

Village 74

Building the Sustainable Coastal Community



In today's highly competitive world, many small Norwegian coastal communities find it difficult to maintain jobs, vital social functions and even their population.

What is the sustainable coastal community and how can it be achieved?

Our village will take up the challenge of finding a solution. We will work with one coastal community near Trondheim that is now bubbling over with new ideas. Among these are ideas to:

Bring in more permanent residents

Revitalize traditional fisheries

Bring in Chinese assistance to develop underutilized marine species

Develop new forms of tourism ("Responsible Hippies")

Find new uses for natural resources

Arrange cultural events

These projects need inputs of academic and practical knowledge and the application of new technology.

Possible Projects:

Students will have **access to existing information** on Rissa kommune and the local community, **Råkvåg**, including information on those projects already under way or planned. Association with the Program "**Kysten er klar**" ("The Coast is Ready") will ensure good contact with management authorities. The program encompasses 8 coastal communities in Sør Trønderlag as well as the Sør Trønderlag fylkeskommune.

Students can **evaluate** one of the many project proposals or **initiate** their own proposals. They can also choose whether they want to focus on a single, bounded project, or try a more holistic approach. They may emphasize one or another academic discipline – sociology, political science, economics, biology, cultural studies, a technological field, and so forth.

The EiT groups will present the results of their projects publically at the end of the semester. Students will meet with resource people along the way.

Practical Information

This is an intensive village and the language of instruction is English.

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Desired competence: Social scientists (sociologists, political scientists, economists, etc), historians, anthropologists, natural scientists, agronomists, architects, technology students . . .

External partners:

Sør-Trøndelag fylkeskommune's "Kysten er klar"(The Coast is Ready) program

Organizations and individuals in the local community Råkvåg)

Rissa kommune