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EUROPEAN • VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS SANDEFJORD - NORWAY 2023



APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE THE EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TABLE TENNIS 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,



The Norwegian Table Tennis Association (NTTA) hereby submits our application for organizing the European Veterans Championships in table tennis in 2023. We do so in collaboration and close partnership with Oslofjord Convention Center (OCC).

We believe that our concept for 2023 is quite unique, with the sports venue and accommodation on the same site. We will together with OCC create an «olympic village feeling» around the main event. Situated on the beautiful Norwegian coast there will also be possibilities for water activities, golf, multiple restaurants on site, visiting nearby cities like Oslo, Sandefjord and Tønsberg, etc., in addition to the competition itself.

The EVC 2023 will be an opportunity for the NTTA to generate media interest in table tennis both locally, regionally and nationally. This is the key for us to be able to recruit new players and to grow our sport in Norway.

We will also involve local clubs so we can pass on competence and skills to hopefully host more big events in the future. We've already started this year with hosting the 2020 Norwegian Championships in this venue.

The last time the NTTA hosted a big international competition was the 1996 World Veterans Championships in Lillehammer.

Now it's time to do it again.

The Norwegian Table Tennis Association celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2021 so the EVC 2023 would be the optimal gift.

Oslo, Norway. October 19th, 2020

Yours sincerely,

Christian Ibenfeldt,
President NTTA



OUR DREAM... AND MOTIVATION

OUR STRATEGIC GOAL:

- Norway is the new natural stop for international table tennis events

WHY:

- To develop table tennis in Norway as a competitive sport for all ages, and a life long activity
- To develop table tennis as an attractive commercial partner
- To lift the experience of international table tennis to a new level
- To offer learning opportunities to Norwegian youth, in sports, hospitality, languages and international events
- To let the participants feel, taste and experience the Norwegian coastline, and long light summer evenings
- To bring table tennis to the people of Norway

HOW:

- Strategic partnership with leaders in sports, events, hospitality and marketing, like Oslofjord Convention Center (OCC)
- A fresh, Nordic approach – open for new ideas
- The most compact table tennis championships - ever.



NTTA IS PROUD TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS SUPPORT FROM THE NORWEGIAN OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE AND CONFEDERATION OF SPORTS



Berit Kjøll
President of The Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports



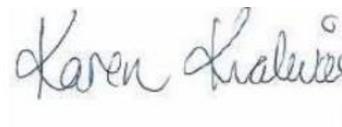
Date: January 28th, 2021

Letter of support to the Norwegian Table Tennis Association as hosts of the ETTU's European Veterans Table Tennis Championship 2023

We hereby confirm that the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports fully support the application from the Norwegian Table Tennis Association to host the ETTU European Veterans Table Tennis Championships 2023 in Sandefjord, Norway in 2023.



President
Ms. Berit Kjøll



Secretary General
Ms. Karen Kvalevåg

NTTA HAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM VESTFOLD AND TELEMARCK COUNTY ...



Vestfold og Telemark
FYLKESKOMMUNE

Vestfold and Telemark County Municipality is very positive that a European Table Tennis Championship for veterans is planned in 2023 in our county - a place known for having the necessary infrastructure, facilities, knowledge and experience with the implementation of several major championships, cultural and sports events.

In our strategic plans, events are an important focus area and tool for achieving several of the UN's sustainability goals. Among other things, we see these events as a resource in area development, an important contribution to economic growth and a positive arena for inclusion and democracy learning among young people. We work to ensure that the events in our county have a green and sustainable profile.

The county municipality has its own subsidy scheme for large sports events, to facilitate an active and attractive region. The funds allocated through this scheme shall provide the organizer with support for the planning and implementation of the events. In 2020, we distributed a total of NOK 1.63 million.

The Norwegian Table Tennis Association was awarded NOK 100,000 to the Norwegian national championship in table tennis 2020, which was a test event and part of a long-term plan to be awarded the European Championship in table tennis for veterans in 2023.

Vestfold and Telemark County Municipality wants to support large events and be a partner in the planning and implementation phase. We work network-based and emphasize the development and sharing of organizer competence between different organizers, public administration levels and commercial and voluntary organizations. This with a view to the events in our region having high quality, good safety and a sustainable footprint.

We are very pleased that the Norwegian Table Tennis Association wants to apply for a European championship, and we want to support the application that the European Table Tennis Championships for veterans be added to Sandefjord municipality and Vestfold and Telemark county in 2023!

Terje Riis Johansen,
County Mayor



... AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANDEFJORD

Think Big – Think Sandefjord!



With this city motto, it's hard to think of anything else that would suit the spirit of Sandefjord better than hosting a significant and traditional sport event such as the EVC – one of the greatest festivals of table tennis in Europe. It truly would be an honor if we were given the opportunity!

Throughout history, sports, recreation activities, public health and voluntariness have had a very strong standing in Sandefjord. That, together with a culture characterized by entrepreneurial spirit and courage have contributed much to shape the identity of the Sandefjord personality. We like to stay open-minded and have a positive focus.

And there are many good reasons to be positive about hosting EVC in Sandefjord. At least two of them need to be addressed: It's impossible not to be impressed by the event site itself, Oslofjord Convention Center is without doubt one of the most modern and professional sport and event facilities in Europe, situated beautifully by the coast of Sandefjord.

Furthermore, with Torp Airport, the second largest international airport in the country, in our midsts, the athletes and officials coming in from Europe, will have only a few minutes drive to the competition area.

As mayor of Sandefjord, I will do my best to make your stay as pleasant as possible. And to be honest, by coming here in the middle of the summer, the climate will be doing most of the job for me. Sandefjord is known for being the place in Norway with the most sunny days during the months of June, July and August. So when not playing or watching table tennis, there should be plenty of chances to get a tan or a swim!

On behalf of Sandefjord kommune, I am very pleased that The Norwegian Table Tennis Association wishes to be the organizers of this major championship. We hereby support the application for the European Veterans Championship to be organized at the Oslofjord Convention Center in Sandefjord in 2023.

Bjørn Ole Gleditsch,
Mayor of Sandefjord



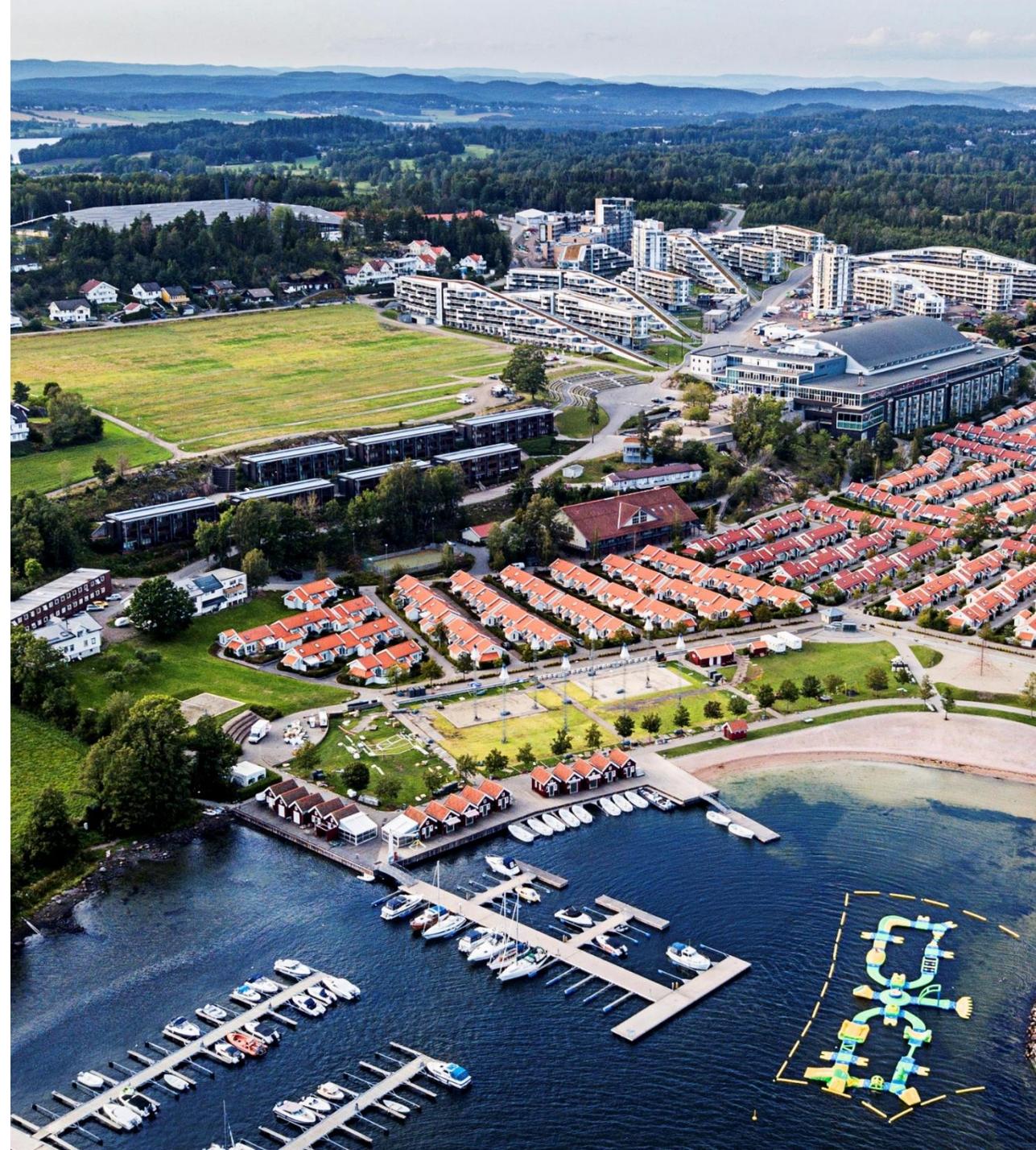


NTTA has entered into a collaboration with Oslofjord Convention Center to give our table tennis friends from all over Europe the best possible sport facilities and accommodation.

Oslofjord Convention Center (Oslofjord) is situated in a picturesque location along the coast, about 1.5 hours drive from Oslo. With Sandefjord Airport Torp just 20 minutes away, the convention center is easily accessed both from Norway and abroad. There are also direct train connections to Tønsberg and Stokke from Oslo Airport, Gardermoen.

Oslofjord Convention Center is characterized by its multifunctional and flexible solutions. The facilities and technical systems create nearly boundless possibilities for sports, presentations, entertainment and catering.

These capacities allow Oslofjord Convention Center to host international sport events and conferences of the highest quality while offering a reasonable pricing at the same level as earlier veterans games.



Flexible options - arrival and departure



FERRY

- Sweden (Strömstad) to Sandefjord
- Germany (Kiel) to Oslo
- Denmark (Fredrikshavn) to Larvik
- Denmark (Copenhagen) to Oslo



TRAIN

- Nearest train station (Stokke) only 7 minutes from Oslofjord
- From Oslo Central Station to Stokke 90 minutes (train departures twice per hour)
- Train directly from Oslo Airport to Stokke

→ Welcome desk and bus transport directly to Oslofjord



Flights - arrival and departure

FLIGHTS

Torp Airport
Sandefjord

20

MINUTES
FROM VENUE

Oslo Airport
Gardermoen

90

MINUTES
FROM VENUE

*Welcome desk at both airports to guide all participants
to shortest, and most convenient transportation*



Lufthansa

AIRFRANCE



BRITISH AIRWAYS



Scandinavian Airlines



RYANAIR

widerøe

norwegian

THIS IS OUR CONCEPT

ONE VILLAGE.
ONE VENUE.





BEACH AND MARINA

OSLOFJORD ARENA
MULTI PURPOSE HALL

1

FESTIVAL SQUARE

3

4

CONFERENCE HALL

2

CONVENTION CENTER

OSLOFJORD HOTEL

COMPACT GAMES
COMPETE AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER
WITH YOUR FRIENDS.
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GARDEN CITY

HOTEL APARTMENTS

GOLF COURSE

1



12 500 M² FLOOR FOR
COMPETITION AND PRACTICE

CAPACITY 160+ COMPETITION TABLES
40+ PRACTICE TABLES

2



600-1000 LUX LIGHTING

GERFLOR FLOORING

3



4



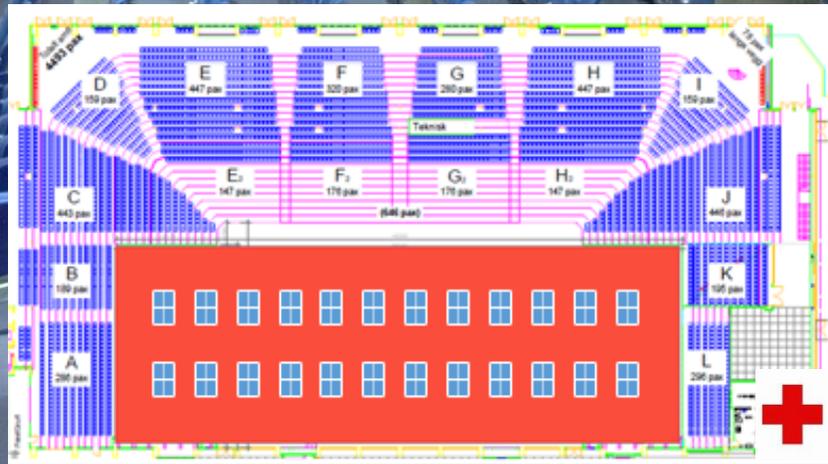


ARENA 1

5000 SPECTATOR SEATS

CONFERENCE HALL

FINAL ARENA 12-20 TABLES





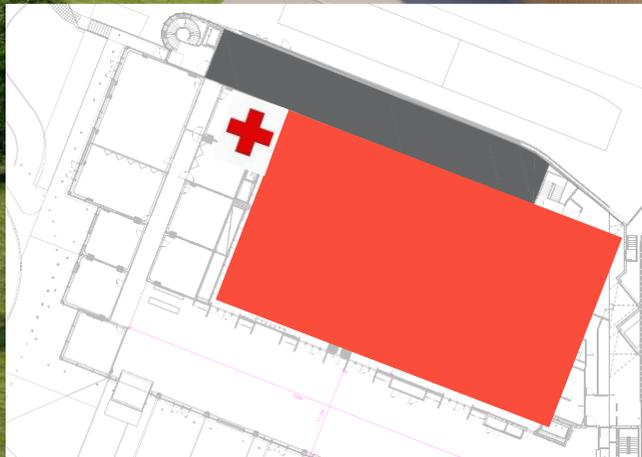
NEW CONVENTION CENTER
(READY SUMMER 2022)

CONFERENCE HALL

ARENA 2

CONVENTION CENTER

IN THE NEW CONFERENCE CENTER





ARENA 3

SPECTATOR AREA - 2000+

OSLOFJORD ARENA

MULTI-PURPOSE HALL



ARENA 4

SPECTATOR AREA - 2300

ICE HOCKEY ARENA

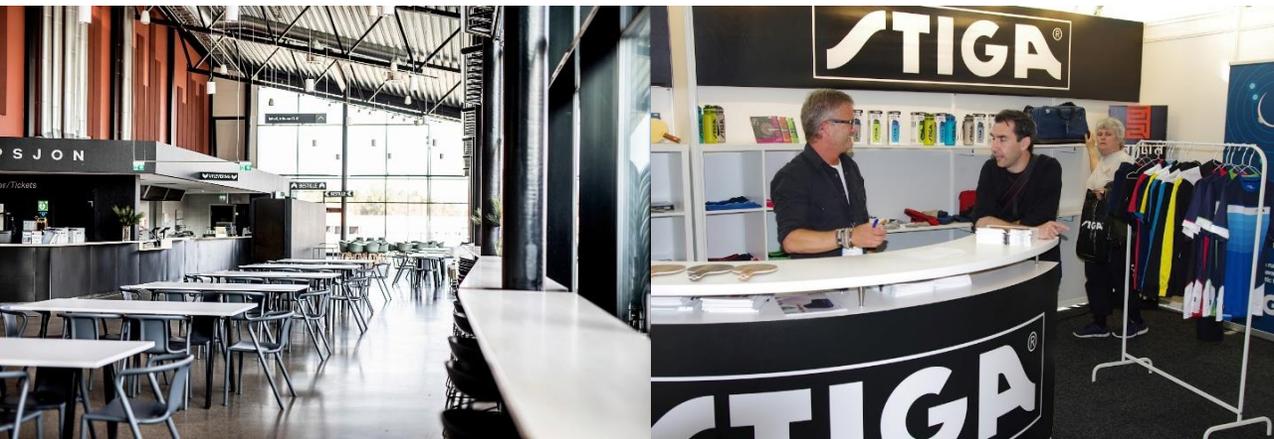
IN OSLOFJORD ARENA



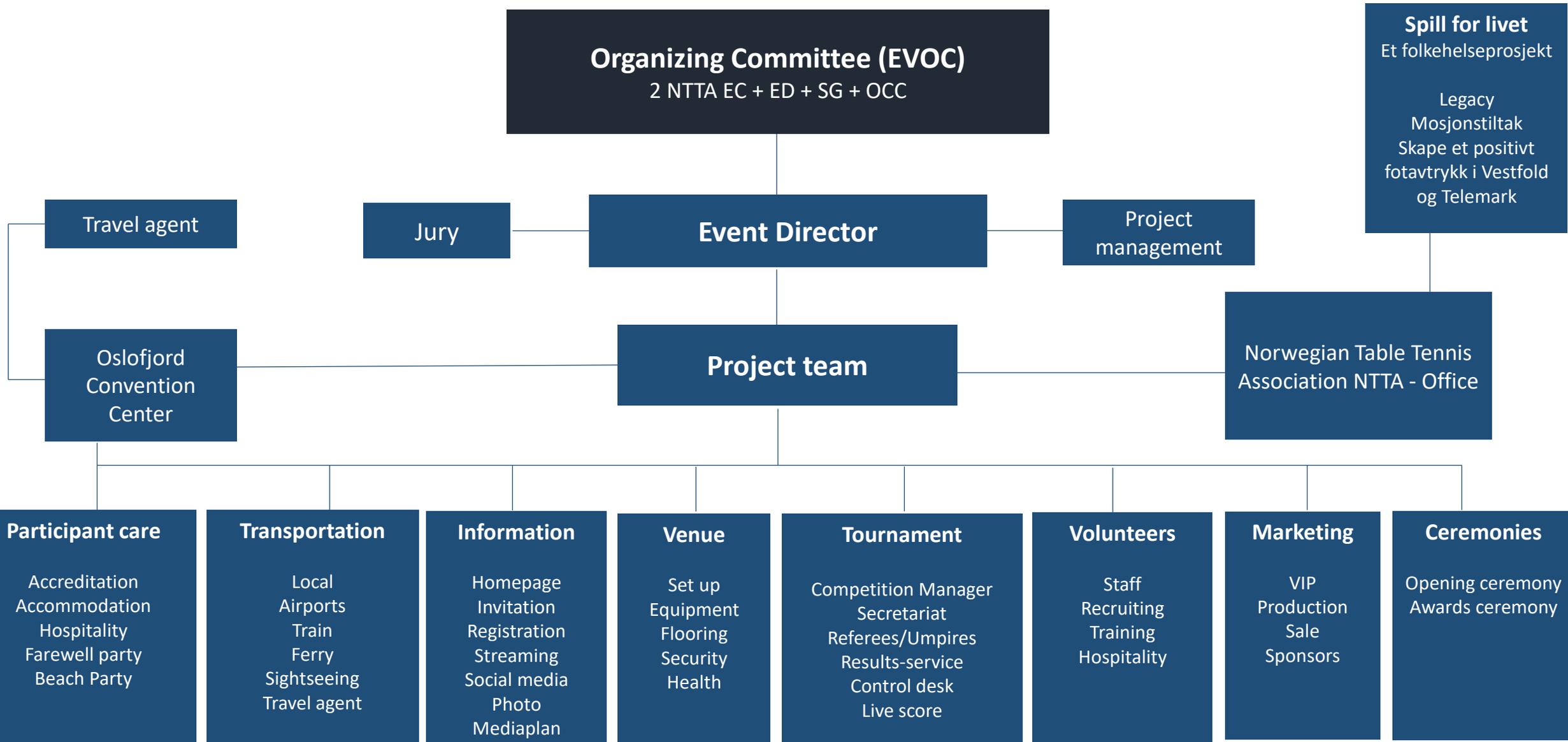
2000 m² spacious common areas inside Oslofjord Arena (the multi-purpose hall)

The spacious common areas are spread over several levels and can easily be converted into exclusive VIP areas, tournament secretariat and lounges for the event. In addition, we have a separate café right next to the reception when you enter the arena.

- Between the halls is a modern service building with seating areas, mingling areas and kitchen facilities, that can be used as a point of sale.
- Medical center will be situated in this area
- Stay close to the action with a great view to the multi-purpose hall and the ice hockey arena from the 2nd and 3rd floor.
- Sale stands for the ETTU and NTTA sponsors will also be given space in this area.



EVC Project Organization



Key personnel



Christian Ibenfeldt

NTTA President
WVC and EVC participant with silver medal in EVC 2017



Liv Sæther

NTTA Vice president



Anne Haug

NTTA EC
Chair Veterans Committee



Svenn-Erik Nordby

Former NTTA Sec.Gen
ITTF Media Committee member
Former Sec.gen NETU
Organizer WVC 1996



Øivind Eriksen

Chair ETTU TC
Former President NTTA, SCI, NETU
Former Chair ITTF PTT
Organizer WVC 1996



Tore Eig

Organizer and participant in several international veterans championships.
Organizer WVC 1996



Bengt Paulsen

NTTA Sec.Gen



Karl Børre Reite

ITTF Blue Badge umpire
Chair URC Norway



Gunnar Fosseng

Oslofjord Convention Center



Ghassan Chaer

NTTA office



Anders Hovden

NTTA EC
Chair Tournament Committee

Organizers experience

Key persons in the organizing team have long extensive and recent experience from national and international competitions.

Table tennis

- 1996 World Veterans Championships
- North European Championships
- North European Veterans Championships
- Norwegian Open
- Norwegian Para Open

Other events at Oslofjord Convention Center

As one of northern Europe's most modern convention center we have organized various numbers of conferences, sport championships and company events in very high numbers of participants.

To mention a few sports arrangements:

- National Championship in Volleyball
- Scandinavian Open Championship in fencing
- World Jump Rope with participants from 44 different countries
- Norwegian Championship in table tennis
- Scandinavian Open Championship in American Football.

We have extensive experience in handling big numbers of participants logistically, whether it is regarding booking, food and beverage or in general, crowd management.



Volunteers – numbers and how to recruit

We will recruit from:

- International umpires from all over Europe and some countries outside Europe
- Table tennis clubs all over Norway, local sport colleges, and local experienced sport organizers.

PERSONELL	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Venue set up staff	50	50	50	4	4	4	4	4	20
Area Manager		3	3	18	18		20	20	1
Table Manager		10	10	60	60		40	40	
Umpires							128	128	32
Info Desk		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2
Result Service		0	0	6	6		6	6	4
Court Service		0	0	8	8		8	8	2
Volunteer service		4	4	4	4		4	4	4
Staff captain		2	2	2	2		2	2	2
Live scoring									8
Award ceremony									6
Transport office		7	7	4	4	7	4	4	7
Total	50	80	80	110	110	15	220	220	88

Sponsors

ETTU PARTNERS



9,000 beds in the immediate vicinity of the convention center

We offer apartments in different designs. From idyllic summer cottage atmosphere and Nordic-inspired apartments to lucrative hotel rooms.

- Free Wi-Fi available
- Events in the conference hall may be viewed on the units' TV screens.

Our impressive and varied lodging capacity creates fantastic opportunities for events of all sizes, in one location.



2 500

Apartments / rooms



Hotel buildings

- 16 modern buildings with scandinavian style
- Separate bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, living room and balcony

9 000

Beds



Oslofjord Hotel

- 250 hotel rooms with high standard
- Here you will find a SkyBar, lobbybar, restaurant and meeting rooms



Garden city

- An idyllic cottage village near the sea and beach
- Accommodation for up to 10 persons per apartment



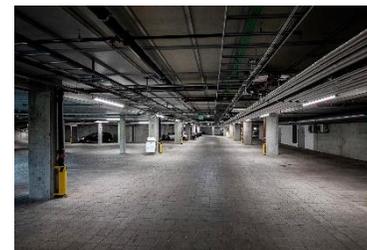
Apartments in conference center

- Stay close to what's happening at the convention center
- View towards the garden city and the sea



Area ideal for motorhomes and caravans

With a property of 860 000 m² we can offer plenty of space for those who prefer to organize accommodation themselves

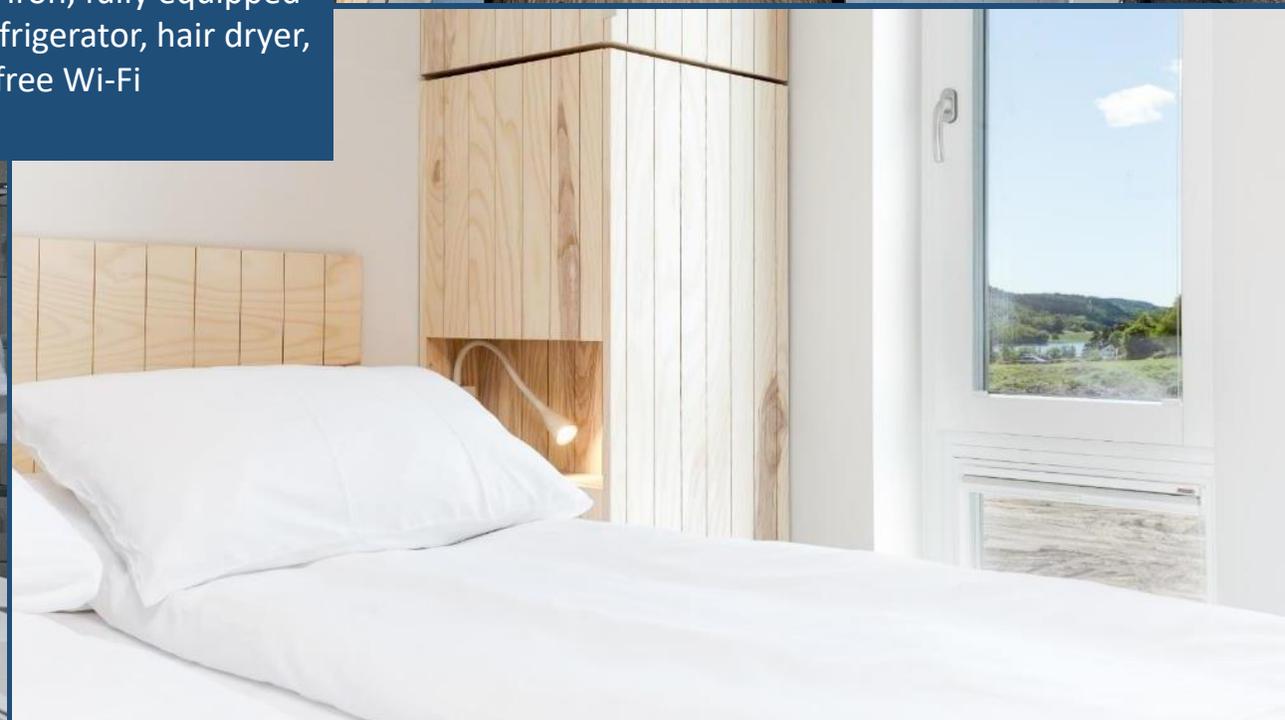


1500 indoor parking spaces

Most of the parking spaces are underground, which enables you to walk indoor all the way from the Arena to Oslofjord Hotel and the hotel buildings



Room facilities:
Washing machine, iron, fully equipped kitchen included refrigerator, hair dryer, TV and free Wi-Fi



Registration, Accreditation and Accommodation

State of the art technology and design creates the optimal environment for athletes and organizers.

- Skip the queue with app check in and accreditation
- Digital key to your apartment (app)
- Digital signages on-site provide information throughout the championship.
- Information on screens in the venue, on your tv and on your phone
- Meal tickets on your phone
- Your next match on your phone

VISA

Polically, Norway is open to welcome citizens from all countries in Europe. After entering a player in the tournament, it is the players responsibility to secure a visa if needed. Make sure that visa applications are made early enough- and ask for invitation letter from NTTA. The EVC 2023 Organizers will do everything possible to enable the entered players to get a visa.

- **EU/EEA citizens who wishes to visit Norway**
EU/EEA citizens do not need a visa to visit Norway, and can stay for up to three months.

Our website will have all information about how to apply.



Great dining possibilities

A property of 860,000 m² gives you unlimited possibilities. In addition to our fixed restaurants there will be several pop-up restaurants and various number of tents serving beer and different food.

- Norwegian traditional food
- Street food
- BBQ
- Asian style cooking
- Italian kitchen



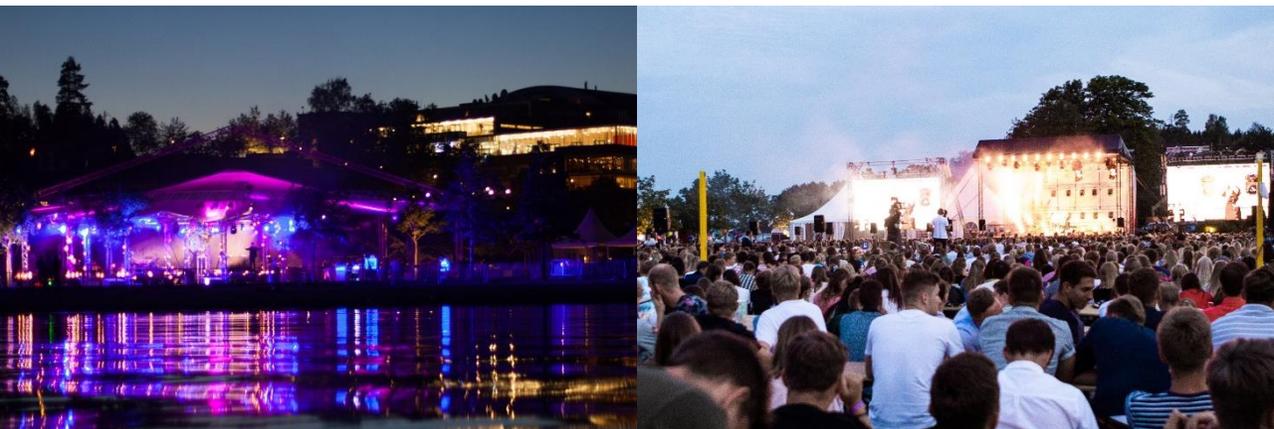
Beach Club on-site

There will be arranged a beach club and barbeque setting for participants and family only. Temperatures in June/July will normally be in the mid-twenties and a little bit lower in the sea.

Nice sandy beach and grass areas for sunbathing and relax. All just in walking distance from the arenas. It will be the perfect spot for socializing and different activities, e.g. beach volleyball and boats for rent.

Sun and daylight until 23.00 and pleasant temperature:

 23.00	 25°C	 20°C
SUN AND DAYLIGHT	AIR	WATER



Festival square of 5,500 m²

With the hotel buildings located on the left side, and the conference center on the right, this represents a unique outdoor meeting place.

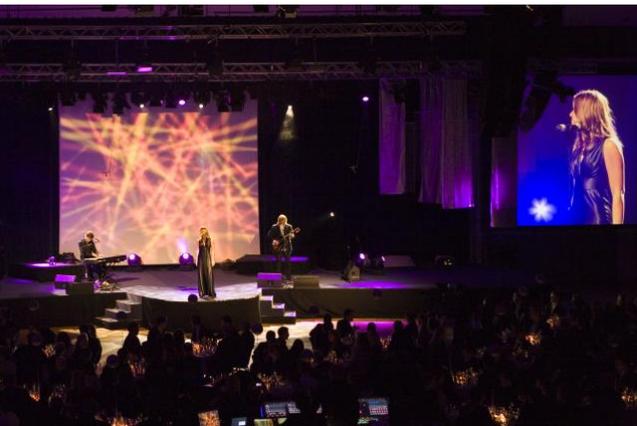
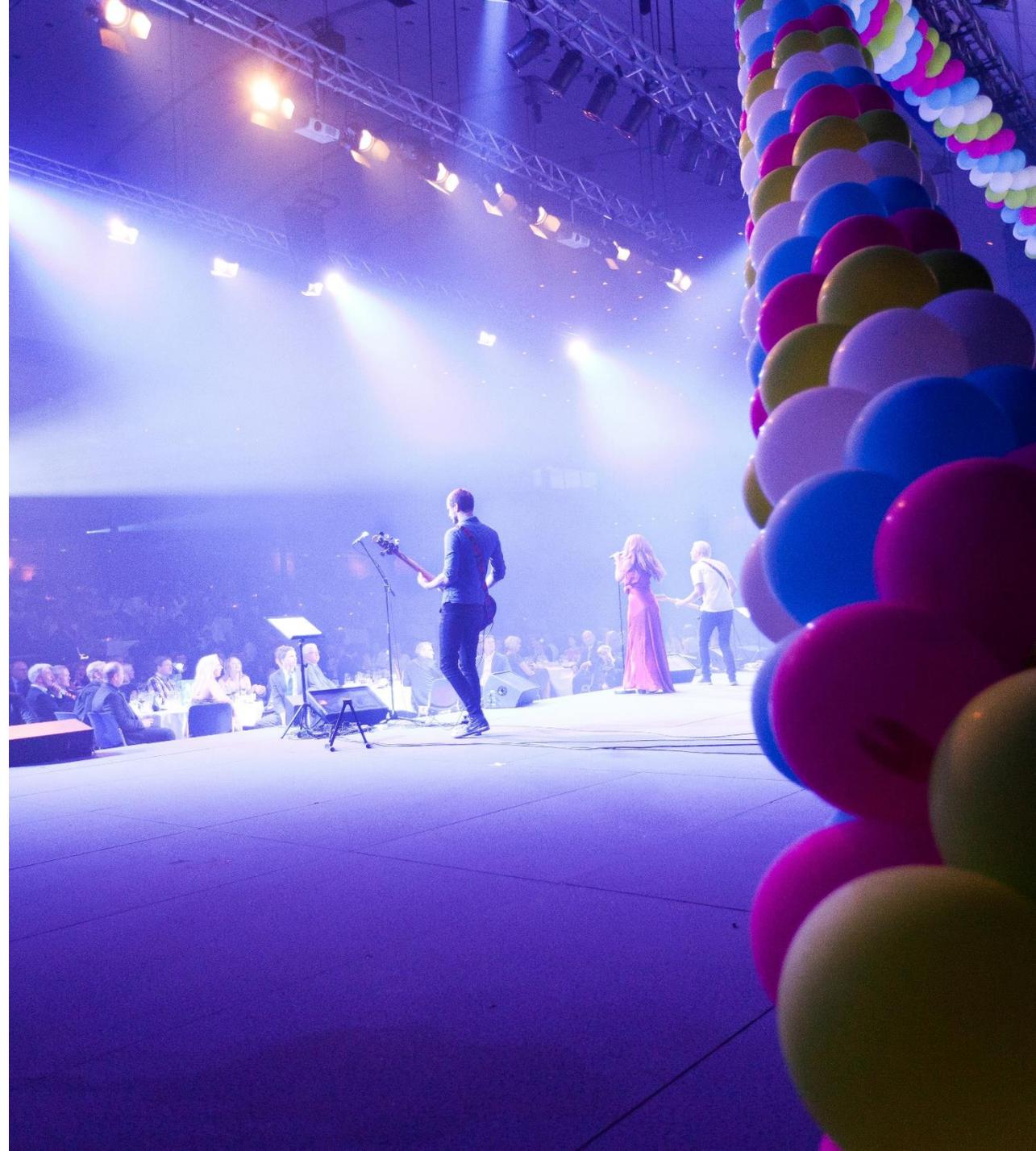
In this area we are planning to create an active meeting and gathering festival square with entertainment and street food possibilities.

From the beach and up the main street you will also find our shopping street, grocery store.



Opening ceremony, award ceremony and farewell party

- Opening ceremony with ceremonies, speeches and entertainment in Conference Hall, free of charge
- Award ceremony in Conference Hall
- Farewell party will be held in Oslofjord Arena



Flexible meeting rooms and space for ETTU and organizing committee.

We have meeting rooms for every size and need. 20 meeting rooms at the conference center, up to four meeting rooms at the hotel, and 73 Executive rooms that can be converted into suitable meeting rooms for 4-6 persons.

All can be rigged as you wish, with layout, technology, content and serving.

- ETTU Office
- Umpire meeting room
- Players lounge and rest area
- Umpires lounge
- VIP lounge
- Medical services
- Media center, press conference room
- Others



Technical equipment and security

We provide high-quality wireless network at the destination and streaming possibilities to all apartments with your own event TV channel.

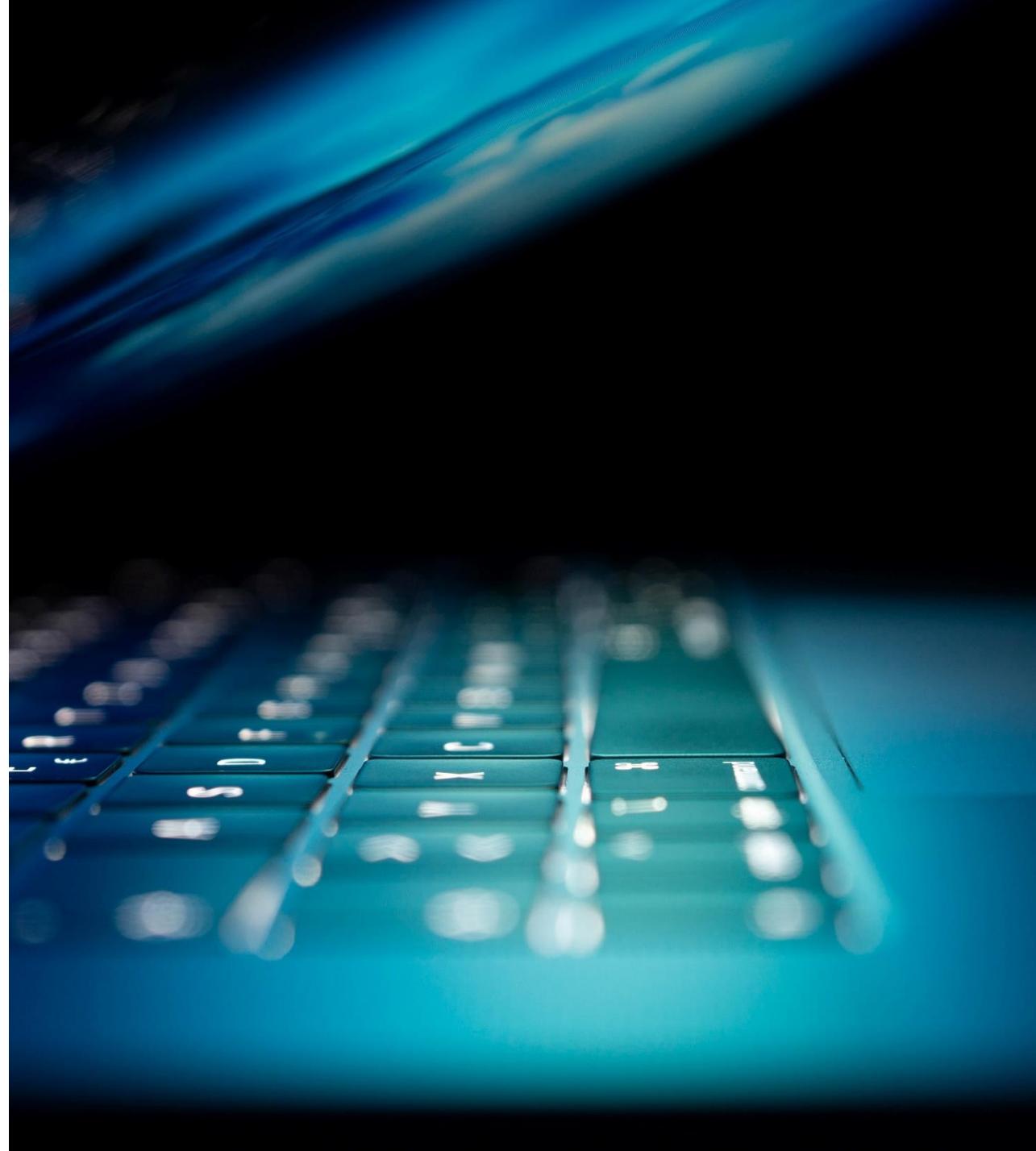
Technical equipment:

- Flexible wired network solutions
- Internet speed up to 5 Gbps (UP/DOWN)
- Streaming with your own TV channel to large screens on-site or to the apartments
- Our IT department can provide several different solutions on-site



Security:

- Security on-site 24/7



We care about the environment and take social responsibility

Beyond the sporting aspect, the organization of this event aims to show our know-how while respecting our civic duty towards the environment, the economy and the social issue.



Our low-carb footprint

95% RENEWABLE ENERGY

Our energy center installation ensures as much as 95% renewable energy for the entire conference facility

- 208 TON GREENHOUSE GASSES

Our energy center installation also affects significantly the Corporate Carbon and Climate Accounting for the local area.

LOW ENERGY BUILDING

All our hotel buildings are classified as low-energy buildings.

How we contribute to the local community

ARENA FOR LOCAL SPORTS TEAMS

We give access to a modern multi-purpose arena for local sport teams and clubs through an agreement with Sandefjord municipality.

PIPE NETWORK WORTH 25 MNOK

We have invested in the municipal pipe network, to increase capacity and ensured the municipals needs for many years to come.

COASTAL, AND BICYCLE PATH

We have contributed to the construction of a coastal path, a new open space on Rosnessodden, and improved road standards with pedestrian and bicycle paths.



Safety for guests, organizers and employees

Oslofjord is certified by Safehotels through a comprehensive set of hygiene procedures and pandemic protocols to assure safety for our guests.

This includes cleaning, hygiene, social distancing, on-site resources, training and awareness based on guidelines from World Health Organisation (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Cities and attractions reachable from Oslofjord

We provide frequent shuttle bus to Sandefjord, Tønsberg and Stokke railway station.
Fjord cruise to Tønsberg direct from the venue twice a day.



Sandefjord

← Just 15 minutes travel



→ Just 15 minutes travel



Tønsberg

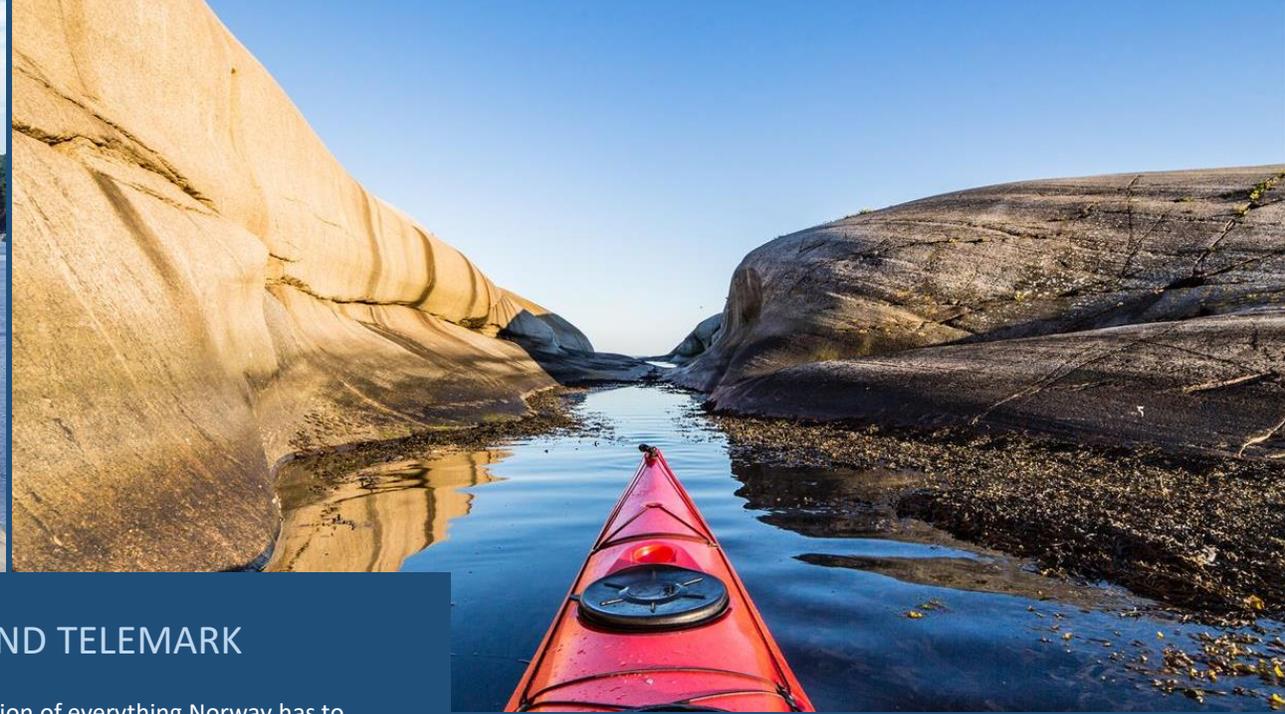
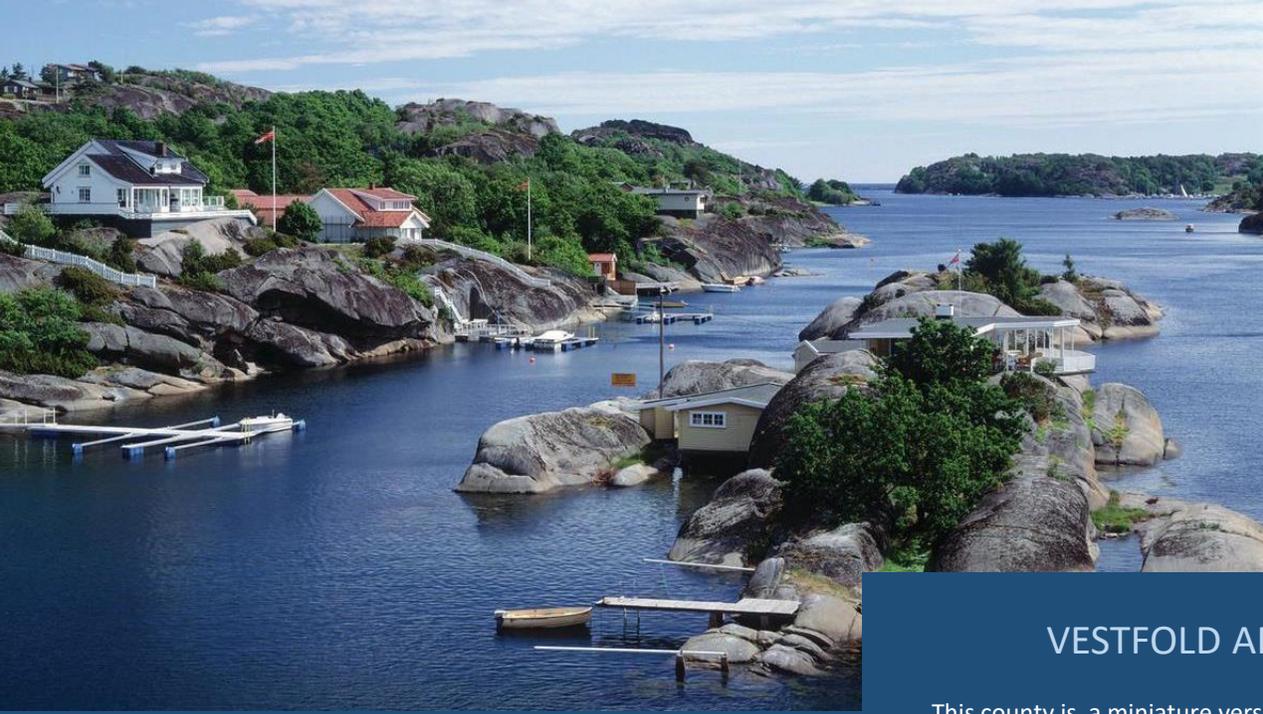


CITIES AND ATTRACTIONS REACHABLE FROM OSLOFJORD

Tønsberg 15 min
Sandefjord 15 min
Oslo 70 min

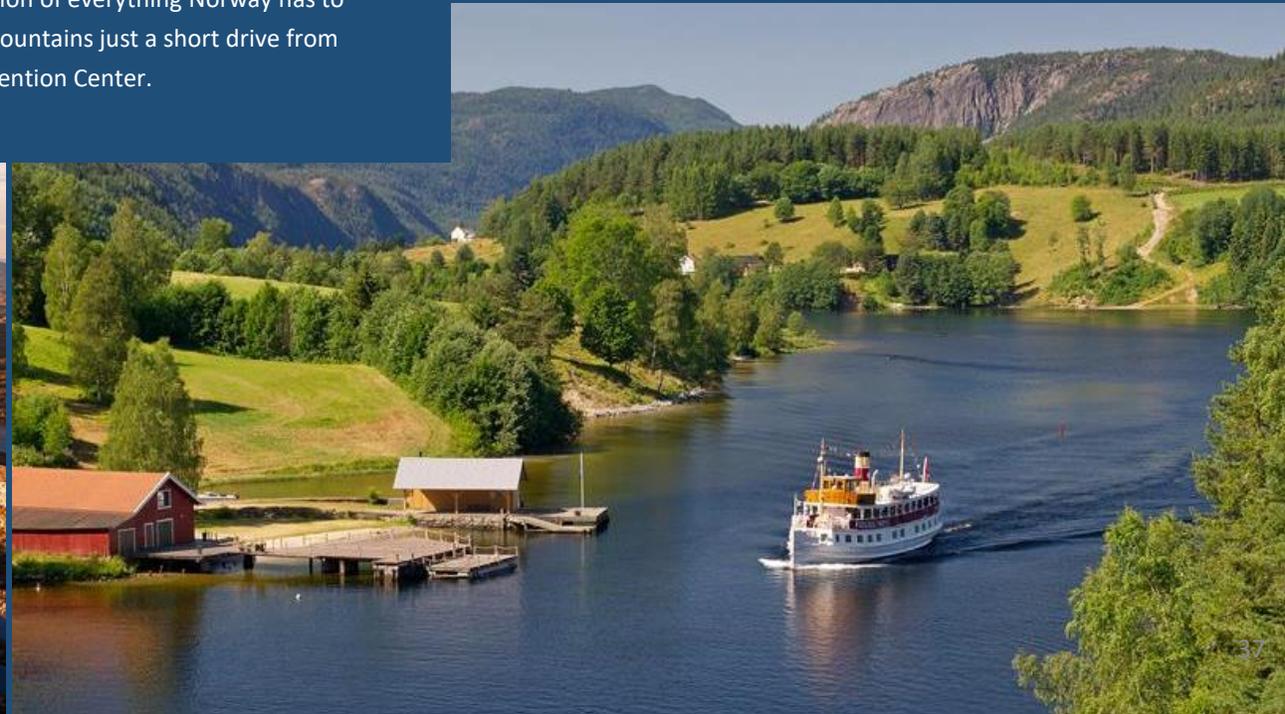
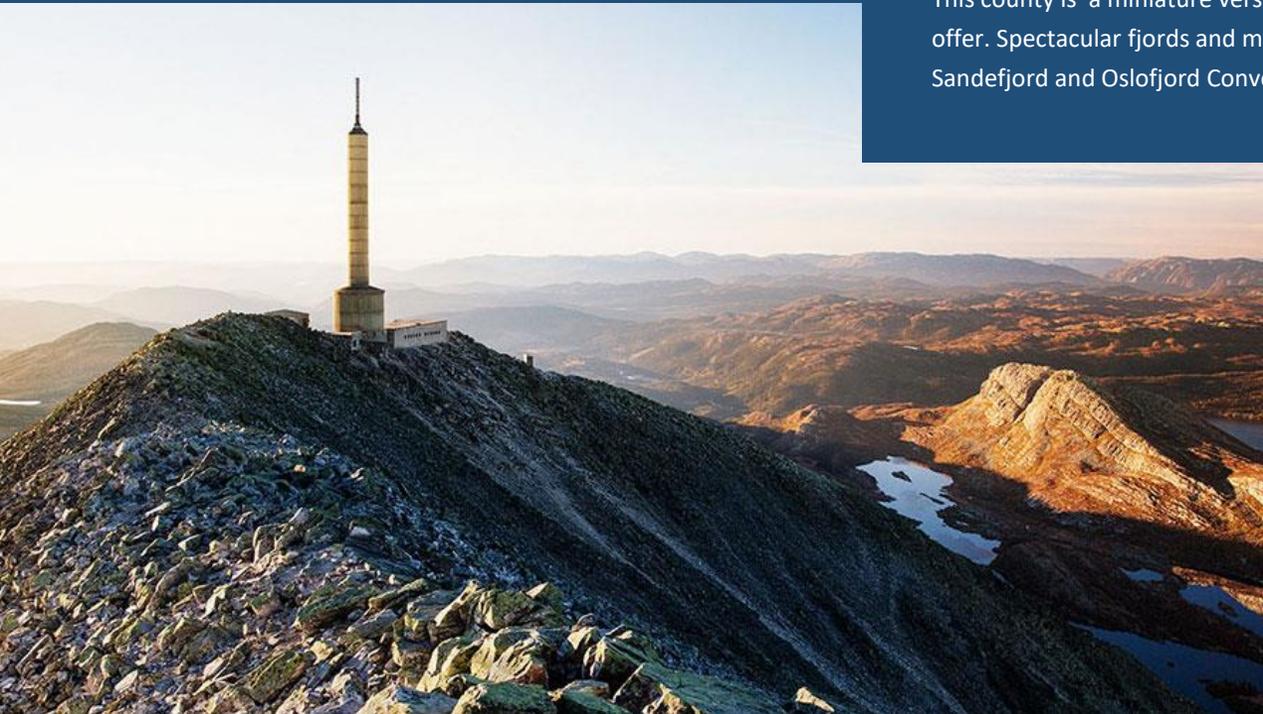
Spouse program – Tuesday
Sightseeing - Wednesday
Fjord cruise all days





VESTFOLD AND TELEMAR

This county is a miniature version of everything Norway has to offer. Spectacular fjords and mountains just a short drive from Sandefjord and Oslofjord Convention Center.



We can offer access to a wide range of activities in the immediate vicinity from Oslofjord



Water rafting

If you are in pursuit of speed and suspense on the sea, water rafting is your answer.



«The World`s end»

Recreation area with a fantastic fjord view, rocks, fishing spots and skerries.



Golf course (18 holes)

Visit our neighbor and enjoy this high standard golf course just 5 minutes walk from us.



The Slottsfjells Museum

A cultural heritage site where you can experience historical events, such as a viking hall, whale hall and other medieval exhibitions.



Nautical experiences

Explore the beautiful sea whether you prefer a traditional or modern sailing ship. What about a viking tour in true “Game of Thrones” style?



Oslo Opera House

Visit the home of the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet.

Tentative competition program 26 June – 1 July 2023

Date	Information
Saturday 24 June	Registration Training halls open
Sunday 25 June	Registration Training halls open Opening ceremony
Monday 26 June	Registration closes at 12 noon Group matches singles event (all categories)
Tuesday 27 June	Group matches doubles event (all categories) Barbeque beach party
Wednesday 28 June	Rest day with excursions
Thursday 29 June	Singles event: competition proper and consolation
Friday 30 June	Doubles event: competition proper and consolation Farewell party
Saturday 1 July	Semi-final and final matches; Consolation finals will be played in a different hall close to the main hall. Award ceremony



PARA EVC 2023

We ask, and hope to be given the opportunity to include, as a pilot, para classes as an integrated part of these championships. Para players can also participate in their own age group in the championships.

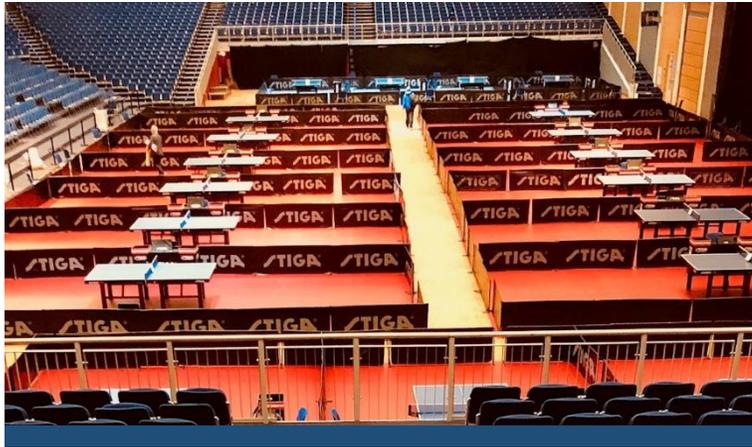
- Men
 - Wheelchair Open 40+
 - Standing Open 40+
- Women
 - Wheelchair Open 40+
 - Standing Open 40+

Motivation

Para table tennis is already a well established and integrated part of ITTF/ETTU and therefore we find it natural that we also organize classes for para in these championships.



Highlights - moments to remember



Top international playing facilities



Social gathering in a compact setting



One Venue – One Village
This will lift the experience of international table tennis to a new level



THANK YOU AND WELCOME

Norwegian Table Tennis Association
75th anniversary 2021