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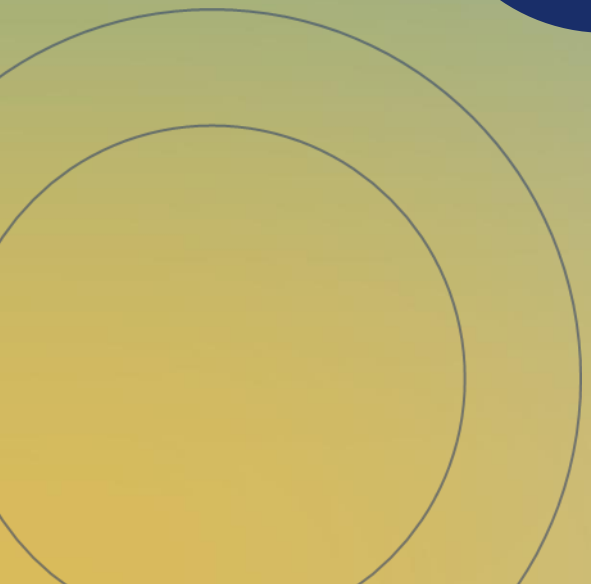

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Inter-agency collaboration - how does it result in an improvement in the quality of child welfare statistics?

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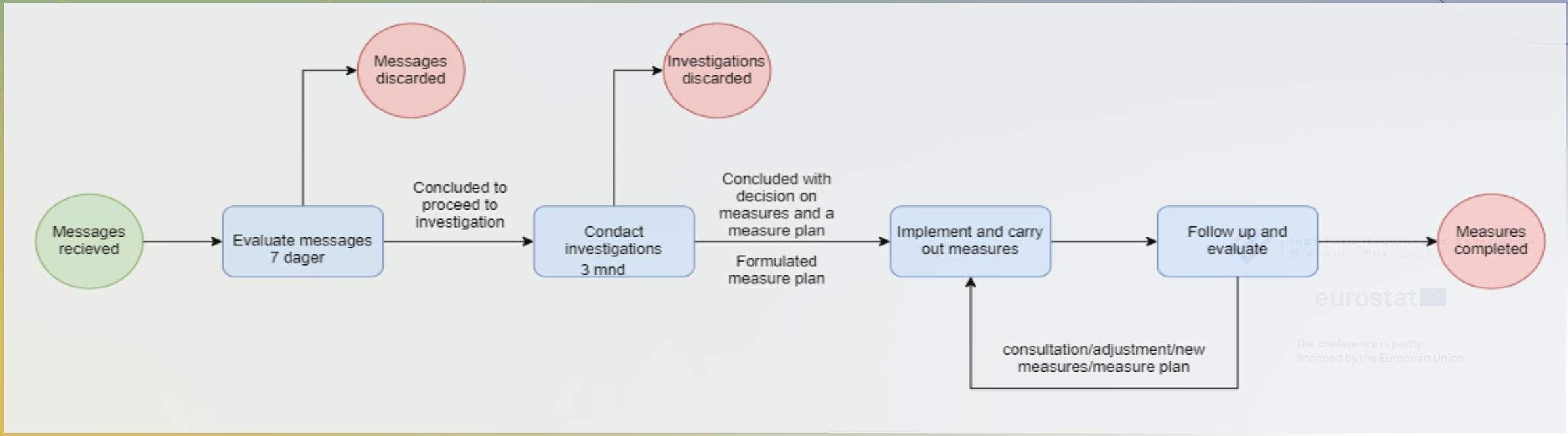
The procedural flow within the municipal child welfare service in Norway



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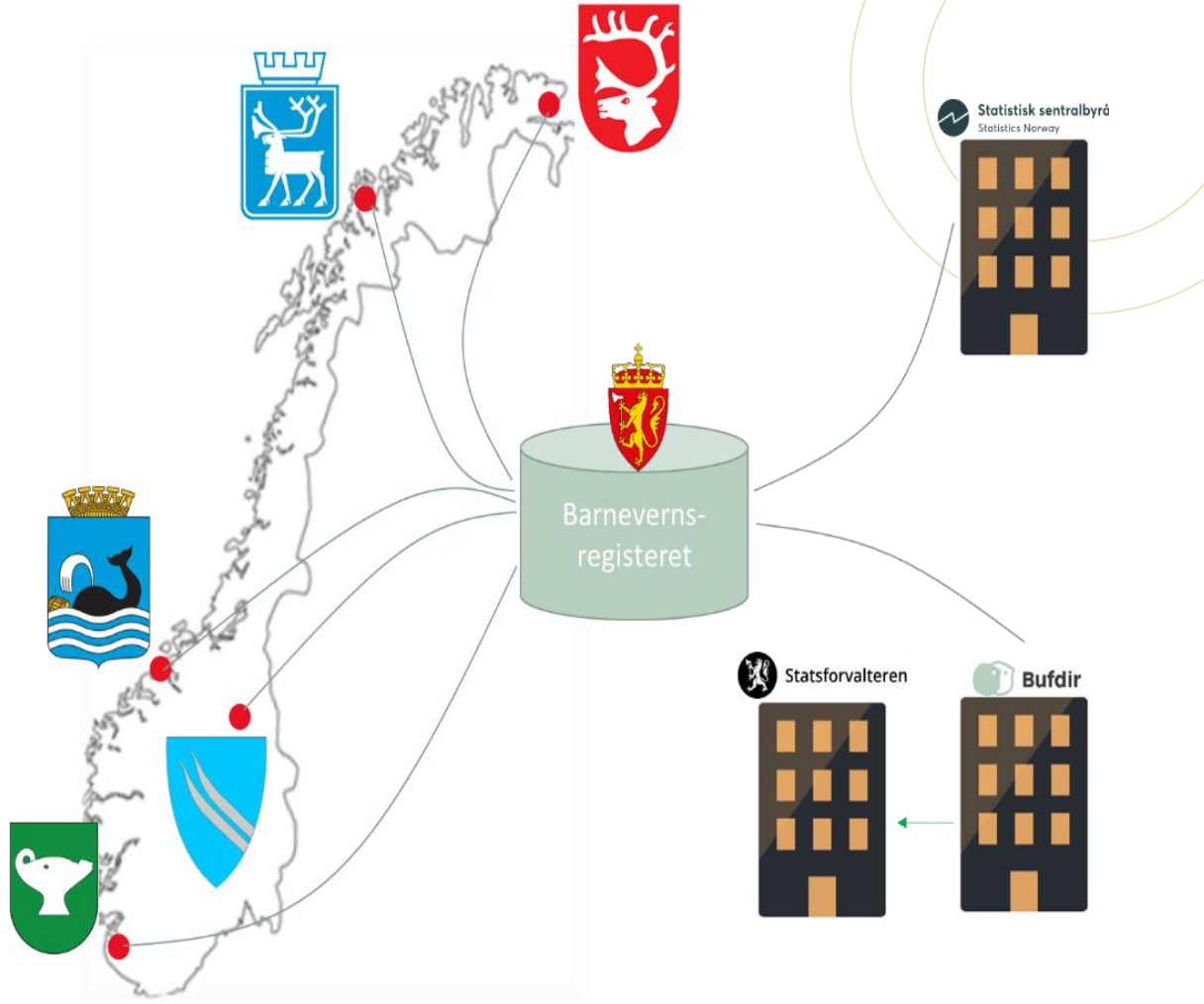
Statistics NORWAY (EAK KOSTRA 15.3.24) 13939: Children receiving measures from the Child Welfare Services during the year and per 31 December , by age and type of measures (M) 2015 - 2023. Statbank Norway (ssb.no)	Children receiving measures during the year (number)		
0 - 24 years	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Institutions	1 789	1 703	1 659
Foster homes	11 698	11 011	10 578
Emergency shelter homes	1 736	1 722	1 768
Measures to enhance parenting skills	30 656	28 035	25 454
Measures to enhance the child's development	23 759	22 610	21 816
Supervision and control	5 501	5 172	5 191
Networking/cooperation with other services	17 228	16 477	15 209
Investigation and treatment from other services	1 328	1 292	836
Housing	3 827	3 738	3 587



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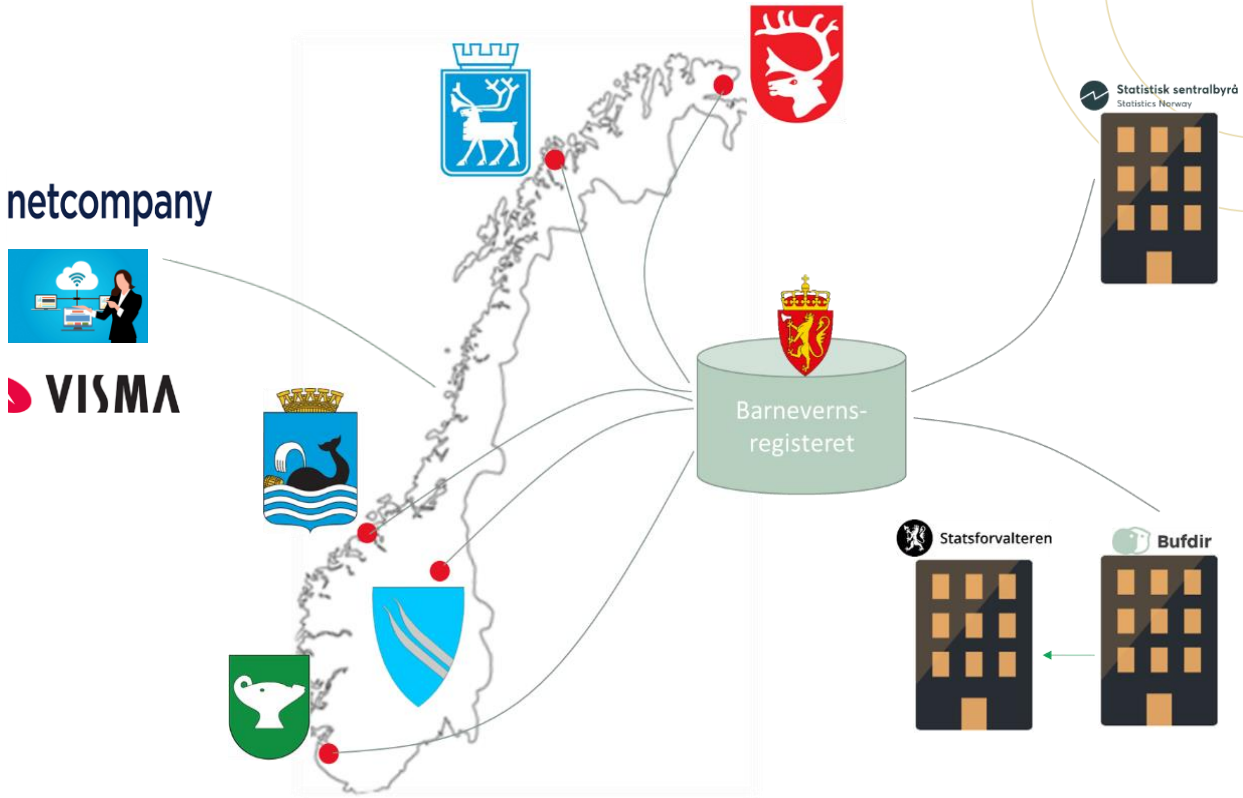
New technical solution

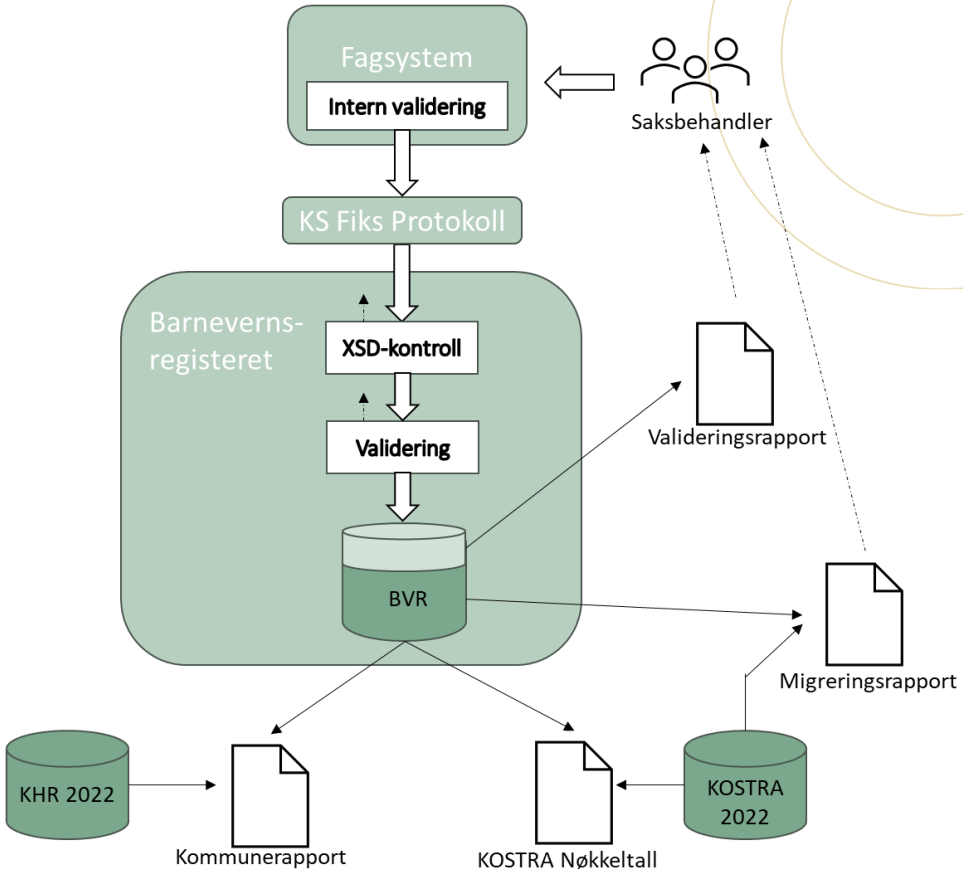
- Cloud based
- Continuous reporting
- Automized data collecting
- Closer collaboration on data quality

- Opportunities to reuse the solution
- Cloud-based statistics production in SSB



What is good data quality?

- **Full migration**
- **Elimination of errors in the data**
- **Coherence with historical data (KOSTRA and KHR)**
- **No one knows the data better than the municipality itself**



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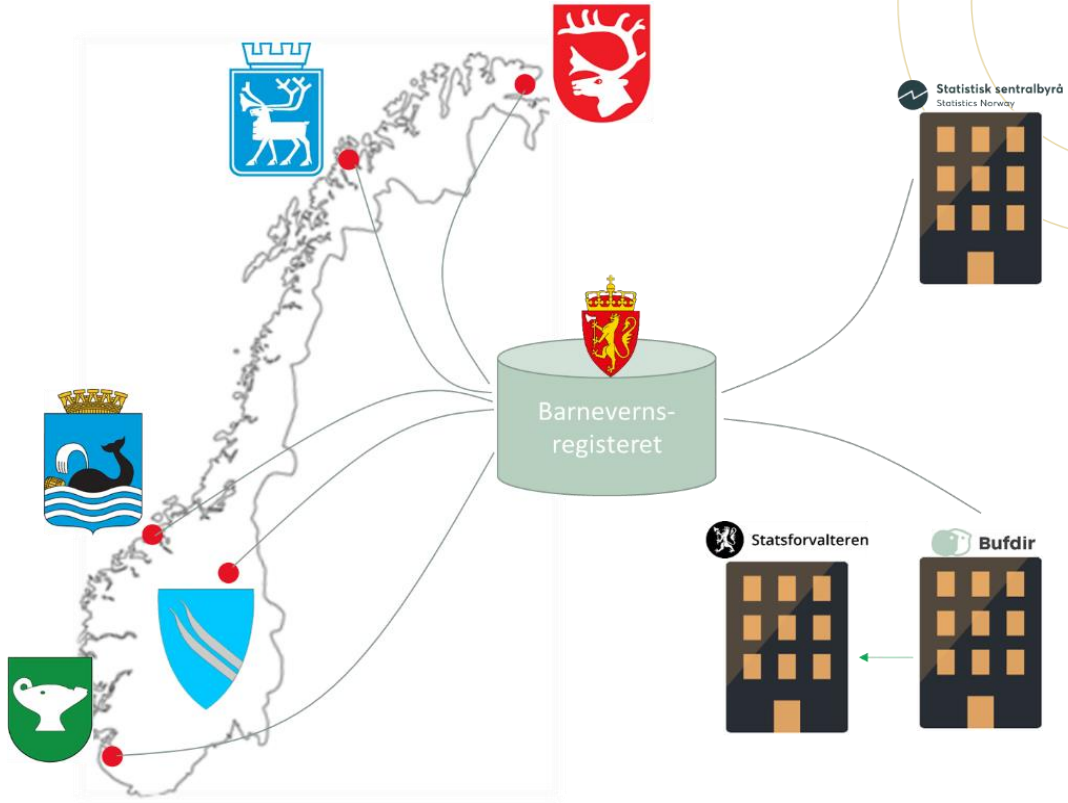
The yearly wheel – SSB & Bufdir



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Child welfare statistics - Norway

	2020	2021	2022
Children with measures from the CWS during the year	52 862	50 520	47 034
Assistance measures	43 565	41 789	38 785
Care measures	9 297	8 731	8 249
Children with measures from the CWS per 31 December	36 848	35 094	32 276
Assistance measures	28 704	27 436	25 052
Care measures	8 144	7 658	7 224
Children with placement measures per 31 December	14 177	13 508	12 989
Assistance measures	6 033	5 850	5 765
Care measures	8 144	7 658	7 224
Notifications during the year	56 802	53 468	49 778
Investigations started during the year	45 464	41 933	37 936
Investigations closed during the year	45 579	43 514	38 030
Total, employees	6 308.8	6 430.5	6 647.3

Children with at least one relocation since the first placement

		2019	2020	2021
1-2 years since first placement	1. Foster homes of family and close network	415	370	395
	2. Foster homes outside family and close network	903	764	640
	3. Emergency shelter homes outside family and close network	434	362	327
3-4 years since first placement	1.Foster homes of family and close network	390	345	307
	2. Foster homes outside family and close network	1054	909	787
	3. Emergency shelter homes outside family and close network	86	97	72
5 years and more since first placement	1. Foster homes of family and close network	455	632	719
	2. Foster homes outside family and close network	1321	1724	1992
	3. Emergencyshelter homes outside family and close network	97	104	143

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Child Welfare Registry (CWR/BVR)

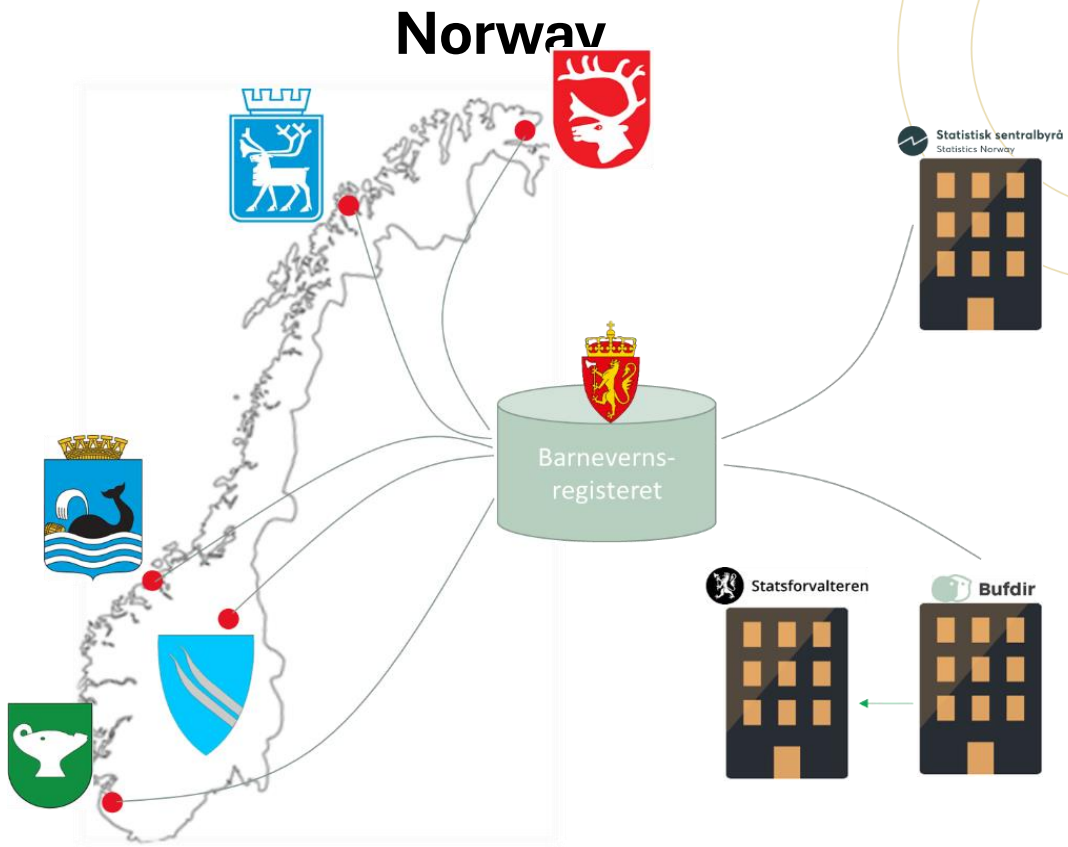
Integration with the registry:

- 109 municipalities - 30% of Norway's population.

Data submission:

- Over 55% of Norway's municipalities will submit data to the Child Welfare Registry (CWR/BVR)

- Nearly 70% of the country's population will be included in 2024



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