

Portfolio plan Global Development and International Relations

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Investment goals

The Government's priorities are stated in the long-term plan for research and higher education 2019–2028. This portfolio will have a particular responsibility for the long-term plan's priority area Societal security and social cohesion in a globalised world.

The efforts outlined in this portfolio plan will contribute to realising the main goals of the Research Council of Norway's executive strategy, [Empowering ideas for a better world](#) (2020 – 2024), in particular the goal of Sustainable Development and the strategic area Cohesion and Globalisation.

The investment goals consist of societal goals and user goals based on the criteria from the Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management.^[2] The measures initiated by the Research Council shall result in expected outcomes and societal impacts that are in accordance with an intervention logic model. See Appendix 1 for a presentation of this portfolio's investment logic model.

Figure 2 Schematic illustration of the investment logic model on which this portfolio plan is based.

The investment goals provide direction and scope for the Portfolio Board's more concrete goals and priorities, which are laid down in the investment plans – the three-year plans for the portfolio's calls for proposals and other measures.

[2]The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management

Societal goals

The societal goals correspond to the societal impacts towards which the research and innovation efforts are directed. To underpin the executive strategy of the Research Council, the Portfolio Plan for Global Development and International Relations sets out the following societal goals:

1. Societies across the world are resilient and informed.
2. Researchers collaborate internationally in genuine, fair, and equitable partnerships.
3. Norway contributes effectively to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
4. Norway is prepared to deal with the challenges and opportunities it faces in pursuit of its interests and values.

User goals

A well-functioning research and innovation system is a prerequisite for realising society's goals. In the Portfolio for Global Development and International Relations, the Government, the corporate sector, the public sector, local communities, and civil society, on both the national and international level, are important users of the research. The Research Council will bring together actors in research institutions and key users of research to produce ground-breaking and useful research and innovation. This portfolio plan aims to address the following user goals:

1. Civil society and citizens have confidence in and make use of research, participate in the development of knowledge, and help to create innovative and sustainable solutions.
2. Researchers within the portfolio's areas maintain high quality, theoretical and methodological diversity, and creativity in research, and participate actively in international research, development and innovation.
3. Governments, policymakers, practitioners and the corporate sector use research to shape global health and development policy and practice, in particular in LMICs.
4. The government uses research to frame Norwegian foreign and security policy.

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