



Norwegian Government

Action Plan

The Government's action plan for green shipping





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Preface

The Government wishes Norway to make full use of the opportunities arising from the in greening of the economy. Norway will have to undertake a challenging process of fundamental transformation to meet its emission reduction commitments. The labour market will have to be green, smart and innovative. Norway must find cost effective ways of carrying out the transformation process and at the same time ensure that it provides growth opportunities for the Norwegian economy and boosts Norwegian exports of green solutions. Renewal of the Norwegian shipping sector will be an important driver of this process. Norway's maritime industry is a world leader in the development of low- and zero-emission solutions, and there are competitive companies in all segments of the industry.

The Government's ambition is to reduce emissions from domestic shipping and fisheries by half by 2030 and promote the development of low- and zero-emission solutions for all vessel categories. To achieve this ambition, it will be necessary to speed up the green transition in the shipping sector.

The introduction of stricter environmental requirements for international shipping by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will result in growing global demand for environmental and climate technology in the years ahead. Norway's leading position in green shipping can become an important competitive advantage, giving the maritime industry huge growth potential in international markets. By developing new zero- and low-emission solutions for maritime transport, Norway can make an important contribution to global climate and environmental efforts.

The focus on green shipping will support Government ambitions in several areas. It is important for ensuring that Norway can meet its international climate commitments and its targets for emission reductions in the transport sector. It will also support regional policy by creating opportunities for growth and jobs all along the coast. And the development of Norwegian environmental technology with export potential is in line with Norway's industrial policy.

The Government's policy has been developed through close cooperation between the authorities and the industry. Good examples of this approach are cooperation on the Green Shipping Programme and the environmental agreement between the Norwegian state and business organisations on measures to reduce NOx emissions.

Representatives of relevant interest groups in the maritime industry and from the energy industry, ports and environmental organisations were invited to a meeting in November 2018 in order to obtain up-to-date input to this action plan. Many organisations and stakeholders also submitted written input, which was very useful during the preparation of the action plan.

The close cooperation between the authorities and the business sector will be of crucial importance as we begin a new chapter in efforts to create an even greener maritime industry.



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