

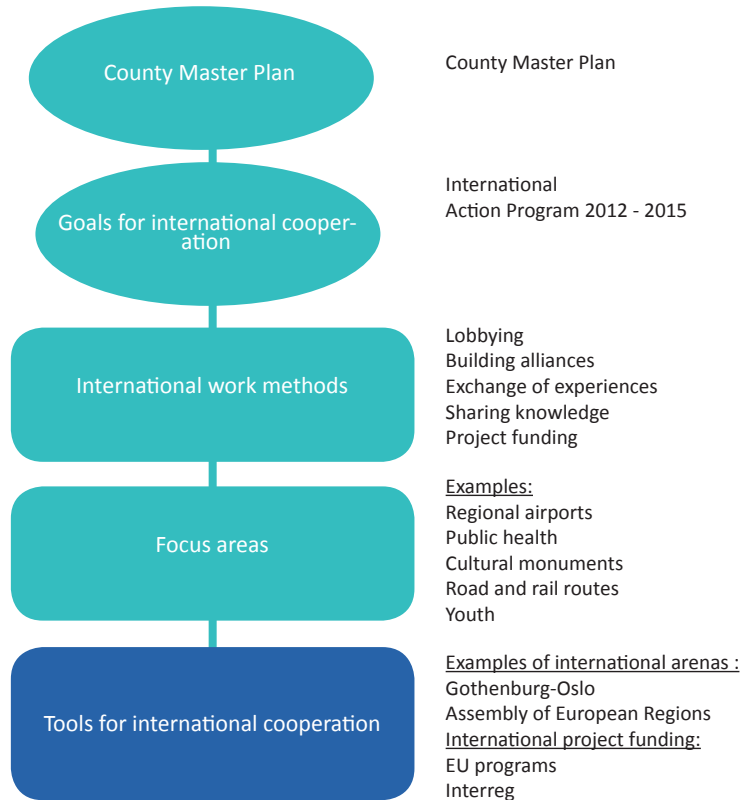


**International  
cooperation**  
– a tool for achieving goals,  
building alliances and securing  
project funding

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## WHY?

Our society is increasingly influenced by international processes such as globalization, climate change and changing demography. When planning to meet the future challenges of the county, international cooperation is increasingly important. The county uses international cooperation as a tool for achieving the objectives of the county master plan, fostering economic growth, improving living conditions, public health and environmental protection.



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## HOW?

To meet the challenges facing Østfold and the targets set forth in the county master plan, we work to influence international and national decision-making processes, build alliances, share experiences and knowledge, promote the county and seek international funding for our projects.

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## OUR PRIORITIES

Østfold County Council has made the following priorities for international cooperation:

- Collaborate with local and regional Norwegian and foreign partners
- Using international funding
- Enable Østfold's youth to participate at international arenas and thus contribute to the future development of Østfold
- Focus on specific results of the international effort
- Support partners in other countries and regions in their efforts for a balanced social, economic and political development

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## OUT FOCUS AREAS

The following areas have been selected for our international cooperation : Regional airports, Young Entrepreneurs and young businesses, culture, climate and energy, water quality in rivers and seas, the experience economy, local development, road and rail routes: Oslo-Gothenburg-Copenhagen and Oslo-Karlstad -Stockholm and Public Health.

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## OUR PARTNERS

Politicians, businesses and employees from the county, youth in upper secondary schools and the Youth County Council, municipalities and regional councils in Østfold, Østfold University College, the County Governor, the business community of Østfold, The Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, Innovation Norway, Research communities and the regions of Europe.

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## CONTACT US

Østfold County Council offer advice and training on international cooperation and international project management. We provide help, support and information on calls for proposals and available funding for Interreg and EU programs. Østfold County Council provides the secretariat for the Interreg Sweden-Norway program and is responsible for the Norwegian management of Interreg Öresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak Program.

On our website [www.ostfoldfk.no](http://www.ostfoldfk.no) you will find international news, documents and links, and list of international organizations and projects Østfold participates in. Select '*International*' in the menu on the left side of the County Council website.



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