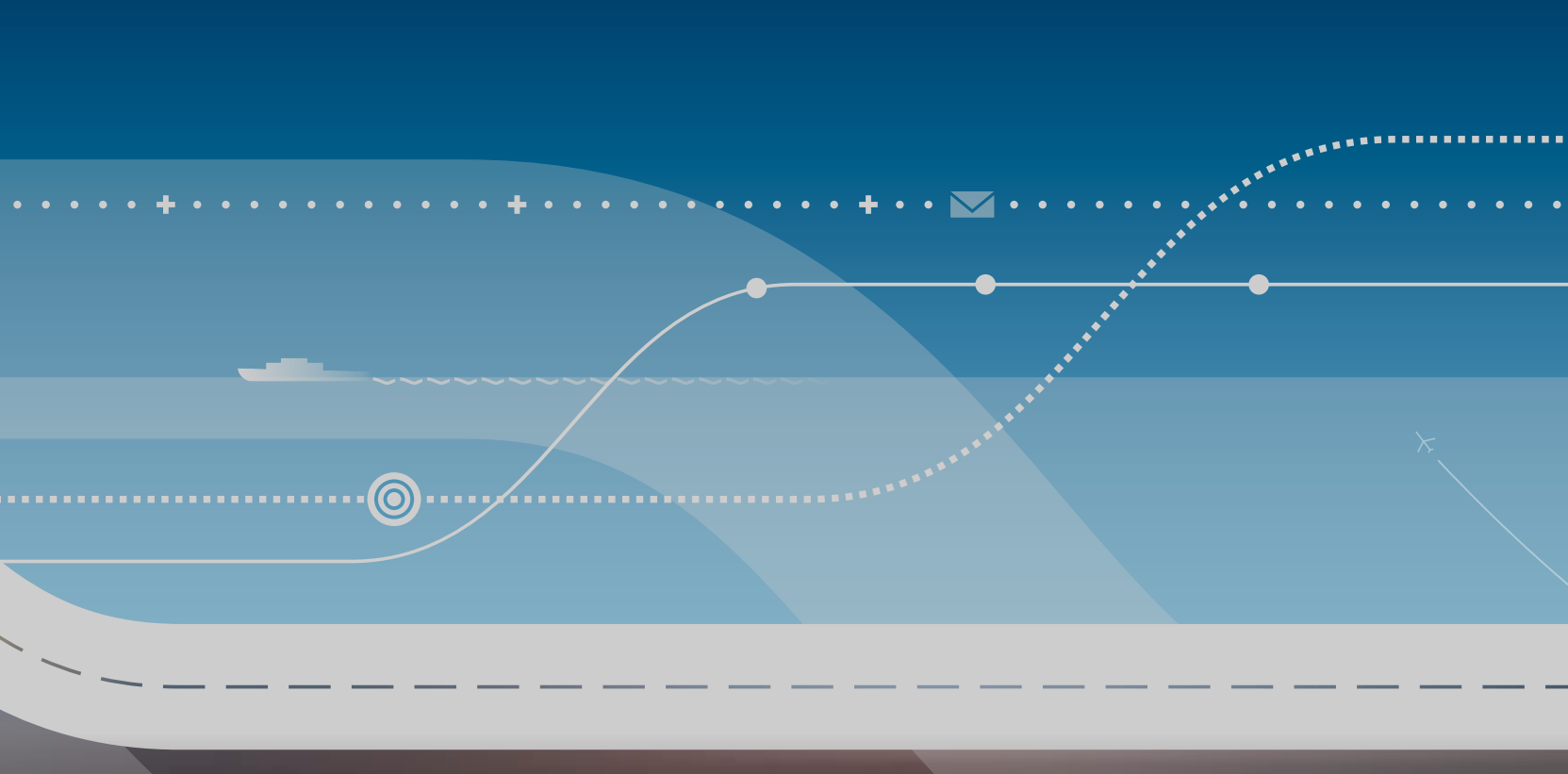
NSB is responsible for passenger train and bus services, as well as goods traffic on the railways. [www.nsb.no](http://www.nsb.no)

### ***Norway Post (Posten Norge AS)***

Posten Norge AS is responsible for providing and developing optimum and universal solutions within postal services, communications and logistics in the Nordic region. [www.posten.no](http://www.posten.no)

### ***Nye Veier AS***

The Ministry of Transport and Communications is establishing a new state-owned company, Nye Veier AS, responsible for planning, building, operating and maintaining important parts of the Norwegian Trans-European Transport Networks-road network. The company will be in business from January 1st 2016.



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