

The Norwegian Climate Cure - climate mitigation measures and instruments in a long and short time perspective

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Norwegian Climate Targets

- 2008- 2012: exceed Kyoto agreement by 10%
- 2020: cut global emissions by an amount equivalent to 30% of our emissions in 1990
- 2020: reduce national emissions by 12-14 million tons
- 2030: carbon neutral (as a part of an ambitious international agreement)
- limit global warming to 2°C





Norwegian climate emissions





160 mitigation options in all sectors



Emissions in 2008 Reference path 2020 Emissions after implementaion of all (non-overlapping) identified measures (for forestry*: increased uptake)



Marginal cost curve – mitigation options





Some results drawn from transport model scenarios

- Strong economic instruments (fuel tax, road taxes, high parking fees) are necessary in order to reduce emissions substantially.
- Increase in public transportation services alone leads to small reductions in CO2emissions
- Increased public transportation combined with economic instruments give much higher effect.
- Measures implemented in the larger cities alone reduce climate emissions locally, but have smaller impacts on the national emissions.





Instrument menus – a combination of results from the sector assessment and macro economic assessment





Menu 2: Regulation and support

Menu 3: No further instruments in the ETS regulated sector

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Menu 4:

Supplementary instruments in the ETS sector (agreements and funds)

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Yes, it is possible to reach the goal....

- ... with additional climate instruments.
- Both efficiency measures, technology changes and behavioral changes will be necessary
- Increased mitigation potential and lower costs after 2020.
- Important with a strong "climate perspective" in all long term planning to reach a low carbon society





Source: Econ Poyry 2010

Assessment of 4 planning processes:

New regional hospital: IA **did not** assess any climate aspects at all



New national museum – IA included climate emissions in a **very limited** way



Plan for transport and infrastructure in the Oslo region: IA included climate, but as **one of many aspects** is was not important for final choices.



Huture without pollution

High speed railway: Climate was important part of the assessment, and **high carbon pricing** was applied by German consultants



How can planning processes better support national targets?

- Is the low carbon alternative really one of the alternatives? If not this must be communicated!
- Use a carbon price that reflect the target (today 16 Euro/ton, need to be 200 Euro or up?)
- Central government should establish minimum default values for calculations in local and regional planning processes.
- Many decision makers rely only on results from cost/benefit analysis a method which is not alone suitable for long term decision making. We need accept for applying other methods as well.



Today's climate instruments can reduce emission with approx. 3 Mtons until 2020

- CO2-tax on use of fossil fuels in most sectors (25- 45 Euro/ton)
- European Trading System (ETS)
- Differentiated tax system for purchase of cars
- Funding to increase production and use of renewable energy
- The planning and building Act
 - IA required in all major development projects
 - Energy and climate plans in all municipalities
 - Standards for energy supply and use in buildings

