

# Country Report Norway

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# Current National Issues

## 1. Fagfornyelsen «subject renewal»

Revision of the current school curriculum.

Started this school year

- Deep learning
- Interdisciplinary approach

Still consisting of competence goals

First time with connection to the CEFR for West-European languages

## Connections to the CEFR

2 obligatory levels

level 1 corresponds minimum to A1

level 2 corresponds minimum to A2

A more realistic approach to the level of foreign language in the Norwegian education. **But** this is described in the guidelines.

## 2. The Lied Committee

- › The Ministry of Education established in September 2017 a committee that is to look closer at the structure of the subjects in Upper Secondary School
- › Two reports have been submitted to the Ministry
- › The committee proposes to strengthen English, but at the same time give less time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign languages
- › We have given our reaction to these proposals

## White paper on student mobility – a paradox

- › The Ministry has published a White paper on student exchange, and the present figures for this exchange are too low. The paper encourages students to go to non-English speaking countries. Due to Brexit students will have to exchange with countries like France, Germany and Spain instead of going to the UK. This may increase the need for enhancing the 2<sup>nd</sup> foreign language
- › A decision from the Ministry will come around Christmas

# Publications – boost motivation



Languages around the World helps students to decide which foreign language to choose (Different for English since it's compulsory).

These brochures provide an overview of:

- Why these languages and cultures are so important
- What you can use your language skills for
  - Encourage future pupils to study or work in other countries where the target language is spoken

# Publications

## Communicare

- et fagdidaktisk tidsskrift fra Fremmedspråksenteret | 2019-20

### Fagfornyelsen



Spørsmål og svar om nye læreplaner i engelsk og fremmedspråk i LK20 s. 4



Developing teenagers' speaking skills in English through Storyline s. 9



Frå det kjende til det ukjende – etymologi til heider og ære igjen s. 32



Hvordan snakker spansk-elever om språk når de skriver om kjente temaer? s. 36

Communicare is a journal for teachers of modern languages. According to our mandate:

- › contribute to good language learning
- › provide inspiration
- › create positive engagement
- › convey what comes from the resource field to the teachers / classroom
  
- › Articles in Norwegian / English

## 3. New design and new structure on our website



For ansatte

Learning paths

### El presente regular

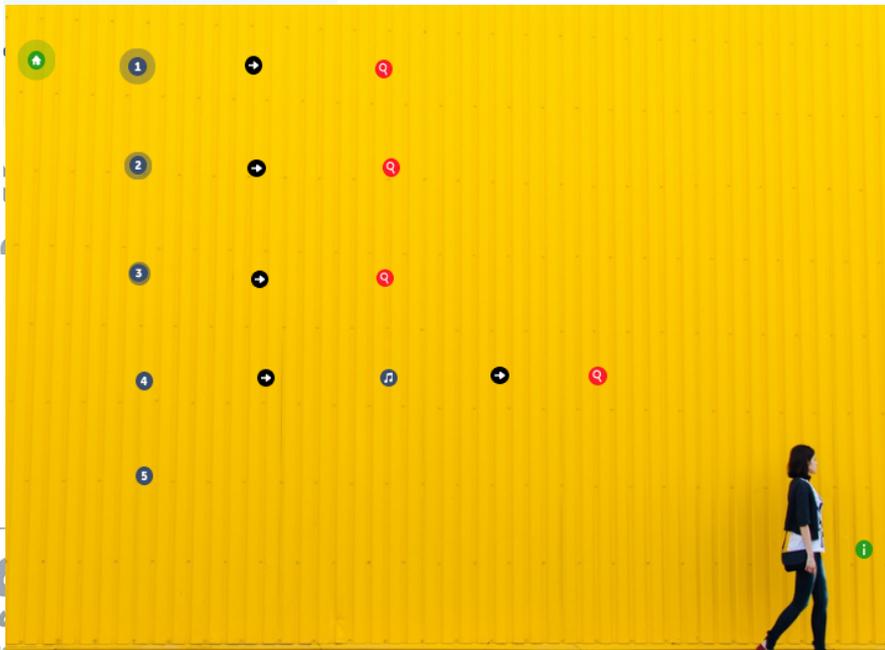
Explicación en español

Trinn: Nivå I. Tema: Innføring i / repetisjon av regelrette verb i presens. Tid: 1 til 2 undervisningsøkter

### El presente regular

Opplaget på norsk

Nivel: A1. Tema: pronombres personales y verbos regulares de presente. Tiempo: 60 minutos



## 4. Decentralized capacity building

- › In 2017 the Ministry launched a new model to attract more teachers to sign up for in-service training
- › The schools pay a small deductible and this makes it a very attractive model
- › Our centre has dialogues with teachers/schools in order to find out their needs

# What we offer

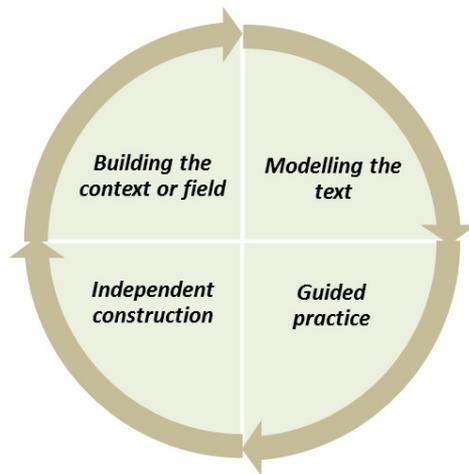
## Kompetanseutvikling



- › Kindergarten
- › Beginner education in English
- › Digital approaches and resources
- › In-depth learning
- › Multilingualism
- › Reading and writing difficulties in English and foreign languages
- › Reading skills
- › Listening skills
- › Oral skills
- › Writing skills
- › Vocabulary and grammar
- › Interdisciplinary themes
- › Career orientation and relevance

## Involvement so far

- › Project with Oslo (lower secondary school)
  - › Oral skills
  - › Writing skills “teaching learning cycle»  
(cooperation with the National centre for writing)
- › Smaller courses at schools
- › KfK- Capacity building at tertiary level



## 5. Other matters

### **Our participation in Global Generation, an ERASMUS+ project**

- › Scilt Scotland, Fremmedsprogcenteret Denmark and Fremmedspråksenteret Norway have got a three year funding for promoting foreign languages
- › Presentation on the “European Day of Languages”

# Thank you!

