

Schoolnet Report - NORWAY

What is a Schoolnet?

The Norwegian schoolnet is the directorate for primary and secondary education's [*Utdanningsdirektoratet*] portal on the Internet and is designed for pupils, teachers, school administrators, parents and others, who are interested in schools and education. The portal will be of use to everyone who participates in or is responsible for primary and secondary education.

Links:

<http://www.utdanningsdirektoratet.no/>

<http://www.skolenettet.no/>

Schoolnets and policy

The Norwegian schoolnet has been part of action plans for ICT (information and communication technologies) since 1996 until today, now as a part of the *Program for digital kompetanse 2004-2008* (Program for Digital Competence 2004-2008). Action plans etc. are initiated by the Ministry of Education and Research.

Links:

English version of action plan for ICT 2000-2003:

http://odin.dep.no/filarkiv/124328/IKT_i_utdanningen_-engelsk.pdf

Comments from the Norwegian government eEurope – An information society for all:

<http://odin.dep.no/nhd/norsk/aktuelt/pressesenter/bakgrunn/024031-990010/dok-bn.html>

Program for digital kompetanse 2004-2008 (Norwegian only):

<http://odin.dep.no/ufd/norsk/tema/satsingsomraade/ikt/045011-990066/dok-bn.html>

European Commission: Implementation of Education and Training 2010 – Work Programme – Working Group C: ICT in Education and Training:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/policies/2010/doc/infoindic.pdf>

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/policies/ntech/notechnologies_en.html

Who are Schoolnets designed for?

Schoolnets are designed for pupils, teachers, school administrators, parents and others, who are interested in schools and education.

What do Schoolnets contain?

- **The Norwegian schoolnet as a resource bank**

The Norwegian schoolnet's content areas, links, news and activities form an important part of what we can offer to those, who are associated with schools or to those, who are themselves at some stage of the 13 years of primary and lower secondary education.

- **The Norwegian Schoolnet as a meeting place**

As well as a resource bank, the Norwegian Schoolnet offers four login services for schools:

- School Post (*Skolepost*) is a free, spam mail protected, online email service.
- Schoolbag (*Skolesekk*) allows you to store your own documents.
- School Common Room (*Skolestue*) allows people to work together via the Internet.
- School Newsletter (*Skoleavis*) is a service, which allows schools to publish one or more school newsletters, in which they can present their school, a project the school is working on or anything else they want to tell others about.

Who is involved?

The Norwegian schoolnet's central editorial staff consists of a team of 7 members, including one editor and information manager, editorial staff and technical service workers. In addition, there is a large number (50-60 members) of editors supplying the portal and theme areas with editorial content.

What research has been done about Schoolnets?

A vast number of researches and projects in relations to the Norwegian schoolnet have been made. None of them is in English, unfortunately. If requested, we can provide a list of recent studies/reports.

Some links with references to the Norwegian schoolnet:

European schoolnets:

http://www.eun.org/eun.org2/eun/en/Celebrate_LearningObjects/content.cfm?ov=11234&lang=en

Nordic Schoolnet:

<http://www.nordskol.org/>

NICE – News and Information about Consumer Education No. 23 – 2005:

http://www.infoconsumo.es/escuela/web/nice/eng/nice_23.pdf

[From conference page: <http://www.menntagatt.is/default.aspx?PageID=106> – ICT LEAGUE meeting, Iceland 2005]:

<http://www.menntagatt.is/Uploads/FileGallery/ICT%20league/finland/480,1,National>
Strategy for Digital Learning Resources Presentation ICT League Rovaniemi 130505
Maren Hegna Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research

Benchmarking Educational Websites: EdNA Online:

[http://www.educationau.edu.au/research/benchmarking/ - \(Results\)](http://www.educationau.edu.au/research/benchmarking/ - (Results))

Schoolnets in Schools

The statistic shows page views of approximately 150.000 per day. Our surveys show, that teachers are the largest user group, although pupils are active as well. For example they use our interactive login service.

Financial aspects of Schoolnets:

Who finances Schoolnets? Who sponsors or supports them? Is the industry involved? Is it funded by government or by private companies? Who are the sponsors? For example Microsoft, Intel etc.

The Norwegian schoolnet is funded by the directorate for primary and secondary education. No sponsors or private companies are involved.

Examples of Schoolnets

The URL for The Norwegian School Net is

<http://skolenettet.no/>

Use of ICT in schools

There are a number of projects initiated by the Ministry of education and research in Norway [*Utdannings- og forskningsdepartementet* - <http://odin.dep.no/ufd/english/bn.html>].

Starting with the action plan for ICT in the years 1996-1999, followed by new action plans and finally the program for digital kompetanse 2004-2008 (programme for digital competence 2004-2008). During this time the implementation of ICT in Norwegian schools has developed and grown to a natural part of education.

Why should we have Schoolnets?

The Norwegian schoolnet was established by the National centre for educational resources in 1996 as part of the follow-up actions regarding the action plan for ICT, which started in the same year. In the autumn of the year 2000 the portal was re-launched for the first time. Needs and expectations change over time and this fact is also true for The Norwegian schoolnet. Therefore some major changes and updates to the portal were made in the autumn of 2004, as well, now as part of the Directorate for primary and secondary education's activities. As a publishing aid we have adopted Topic Maps.

Examples of European Schoolnets for schools

<http://www.eun.org> (european)

<http://www.nordskol.org> (nordic)

References

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