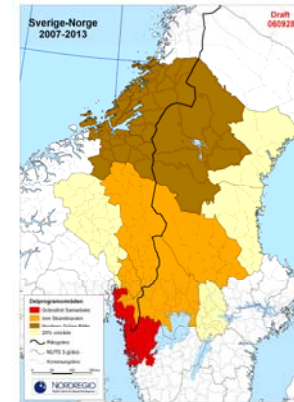
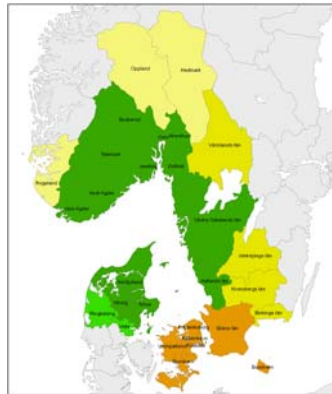




Østfold and Interreg

10 years of experience and 7 years of opportunities



European territorial cooperation

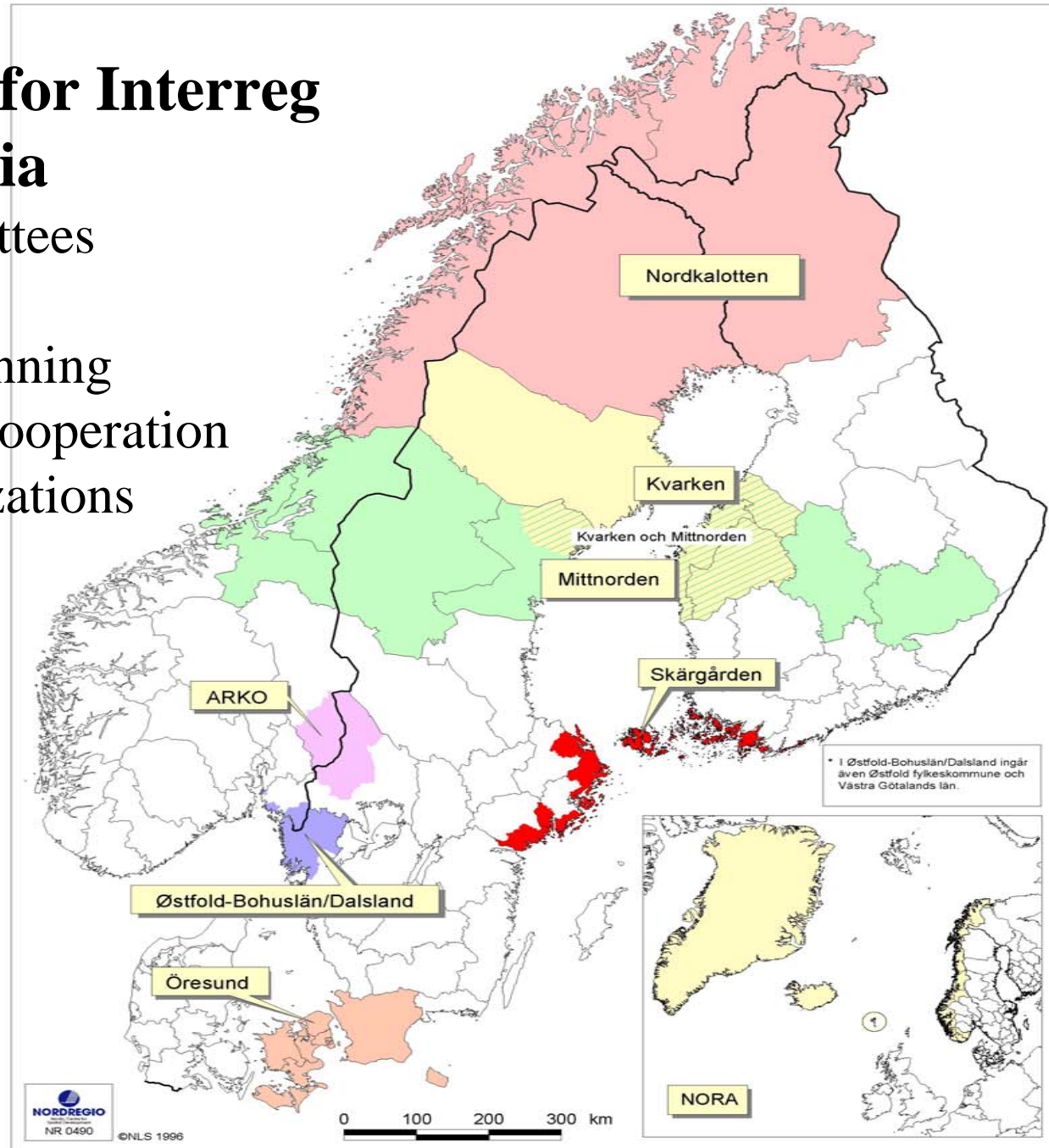
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Background for Interreg in Scandinavia

- Border committees
- Friendship cooperation/twinning
- Cross border cooperation between organizations



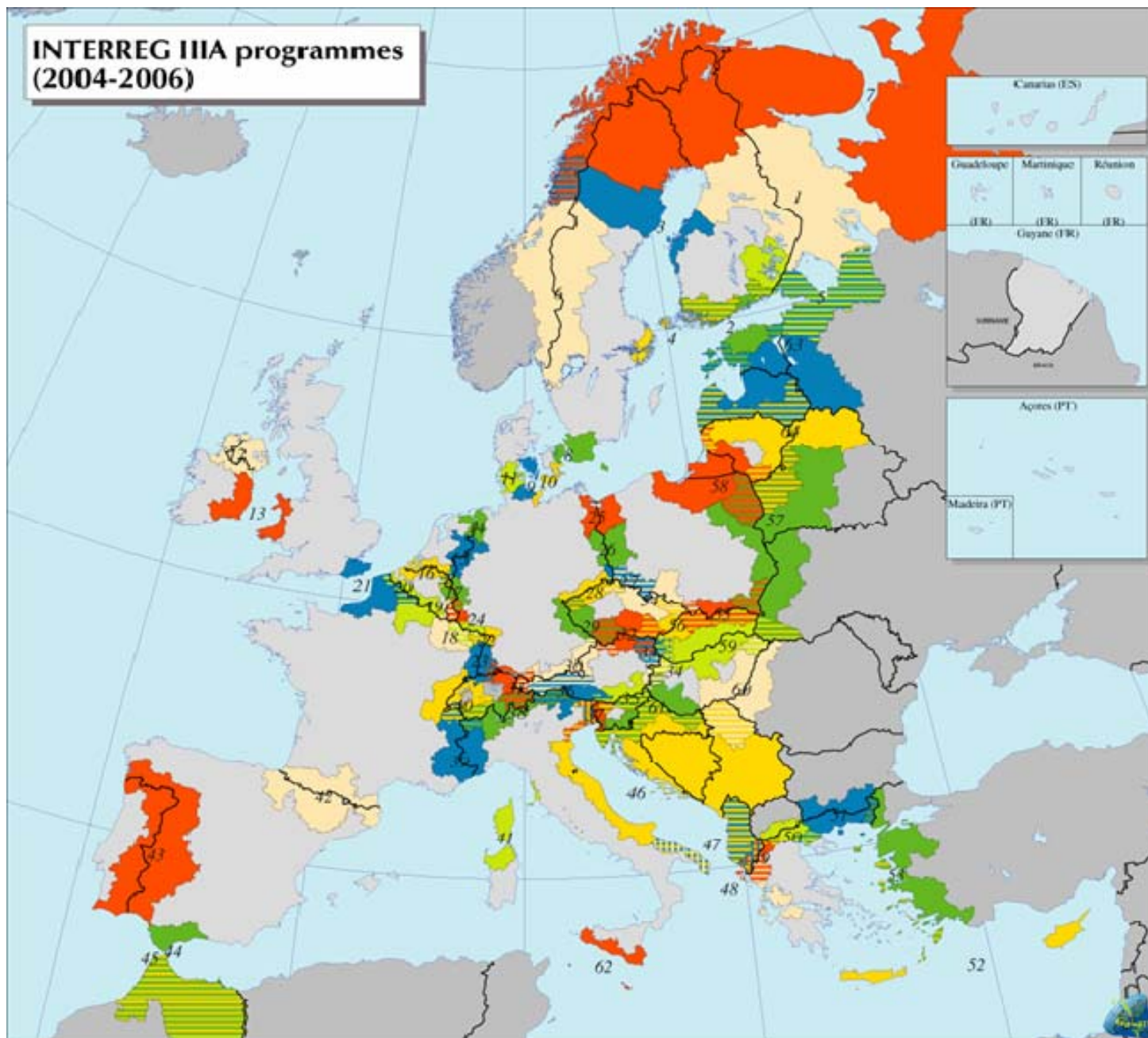


History: Interreg IIA 1996-2000

- ❑ The Interreg IIA cooperation followed a Norwegian "no" and a Swedish "yes" to EU membership. The irony is that Østfold voted for EU membership, while Bohuslän did not
- ❑ Interreg became community initiative and a new, but important, part of the European structural funds
- ❑ Østfold and Bohuslän joined to develop a program for cross border cooperation
- ❑ 200 million Kroner (45 from the government) to be used in the border region from 1996 - 2000
- ❑ Projects: Helleristningsprosjektet (Rock carvings), Grensesjekken (business to business), GIS/GIT (maps), Foretaksomme kvinner i grenseland (women and entrepreneurship)



**INTERREG IIIA programmes
(2004-2006)**





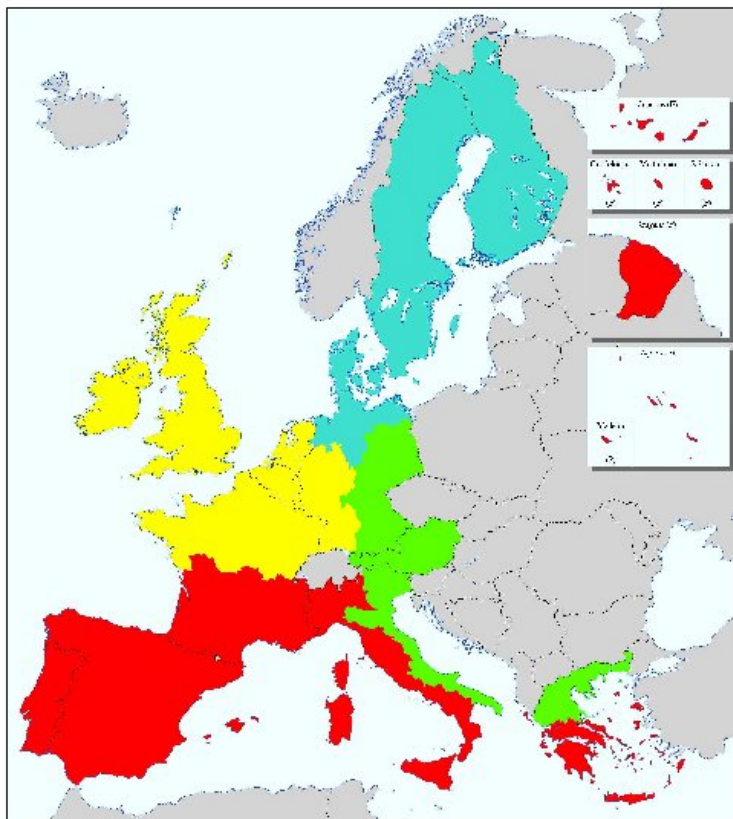
History: Interreg IIIA 2000-2007

- ❑ From three independent cross border programs to one large Sweden – Norway program!
- ❑ Østfold participate in “Borderless cooperation” and ”Inner Scandinavia”
- ❑ Three independent steering committees with a total budget of 190 mill from the Norwegian government and 270 mill from EU (GS: 60 KRD and 80 EU)
- ❑ Projects: Border Service Morokulien, Contact fairs, Research based business development,



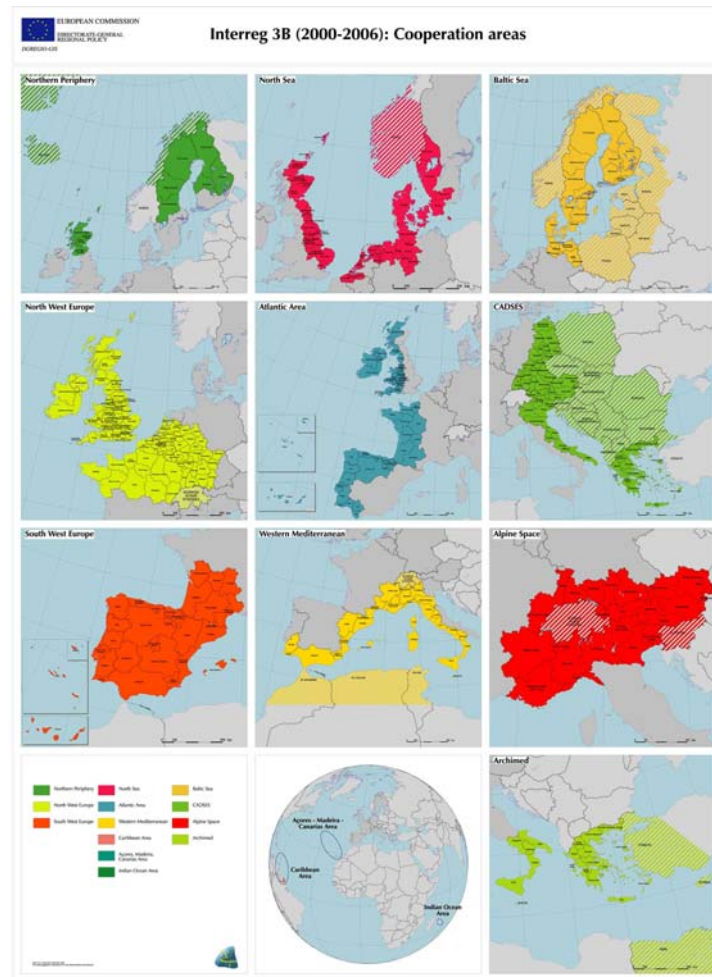
INTERREG III C

The whole of Europe



INTERREG III B

Transnational programmes!



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Projects III B og C

Some examples:

- ❑ **PIPE – youth project (Baltic Sea)**
- ❑ **Metropolitan Areas – city developement just outside capitals (North Sea)**
- ❑ **Suportnet – tourism/boats and maps (Baltic Sea)**
- ❑ **North Sea Cycling route – tourism (North Sea)**
- ❑ **Innovation Circle – youth, democracy and entrepreneurship (Baltic Sea)**
- ❑ **Culinary Heritage – local food(Interreg IIIC)**
- ❑ **Hepro – creating health profiles in european regions (Baltic Sea)**



From Interreg IIIA to European territorial cooperation

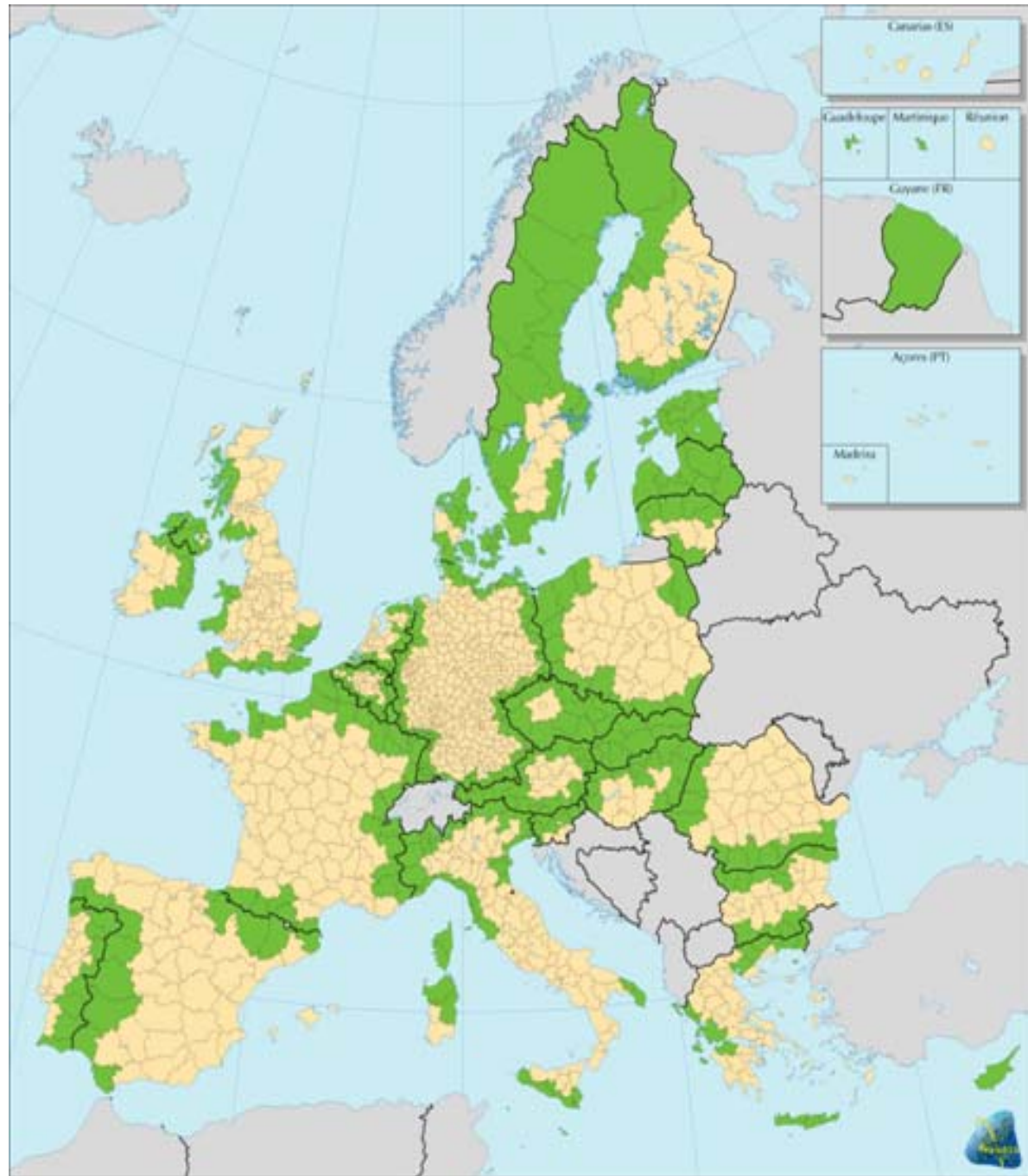
- ❑ Interreg has been a community initiative for two structural fund periods
- ❑ Starting a new period, the program has been upgraded to structural funds Objective 3
- ❑ Cooperation across maritime borders provides an opportunity for a new program in Scandinavia
- ❑ The counties have been asked to contribute to develop new cross-border programs





□ Cross border cooperation 2007 – 2013

- Regions where cross border cooperation is implemented under Objective 3 of the Structural Funds





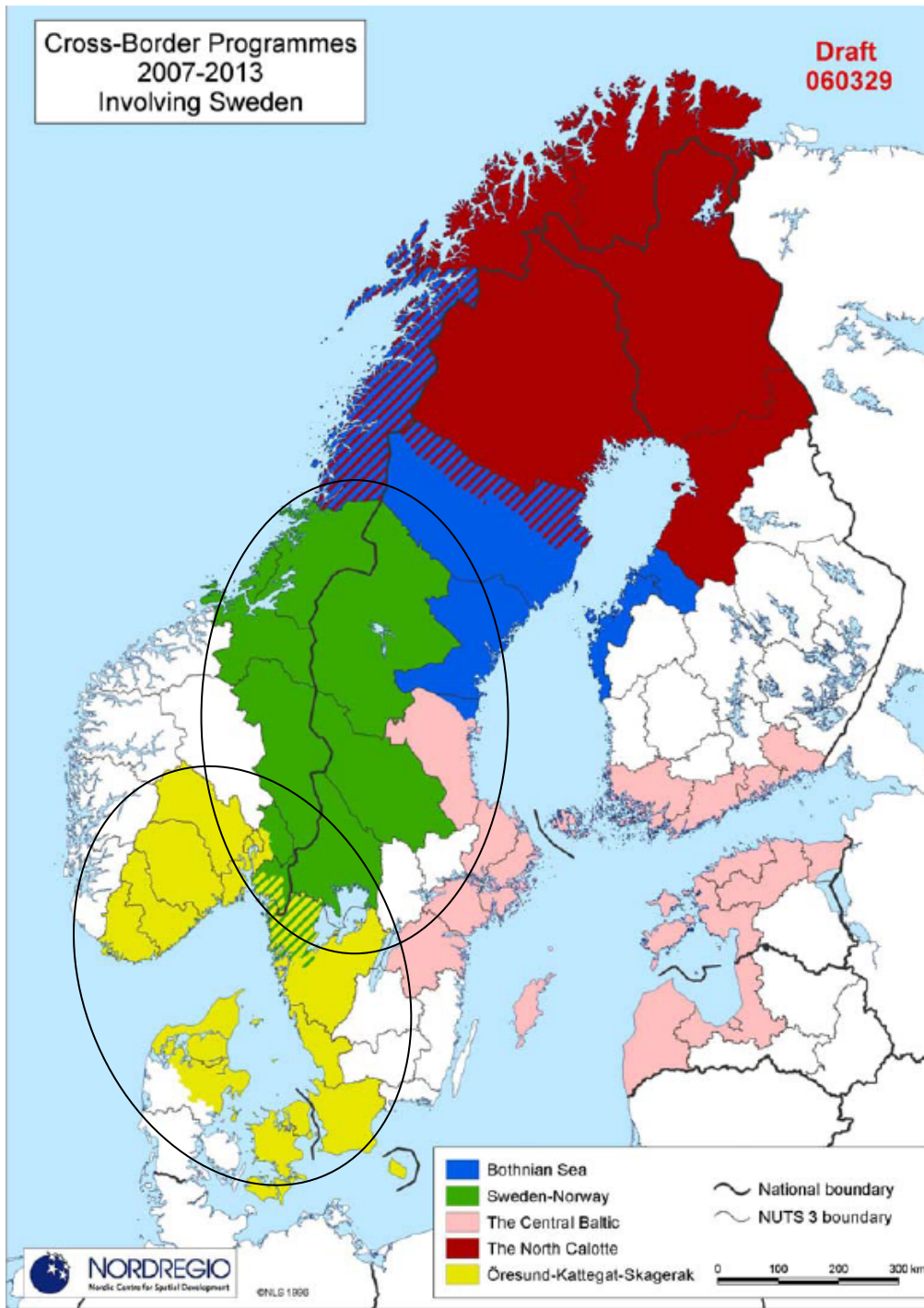
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- ❑ Østfold will participate in two separate programs
- ❑ Sweden - Norway
- ❑ Øresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak (ØKS)



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Priority axis

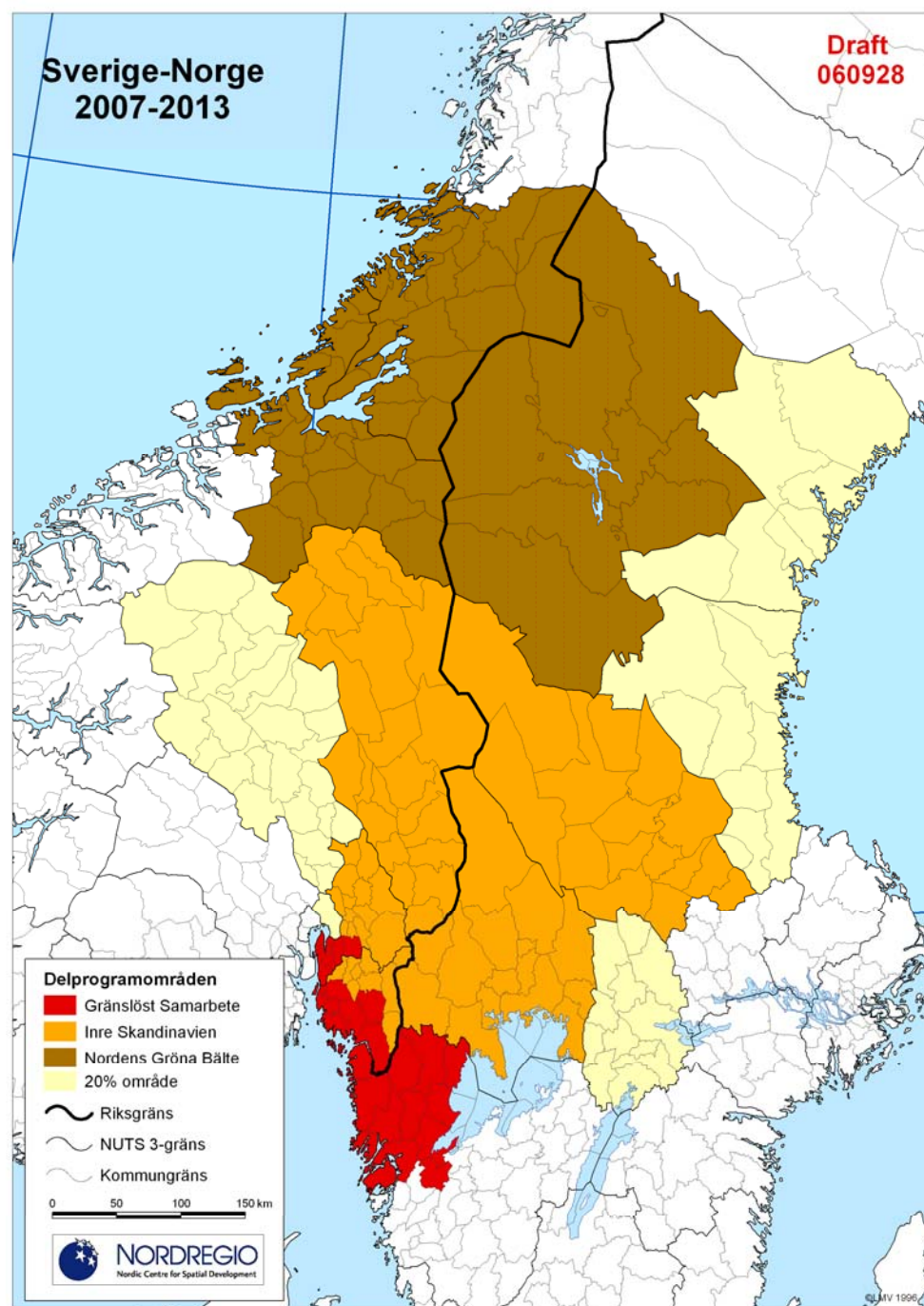
- The axis are based on the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas:

Sustainable Economic Growth

1. Border obstacles
2. Business development and entrepreneurship
3. Competence and Innovation
4. Infrastructure

Quality of Life

1. City- and rural development
2. Public health
3. Culture and creativity
4. Household and natural resources

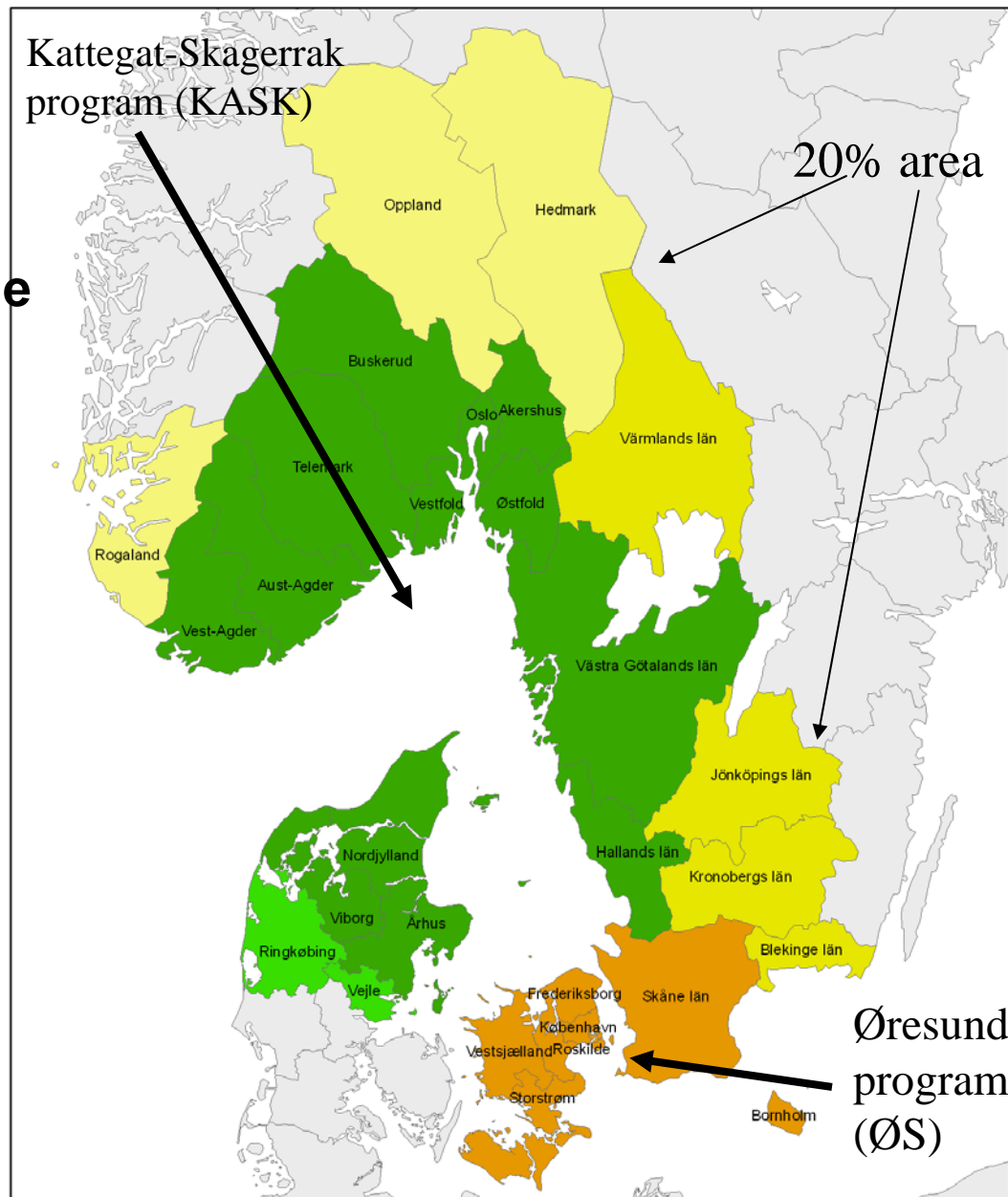




ØKS -programme

Priority axis

- **Promoting sustainable economic growth**
 - Based on Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas
- **Connecting the regions**
 - Connecting organizations, institutions and activities
- **Daily integration**
 - Based on the individuals in the border region





Interreg as a tool in Østfold - ØKS vs. Sweden/Norway

□ Øresund-Kattegat-Skagerrak

- Larger projects with focus on regions and larger municipalities
- Several participating regions and nations (almost a transnational B-programme)
- Corridor approach
- More overall cooperation (Gothenburg-Oslo, Scandinavian arena etc.)

□ Sweden / Norway

- Smaller projects
- More focus on municipalities, border committees and organizations
- Principle of closeness
- Build on current cross border cooperation