

## Group Study Visit in Oslo, Norway Governance, Procurement and Zero-Emission Solutions

Oslo, Norway's capital and largest city, is positioning itself as a global leader in urban climate action with the goal of becoming fossil-free by 2030. Through pioneering tools like its climate budget, long-term climate strategy, and Climate City Contract, Oslo embeds emissions targets into core governance – already achieving over half of energy use in public works from zero-emission sources.

### Key Climate Actions to discover

**Climate governance mechanism:** Since 2016, Oslo has integrated a climate budget into its municipal budget process, setting an annual emissions ceiling alongside traditional financial limits. By aligning climate targets with fiscal planning across sectors such as transport, energy, nature, and adaptation, the city uses this governance tool to systematically steer policies toward its climate goals.

**Zero-emission construction sites:** Since 2017, Oslo has mandated fossil-free construction in public contracts, accelerating the shift to electric machinery and clean energy on worksites. Through targeted procurement and close market collaboration, the city is steadily advancing toward fully zero-emission public construction.

**Sustainable procurement:** Oslo uses public procurement as a strategic lever to accelerate more sustainable production and consumption, embedding this commitment at top management level across its agencies and in their local action plans. By leveraging its market power, the city stimulates innovation and helps create markets for more sustainable products and services.

### Learn from these enabling factors

- **Technological innovation** – Deploying and scaling zero-emission technologies to reduce direct emissions in key sectors.
- **Finance and funding via procurement** – Using socially and environmentally responsible public procurement to steer markets and unlock sustainable investment.
- **Governance innovation and collaboration** – Integrating climate targets into decision-making through the Climate Budget and cross-sector working processes.

### Learn about the collaboration with local stakeholders

- **Local business representatives** - Business for Climate Network
- **SINTEF** – Research partner supporting innovation projects, such as PURE, GRIP, NZC-CESF.
- **Bellona Europa** – Environmental NGO collaborating on climate initiatives as PURE and NZC-CESF.
- **Hafslund Rådgivning** – Energy advisory partner providing technical expertise
- **NGOs** promoting wildlife, nature and fjord accessibility'