Implementing smart specialisation in sparsely populated areas

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Main messages

• Regional authorities are the main drivers on using smart specialisation in Norway

• Smart specialisation and Norwegian national policy on regional development fit well together

• Obstacles and challenges ahead
Smart specialisation in Nordland
National policy

The aim of the Government is to ensure a county level government that
• interacts well with central and local government,
• can meet key challenges in society, and
• can facilitate development and growth in all parts of the country
Learning, not copying

- Development and implementation of regional plans/strategies
- Economic development and innovation, including research and competence relevant for economic development
- Norwegian context
Norwegian Planning and Building Act and Smart specialisation

Strategic plan for the region
Regional planstrategi

Regional plans
(different topics)

Regional strategies
(different topics)
Challenges ahead

Triple transition imperative
• shift towards a more diversified and robust economy
• moving towards a more competitive, effective and efficient innovation system
• these structural transformations must be achieved while supporting research and innovation that can confront an array of societal challenges
Thank you

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