

Country Historic Profile: NORWAY

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from the [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- IBRD: December 27, 1945
- IDA: September 24, 1960
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: August 9, 1989
- ICSID: September 15, 1967

First loan(s)

Information is taken from the [Projects & Operations website](#).

- April 8, 1954: [General Development Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information is taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- Has not hosted a resident mission

Photo Resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country.

Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Norway](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Norway project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Records of the Europe and Central Asia Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Norway

December 27, 1945

Bank Mission to Norway

October 20, 1953

First Funding for Norway

April 8, 1954

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Norway

July 20, 1956

International Development Association (IDA) Established; Norway among First to Sign Articles of Agreement

September 24, 1960

Norway Joins ICSID

September 15, 1967

Bank and Norway Sign Cooperation Agreement

December 21, 1973

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Norway

August 9, 1989

Norwegian Trust Fund for Disability and Development

December 3, 2001

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

[Eleven European countries sign IBRD Articles of Agreement](#)

December 27, 1945

[Norway - The Economy at the End of 1953 released](#)

March 31, 1954

[First World Bank funding to Norway approved](#)

April 8, 1954

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports that are selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

The end of the postwar period	April 22, 1953
Norway - The economy at the end of 1953	March 29, 1954
Norway - Current economic position and prospects	March 31, 1955
Norway - Current economic position and prospects	April 26, 1956
Norway - The economy	June 29, 1959
Norway - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1960
Norway - Current economic position and prospects	October 31, 1963

Country Assistance Strategies

The list is based on a similar list compiled by the World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges,

prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

None.

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication changed its name twice: from International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, the arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 3	February 1, 1950	"The Bank's Trainees"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 18	December 1, 1950	"Christmas in Norway"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 9, Iss. 7	July 1, 1955	"Holmenkollen in March"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 1	February 1, 1974	"Norway, World Bank in co-op accord"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews was conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Benjamin B. King	July 24 and 25, 1986
Einar Magnussen	October 14, 1992

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by the World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

None.

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

GUTT, Camille, (Belgium)	May 7, 1946	May 8, 1946
ANSIAUX, Hubert, (Belgium)	June 17, 1946	November 1, 1946
DE VOGHEL, Franz (Belgium)	November 1, 1946	October 31, 1948
BEYEN, Johan Willen (Netherlands)	November 1, 1948	October 31, 1952
SVEINBJORNSSON, Erling, (Denmark)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1954
ARNASON, Jon, (Iceland)	November 1, 1954	October 31, 1956
VIIG, Sven, (Norway)	January 1, 1957	October 31, 1958
HAMMARSKIOLD, T.L., (Sweden)	November 1, 1958	October 31, 1960
LUNDGREN, Ake, (Sweden)	November 1, 1960	October 31, 1962
BRUN, Alice (Denmark)	November 1, 1962	October 31, 1964
THOR, Vilhjalmur (Iceland)	November 1, 1964	October 31, 1966
SKJERDAL, Karl (Norway)	November 1, 1966	October 31, 1968
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KARLSSON, Erik, (Sweden)	November 1, 1968	October 31, 1970
TORNQVIST, Erik, (Finland)	November 1, 1970	October 31, 1972
KASTOFT, Hans E., (Denmark)	November 3, 1972	March 31, 1974
KRYGER, Poul H. (Denmark)	April 1, 1974	October 31, 1974
SIGURDSSON, Jon (Iceland)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1976
MAGNUSSEN, Einar (Norway)	December 27, 1976	March 31, 1979
LUNDSTROM, Hans (Sweden)	April 1, 1979	July 31, 1982
KORPINEN, Pekka, (Finland)	August 1, 1982	July 31, 1985
HAXTHAUSEN, C. Ulrik (Denmark)	August 1, 1985	July 31, 1988
HARALZ, Jonas H. (Iceland)	August 1, 1988	July 31, 1991
MAGNUSSEN, Einar (Norway)	August 1, 1991	July 31, 1992
MAEHLUM, Jorunn, (Norway)	August 1, 1992	October 31, 1992
MAEHLUM, Jorunn, (Norway)	November 1, 1992	August 1, 1994
JACOBY, Ruth, (Sweden)	August 2, 1994	August 4, 1997
NIEMI, Ilkka, (Finland)	August 5, 1997	August 6, 2000
JONCK, Finn, (Denmark)	August 7, 2000	September 28, 2003 PD to October 7, 2003
INGOLFSSON, Thorsteinn (Iceland)	September 29, 2003	June 30, 2006
AASS, Svein (Norway)	July 1, 2006	September 4, 2009
BRANDT, Anna Margaretha, (Sweden)	August 24, 2009	June 30, 2013
SANTALA, Satu-Leena (Finland)	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2016
ULBAEK, Susan (Denmark)	July 1, 2016	June 28, 2019
HAARDE, Geir Hilmar (Iceland)	July 1, 2019	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.