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The Geological Survey of Norway is the country's central institute for the collection, processing and distribution of information on the bedrock geology, superficial deposits, mineral resources and groundwater of mainland Norway. NGU is a government agency under the administration of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. NGU currently has 220 employees and an annual turnover of c. NOK 185 million. The institute also has its own public geoscience library.

NGU's MAIN TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

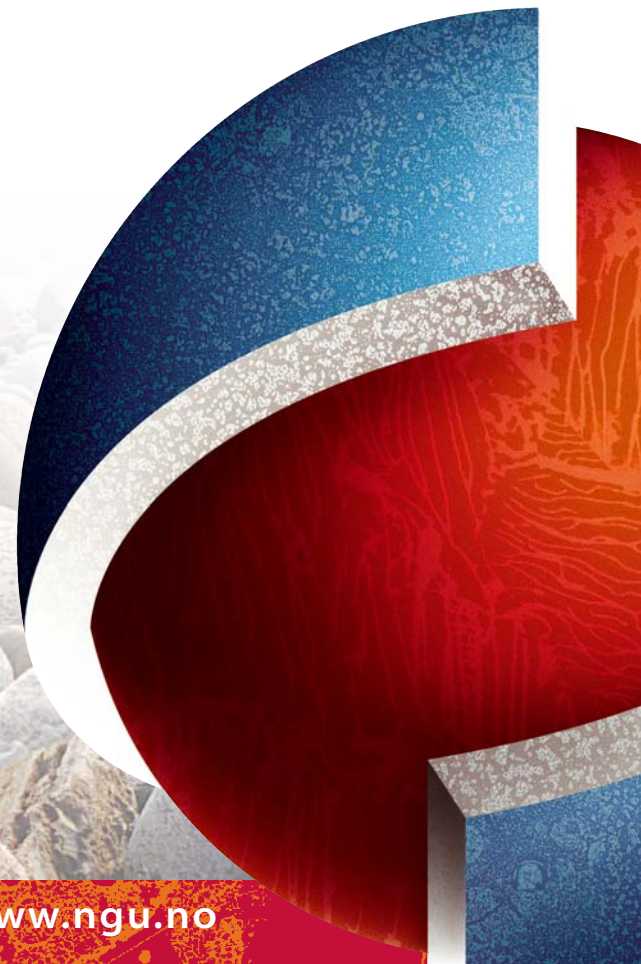
- ▶ Latest information on nature and the environment
- ▶ Economic growth in the mineral industry
- ▶ Improved public planning and land management



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REGIONAL MAPPING

Mapping, compilation, assessment and management of the country's bedrock and superficial deposits and their geophysical properties.

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LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Acquisition of information and knowledge on the evolution of the landscape and natural climatic changes through geological time.

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UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTIONS AND GROUND-SOURCE HEAT

Mapping of zones of weakness in the bedrock and the thermal energy potential of soils and bedrock.

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ENVIRONMENTAL GEOCHEMISTRY

Investigation of pollution in towns and cities, and in and around nursery schools and play areas.

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GROUNDWATER

Compilation and management of information and knowledge on groundwater and wells for drinking water.

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LANDSLIDES AND HAZARDS

Mapping and management of potentially dangerous areas and slopes liable to be affected by landslides. Data and information on website www.skrednett.no

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MARINE GEOLOGY

Compilation of information and knowledge on Norwegian coastal and offshore areas; available on website www.mareano.no

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CRUSTAL PROCESSES

Acquisition of data and knowledge on the nature and development of the Earth's crust.

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GEODYNAMICS

Investigation of processes operating in the Earth's mantle and studying links with ongoing processes on the land surface.

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GRAVEL AND AGGREGATE

Compilation and distribution of data and information on sand, gravel and aggregate as raw materials for the construction industry.

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INDUSTRIAL MINERALS

Compilation of data on industrial minerals for industry and public management and planning.

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DIMENSION STONE

Management of information and knowledge on the country's quarries and deposits of dimension stone.

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CONTINENTAL MARGIN GEOPHYSICS

Improving our knowledge of the Norwegian continental shelf with the application of new data on magnetism, gravity, heat flow and seismics.

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