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State Support and Student Success: Lessons from Norway's Student Housing Programme

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Student welfare organizations (samskipnad)

- Samskipnad – a nonprofit entity governed by a special act
- As a principal student housing is for and by students
 - Democratic influence
 - Ensures that student housing remains for students in perpetuity
 - The framework surrounding studenthousing

Studentsamskipnadene in Norway



280 000 students



40 000 housing units



33 fitness center



63 000 consultations



211 various courses



32 daycare centers



2 700 employees



7 bookstores



143 dining facilities and cafés



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The Norwegian State Housing Bank

- Main implementing agency for housing policy in Norway.
- A goal to contribute to increasing the supply of student housing across Norway
- Provides loans and grants for student housing projects
 - New construction
 - Purchase and conversion
 - Rehabilitation of existing housing
 - Loans have lower interest than market rate



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Student housing funding model

- Number of grants per unit is set annually by the government
 - For 2026 it was 2000 units
- Based on a maximum cost ceiling per unit
 - NOK 1,6 million
 - € 140 000 - 150 000
- Grant per unit (subsidy, 40% of maximum cost)
 - NOK 651 150
 - € 55 000 – 60 000
- Remaining costs typically financed through loans



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Student Housing Agder

- 2500 housing units in Kristiansand and Grimstad, southern Norway
- Average housing price: 500 Euros each month
- Includes electricity, internet, furnished, caretaker services
- 40% single apartments,
- 40% shared apartments,
- 20% family/couples apartment





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Lund Torv: Student City in Kristiansand





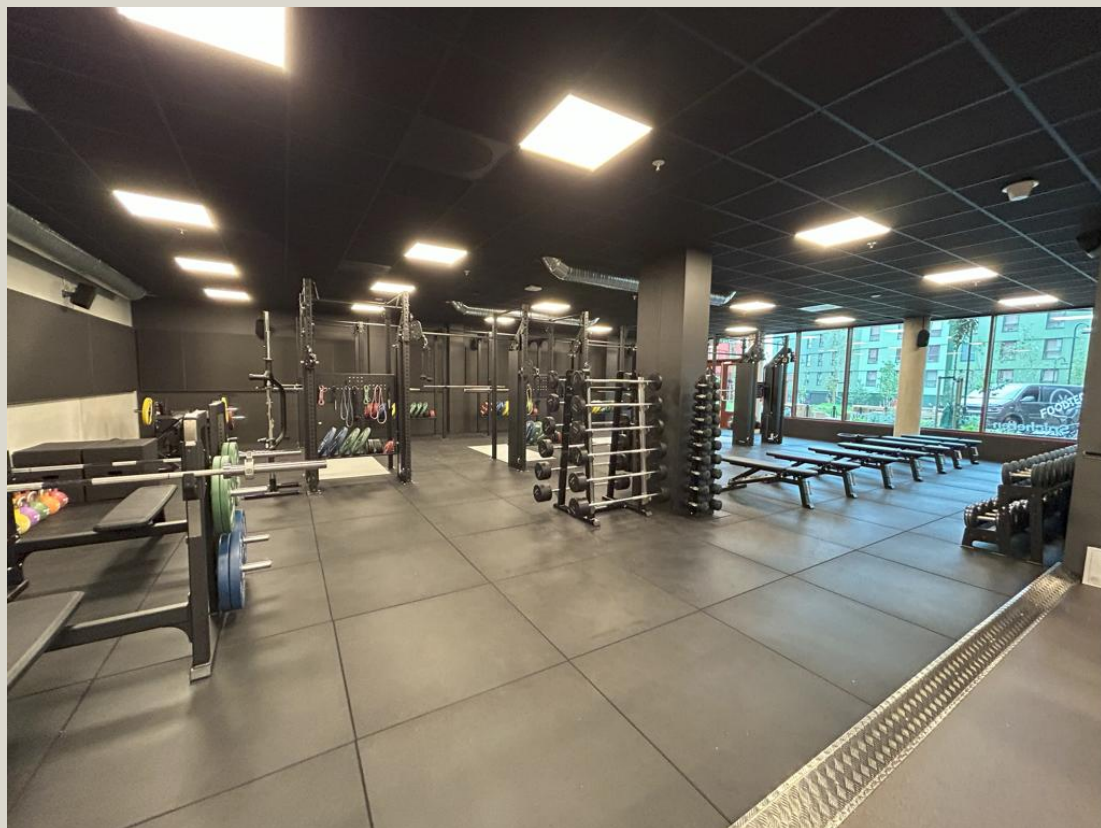
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400 housing units in the middle of Kristiansand





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Fantoft Student Village

Bergen, Norway – a full-scale renewal of Norway's largest student village

- Opened in 1968 – today home to more than 2,200 students
- A complete renewal carried out over six years: 1,500 refurbished units, plus 500 new units in Fantoft TRE, a new mass-timber building
- New kindergarten, an upgraded sports hall and a new park
- The 20-storey tower is one of Bergen's tallest buildings – a local landmark



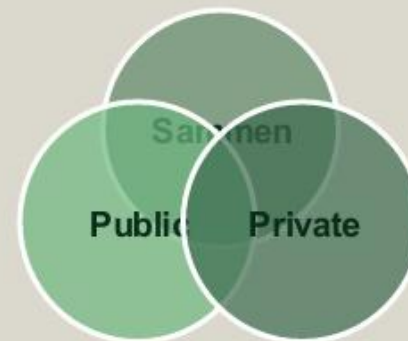
Verftsbyen, Laksevåg

Bergen, Norway – new student housing on the waterfront



- 280 new student housing units, completion expected in 2027
- Located in Laksevåg, one of Bergen's largest urban transformation areas
- Housing quality built around safety, green space, local shops, social meeting places and transport access

Collaboration as the success factor





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