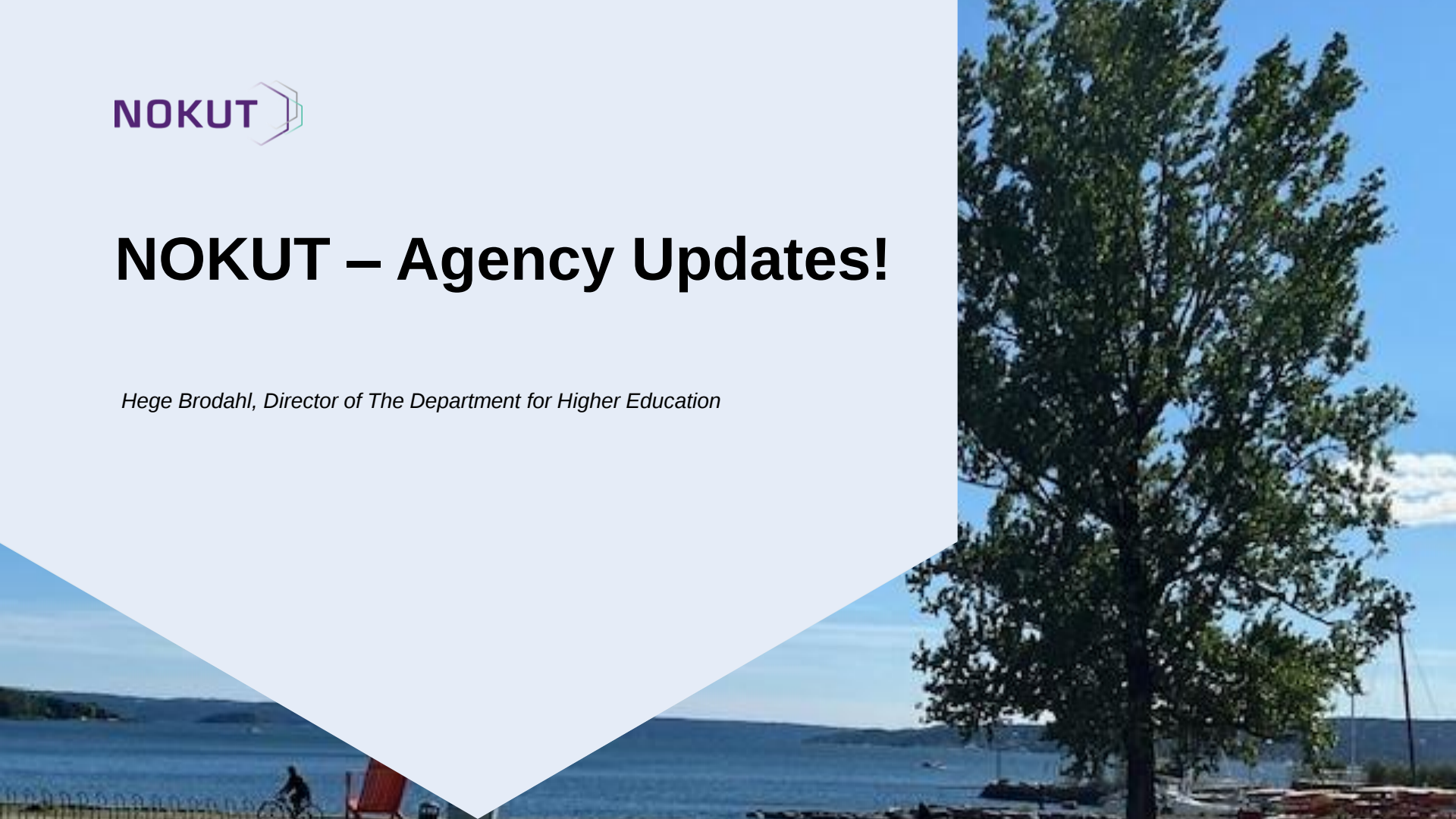




# NOKUT – Agency Updates!

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# About NOKUT

Independent expert body under the Ministry of Education and Research

Established in 2003 as part of Norway's Quality Reform and commitment to the Bologna Process

Norway's external quality assurance agency for:

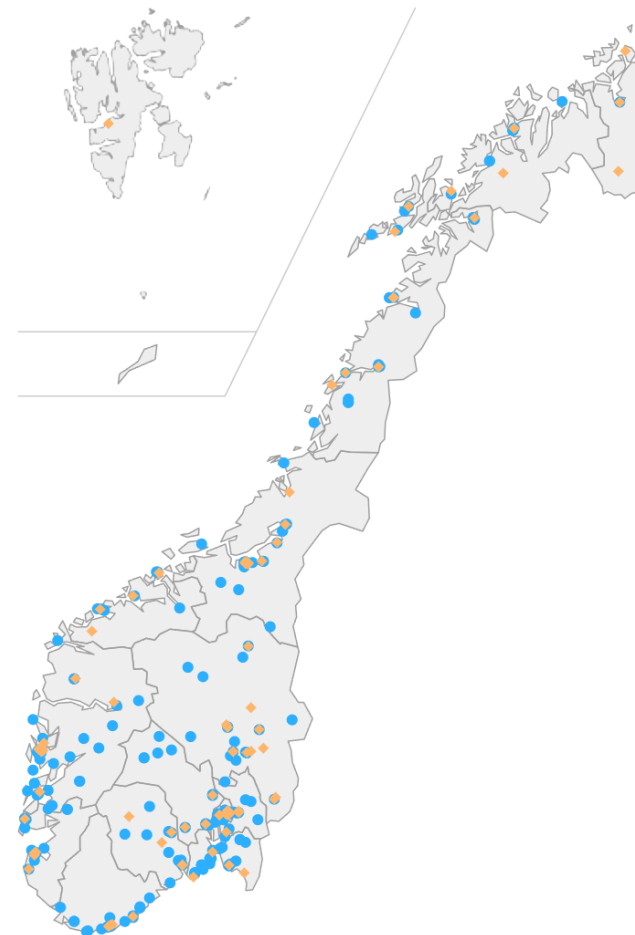
- Higher education (ESG) - 48 institutions and 308 095 students (2025)
- Higher (tertiary) vocational education (outside the ESG framework) – 60 institutions and 34 420 students (2025)

Additional tasks delegated by the Ministry:

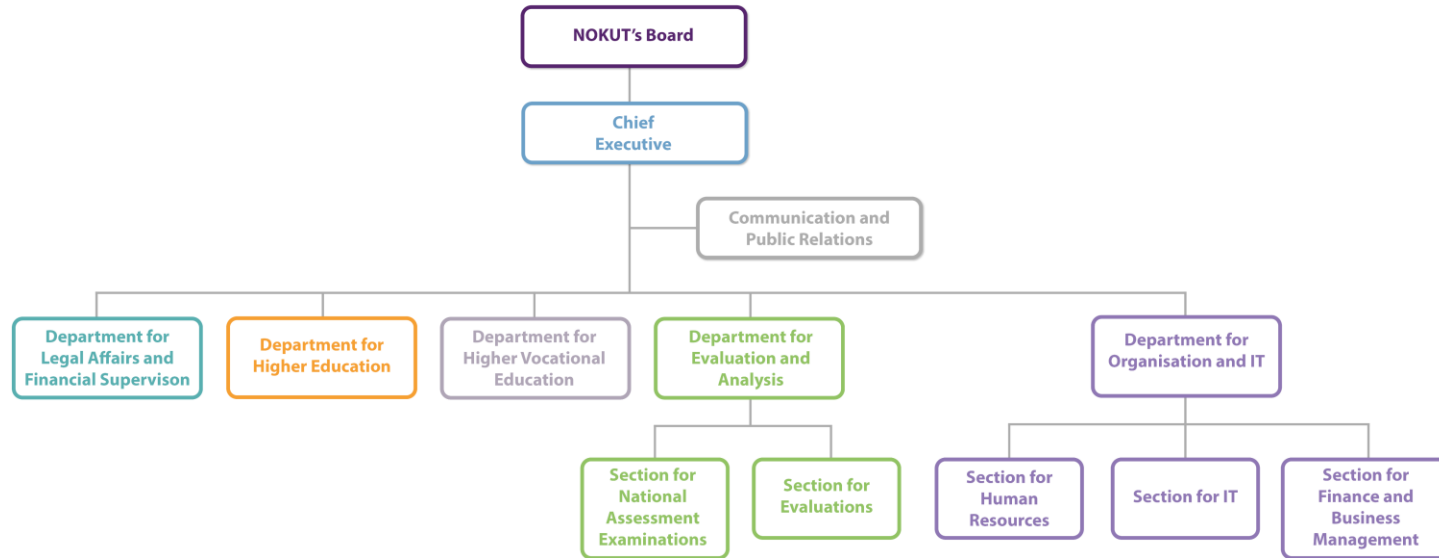
- Financial supervision of private higher education and higher vocational education Institutions
- Administration of national assessment examinations

Governed by an independent Board

Approximately 100 employees



# Organisation chart



# NOKUT's ESG activities for external quality assurance of higher education



At the heart of all quality assurance activities are the twin purposes of accountabilities and enhancement.

Taken together, these create trust in the higher education institution's performance.

Periodic review of institutional quality assurance practices



Institutional accreditation and risk-based review of institutional accreditation

National evaluations of study programme quality

Accreditation of study programmes (ex ante) and risk-based review of accreditation of study programmes

NOKUT'S STRATEGY  
FOR 2023-2030

Ensure  
quality,  
build  
trust



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# 2026 Assignment in the Letter of Allocation from the Ministry of Education and Research

The Ministry has asked NOKUT to

1. review NOKUT's external QA instruments and their interaction in higher vocational education
2. assess alignment between Norwegian higher vocational education QA and the ESG and evaluate implications of applying the ESG while preserving the sector's distinctive characteristics. [NOKUT-report submitted to the ministry](#)
3. contribute to a coordinated national approach to information on educational quality and further develop, streamline, and accelerate NOKUTs programme-level evaluations in higher education
4. support the implementation of the European Approach for Joint Programmes and contribute to ongoing work on the European Degree Label
5. contribute to the development of a higher vocational pathway at levels 6 and 7 of the Norwegian Qualifications Framework (NQF), and to revise the level descriptors for higher education at levels 6 and 7
6. report on NOKUTs financial supervision of private institutions and student welfare organizations and assess risk prioritization, regulatory conditions, and barriers to effective financial supervision

***Thank you for your attention!***

