

European Challenges

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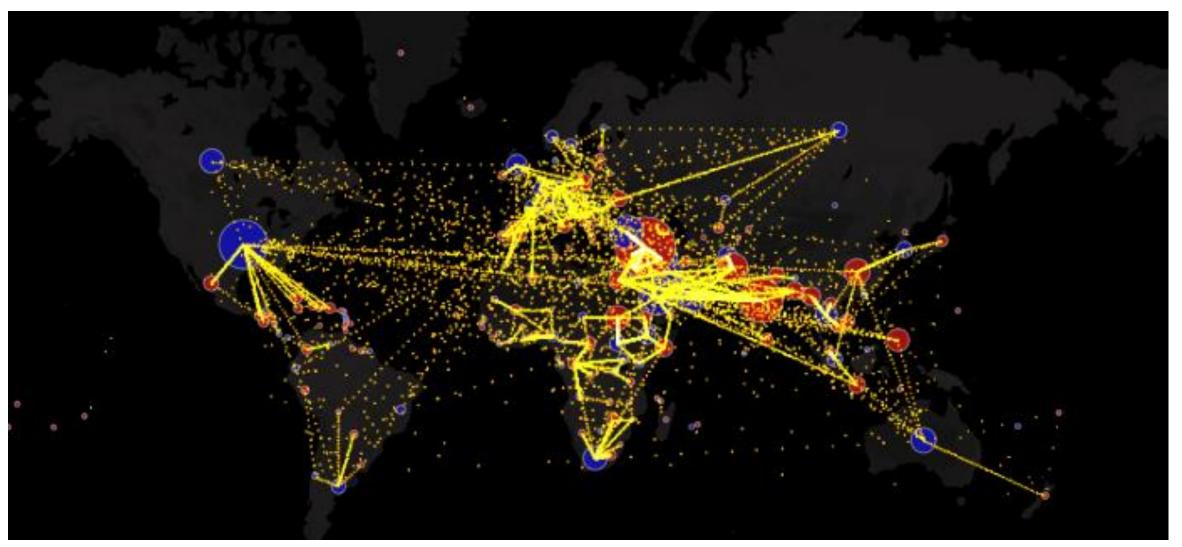
3 main challenges/threats in Europe today

- 1. Climate change
- 2. Migration
- 3. Radicalization, populism and nationalism

Linked together



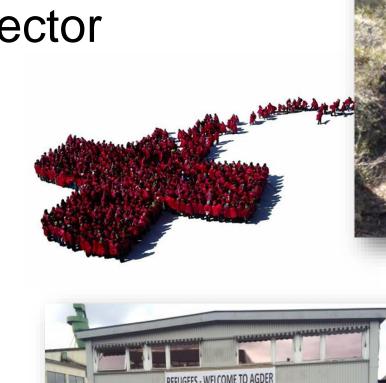
Migration in the world. Visualized in one map





Partner 1: The third sector

- Refugee oriented organizations:
 - Refugee welcome to Agder
 - The Norwegian Church
 - Welcoming centers etc.
- Sport and culture
 - Football clubs
 - «Fargespill»
- The buddy system









Partner 2: Business community

- Cooperation with companies and businesses
- Kristiansand Chamber of Commerce
- Strategy on how to employ refugees
- One refugee in every Stormberg Store.





Partner 3: «Super integration centers»

- 5 new «super integration centers» in Norway
- Kristiansand got the biggest one with up to 180 participants
- Career guiding
 - Introduction to important topics
 - The most motivated are selected for this
 - Sign a contract.
- 5 partners with attendance: City of Kristiansand, Job counselors, Career centers, UDI (Immigration office), IMDI (Integration office)







Norwegian extremists: Not well educated, but marginalized

Report from sept. 2016:

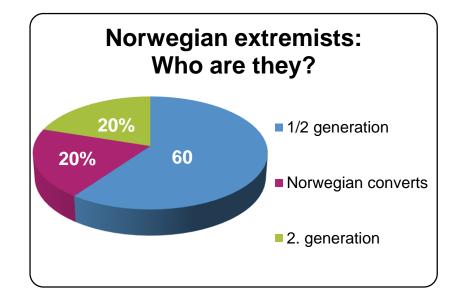
- 137 extremists. (100 Syria-fighters)
- 64% unemployed
- 4% started at College.
 (Only 1 of them had a college degree)
- 2/3 had criminal records

Source: Norwegian Security Police Report september 2016



«There is a great responsibility on each one of us to prevent radicalization and violent extremism»

Erna Solberg, prime minister





21. september 2013 – Westgate Shopping center, Kenya (63 killed)



Summary

- 1. Climate changes and conflicts will lead to migration
- 2. Failed integration may lead to radicalization and nationalism
- 3. This is a threat, and we have to succeed with integration

At the end of the day integration is about:

Employment, education, social capital, network and sense of belonging

