

# FATF EVALUATION NORWAY 2014

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# What am I going to address?

- Background: quick intro to civil society in Norway
- Meeting with the evaluators
- What did FATF say?
- How was it perceived?
- Closer: food for thought

# Facts about civil society in Norway

- 80% are members of one or more organizations
- 64% are volunteering one or more times annually
- 80 000 organizations
  - Non-profits
  - 78% are membership based

# More facts

- Public grants: 1/3 of the sectors total income
- 20% of the sectors total resources (money and voluntary hands/heads) are public grants

# All political parties in Norway agrees that NGOs are....

- Important watch-dogs in our democracy
- «schools» in civic participation
- Important arenas for adult learning
- Important for building social capital
- Important for providing services
- Important for reducing poverty in the world and in Norway
- Important for crisis response
- Important for children and youth`s activities
- Important for public awareness rising

# Legislation

- Associations can operate without being a legal entity
- No legislation concerning membership based associations
- Above 12 years of age can be elected president
- Voluntary to register in the register for civil society organizations
- Voluntary to register in the fund-raising register

# Lots of incentives to register

- Tax exemption
- Tax exemption for gifts
- VAT refund
- Participation in different public grants

# Meeting with the evaluators: describe and explain!

- Focus on lack of legislation
- Focus on what FATF considers to be lack of public control
- Focus on NGO`s tranfers of funds to foreign NGOs
- Focus on NGO`s selection of partners in sivil society abroad
- Focus on how NGOs deals with the risk of corruption



# Message from the Association of NGOs in Norway:

- Not only government can provide sufficient control of organizations: members running transparent organizations can ,too!
- Financing terrorism is prohibited in the criminal law. The law works!
- Carrots work better than control!
- If new control mechanisms are introduced room for civil society and civic participation will shrink – for those who need it most!

# What did FATF say in their report?

- **Non-profit organisations**

NPOs that are not in receipt of public funding are not required to implement controls and standards for NPOs.

There is a lack of proportionate and dissuasive sanctions for violations of the standards for NPOs.

# What happened next?

- No formal (or informal) discussion between NGOs and government about FATFs evaluation
- The fund-raising register law was abolished as planned.
- The government intensifies its efforts to make it as easy as possible to run an organization and be a volunteer.

# Food for thought:

- How much should civil society be controlled by the government?
- When does control prevent civil society to fulfill it`s role as civil society?

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