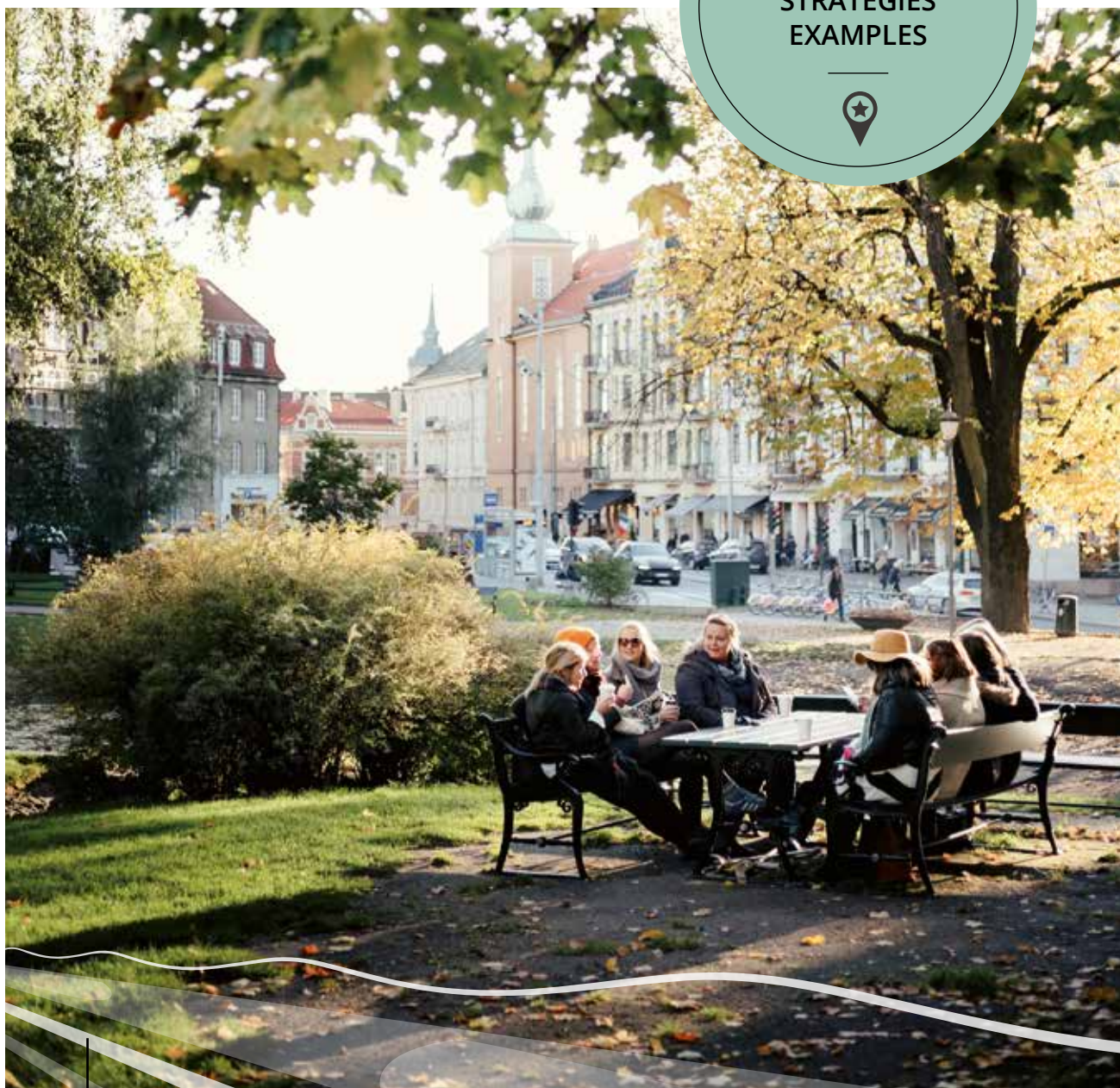


# NETWORK OF PUBLIC SPACES

– AN IDEA HANDBOOK



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# The idea handbook

The handbook illustrates the tools used to fulfil some of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in particular SDG 11.7. by 2030: "Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, particularly for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities".

The handbook was first published as a guidebook for work on public spaces in Norwegian municipalities in 2016. Therefore it is set in a Norwegian context.

"Attractive Nordic towns" has been a program under the Nordic Council of Ministers involving 18 small and medium sized Nordic towns in the overall goal of using the UN Sustainable Development Goals to create more attractive towns. As a part of this process the handbook was translated from Norwegian to English and supplemented with examples of urban spaces from the participating Nordic towns.

The idea handbook also includes a summary of interesting projects that have contributed to development and new thinking.

The Nordic countries have many similarities. As such, we hope that the idea handbook will prove inspiring and that it will be a useful tool in your future work.



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### Everyday public spaces

“Everyday life is summer, winter, autumn and spring. It’s sunshine and rain. It’s boots and sandals. It’s Monday and Saturday. It’s biking to work. It’s a safe way to and from school for first graders, it’s a walk to the corner shop. It’s the schoolyard, the shop, the shopping street, the shopping centre and the workplace.

It’s the bench on the street corner, the sidewalk café and the bus stop. It’s the park, small idyllic areas for children, birdsong and bathing pools. It’s morning coffee on the corner, the playground at seven o’clock on Sunday morning and the football pitch. It’s a sledding slope and the small ice-skating rink and the ski track in the park. It’s an evening walk with the dog and Constitution Day celebrations. Where we walk, bike, live and meet. These are everyday public spaces”

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