



Fridtjof Nansen
Institute

Annual Report

2024





The FNI in figures

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Work-years	29.8	27.1	27.1	32.5	35.6	34.0	32.7
- including research work-years	24.7	22.1	22.9	28.1	31.1	29.5	28.2
Economy (million NOK)							
- Gross turnover	38.4	38.0	37.5	47.1	49.1	48.6	56.5
- Net turnover (excl. income transferred to partners)	34.9	34.0	33.4	42.2	45.8	44.6	47.1
- Result	3.2	2.2	1.0	6.0	2.9	- 2.7	- 2.4
- Capital	16.1	18.2	19.2	25.2	28.2	25.4	23.1
Scientific publications*							
- Books (monographs)	3	5	4	2	2	4	0
- Journal articles	24	24	38	28	35	29	36
- Book chapters	27	9	24	11	26	16	18
- Publication points**	70.3	70.6	89.9	46.8	65.2	61,2	49,1
Other academic publications ***							
- Books****	2	2	5	3	3	1	3
- Journal articles	1	2	1	9	2	7	7
- Book chapters	2	1	11	15	3	1	2
- FNI Reports	2	7	3	3	5	8	7
- FNI Policy Briefs	-	-	3	-	9	1	1
- External reports	5	9	14	6	9	14	7
Commentaries / popularized publications	34	39	54	63	78	98	34
Presentations/lectures:	123	121	89	154	223	184	200
- at scholarly conferences	33	37	24	45	80	67	53
- for users, students etc.	64	63	50	88	120	93	115
- for the general public	26	21	15	21	23	24	32
Registered media coverage*****	80	137	142	152	258	249	182
FNI events*****	6	15	4	9	11	21	28

* According to The Norwegian Association of Higher Education Institutions (UHR)'s definition of 'scientific publication'.

** Publication points are calculated according to rules set by the Research Council of Norway.

*** Books, articles, book chapters and reports that, for various reasons, do not fulfil the UHR definition of "scientific publication", but which are directed towards an academic audience (as opposed to commentary articles and other popularized publications which are mainly directed towards users and the public).

**** Also includes edited books, new editions, translated versions and other books (or book-like publications) where FNI researchers have been heavily involved.

***** News agency articles etc. published in several different newspapers/media are here counted only as one.

***** Larger seminars and conferences organized by FNI (alone or in cooperation with others).



About the Fridtjof Nansen Institute

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) is an independent research institute focusing on international environmental, climate and energy policy, biodiversity, the law of the sea and the Arctic, with particular expertise on Norwegian governance, EU, China and Russia.

The main disciplines are political science and law, but FNI researchers also hold degrees in economics, social anthropology and development studies, and have special language and regional competence on Russia and China.

FNI currently has a staff of around 45, including around 35 researchers and 3-5 Master's students.

FNI's activities include academic studies, contract research, investigations and evaluations.

FNI's sources of funding include the Research Council of Norway, various Norwegian public bodies, business associations and private companies, the European Commission and international research foundations. Annual turnover is around 50 million NOK.

FNI collaborates extensively with other research institutions and individual researchers, in Norway and abroad. It strives to make its expertise available and relevant to users as well as to the public at large. FNI research is published in international scholarly journals and books. The institute also has its own report series.





FNI staff 2024

Leadership team

Neumann, Iver B., Director, Research Professor, D.phil.

Gulbrandsen, Lars H., Deputy Director, Research Director, Research Professor, Ph.D.

Andersen, Regine, Research Director, Research Professor, Dr. Polit.

Skedsmo, Pål Wilter, Research Director, Senior Researcher, Ph.D.

Ragner, Claes Lykke, Head of Administration, Cand. Scient.

Research staff

Andreeva, Serafima, Researcher, Master of Sociology

Banet, Catherine, Research Professor, Ph.D. (*until December*)

Cullen, Patrick, Senior Researcher, Ph.D. (*until October*)

Eikeland, Per Ove, Senior Researcher, Cand. Polit.

Fauchald, Ole Kristian, Research Professor, Doctor of Law

Heggelund, Gørild, Research Professor, Ph.D.

Hvinden, Ida Soltvedt, PhD Research Fellow, Master of Political Science

Hønneland, Geir, Research Professor, Dr. Polit.

Inderberg, Tor Håkon Jackson, Research Professor, Ph.D.

Jensen, Øystein, Research Professor, Ph.D.

Jevnaker, Torbjørg, Senior Researcher, PhD (*until August*)

Jørgensen, Anne-Kristin, Senior Researcher, Cand. Polit.

Korppoo, Anna, Research Professor, Ph.D.

Lamazhapov, Erdem, PhD Research Fellow, M.Phil.

Larsen, Mari Lie, Researcher, Master of Technology Management (*until December*)

Matthiasen, Eivind, PhD Research Fellow, MSc

Moe, Arild, Research Professor, Cand. Polit.

Nilssen, Frode, Research Professor, Dsc (*January-December*)

Opsahl, Gustav, Junior Researcher, Master of Societal analysis

Østhagen, Andreas, Senior Researcher, Ph.D.

Prip, Christian, Senior Researcher, Master of Law

Raspotnik, Andreas, Senior Researcher, Ph.D.

Rosendal, G. Kristin, Research Professor, Dr. Polit.

Rottem, Svein Vigeland, Senior Researcher, Ph.D.

Sareen, Siddharth, Research Professor, Ph.D (*from August*)

Skjærseth, Jon Birger, Research Professor, Dr. Polit.

Stensdal, Iselin, Researcher, Master in Chinese Studies

Stokke, Olav Schram, Research Professor, Dr. Philos.



Taranger, Karianne Krohn, PhD Research Fellow, MSc Earth System Governance
Vasquez, Viviana Meixner, Researcher, MSc International Development Studies
Vidas, Davor, Research Professor, Doctor of Law
Vormedal, Irja, Research Professor, Ph.D.
Wettestad, Jørgen, Research Professor, Cand. Polit.
Winther, Iselin Németh, Junior Researcher, Master of Political Science
Zhang, Olivia, Junior Researcher, Master of Master of Science (*September–December*)

Administrative staff

Hemgren, Anna, Head of Accounting
Sommerstad, Bente Muriel, House Manager
Sørensen, Jan Dalsgaard, Property and IT Manager
Valberg, Anna, Head of Information, Master of Political Science

Emeritus staff

Andresen, Steinar, Research Professor, Cand. Polit.

Master's students

Høvik, Ida Therese Prestgård (*from August*)
Haakonsen, Rebekka Verdal (*August–November*)
Jacobsen, Eirik Bryhn (*from January*)
Long, Ruairi Timothy (*January–June*)
Pedersen, Anne Brøvig (*until August*)
Sanne, Erik Ettner (*January–May*)
Simonsen, Matti Seppola (*until August*)
Smeby, Anna Hov (*until May*)
Ødegaard, Elisabeth Berg (*August–November*)
Zhang, Olivia (*February–June*)

Guest researchers

Babu, Amrithnath Sreedevi, Macquarie University (Australia) (*February–March*).
Meyer, Tirza, KTH (Sweden) (*until July*)
Tong Kai, Xiamen University (China) (*from October*)
Vidal, Florian, UiT (Norway) (*from September*)



Staff Line-up as of September 2025

Leadership team



Iver B. Neumann
Director



Lars H. Gulbrandsen
Deputy Director
Research Director



Irja Vormedal
Research Director



Andreas Østhagen
Research Director



Claes Lykke Ragner
Head of Administration

Research staff



Regine Andersen



Serafima Andreeva



Steinar Andresen



Per Ove Eikeland



Ole Kristian Fauchald



Gørild Heggelund



Geir Hønneland



Ida Soltvedt Hvinden



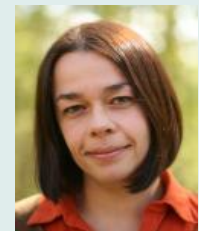
Tor Håkon Jackson Inderberg



Øystein Jensen



Anne-Kristin Jørgensen



Anna Korppoo



Erdem Lamazhapov



Eivind Hjort Matthiasen



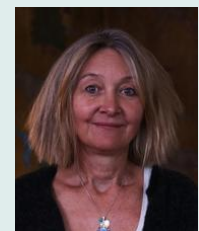
Arild Moe



Christian Prip



Andreas Raspotnik



Kristin Rosendal



Svein Vigeland
Rottem



Siddharth
Sareen



Pål Wilter
Skedsmo



Jon Birger
Skjærseth



Iselin
Stensdal



Olav Schram
Stokke



Karianne Krohn
Taranger



Vegard Heggelund
Tørstad



Viviana Meixner
Vásquez



Davor
Vidas



Jørgen
Wettestad



Iselin Németh
Winther

Administrative staff



Anna
Hemgren



Bente
Sommerstad



Jan Dalsgaard
Sørensen



Anna
Valberg

Members of FNI's Board and Council (following the 2024 Annual Meeting)

BOARD

Ann Therese Lotherington (Leader)
Nils Lund-Bøhmer (Deputy Leader)
Kate Hansen Bundt
Bård Glad Pedersen
Svein Vigeland Rottem (staff representative)

Torbjørn Røe Isaksen
Ingvild Jakobsen
Anne Louise Koefoed
Ole Arve Misund
Kari Aga Myklebost
Øyvind Østerud
Marianne Ryghaug
Christian Rynning-Tønnesen
Tom Røseth
Thina Saltvedt
Helene Sjursen
Geir Ulfstein
Julie Wilhelmsen
Svein Vigeland Rottem (staff representative)

COUNCIL

Christian Fredrik Michelet (Leader)
Kristin Ven Bruusgaard
Anne Greve
Rasmus Hansson
Anne Lene W. Hojem
Kjetil Høyer



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ACADEMIC PROFILE AND MAIN OBJECTIVES

The objective of the FNI is to understand the underlying forces in international environmental and resource politics, and on that basis make well-founded contributions to political solutions of problems in these areas. The institute also works to promote greater awareness of how Norway is influenced by, and may exert influence on, international framework conditions in these areas.

The institute undertakes academic studies, applied research projects, investigations and evaluations. FNI re-search is expected to maintain a high level of scholarship and contribute to further scientific development through international publication and other means. The institute also strives to be user-friendly and deliver results of practical relevance. The balance between these concerns is complex and is not necessarily reflected in each single project or publication. For the institute as a whole, however, both elements are important.

ORGANIZATION OF RESEARCH

Internally, researchers are organized into three researcher groups, each led by a research director:

- The Climate and Energy Researcher Group
- The Biodiversity and Natural Resources Researcher Group
- The Marine and Polar Issues Researcher Group

Externally, research activities are grouped into seven focal areas:

- Global environmental governance and law
- Climate change
- Law of the Sea and marine affairs
- Biodiversity and genetic resources
- Polar and Russian politics
- European energy and environmental politics
- Chinese energy and environmental politics

The project portfolio consisted of a total of 66 large and small research and evaluation projects. Of these, 15 were new, externally financed projects that started up in 2024.

FINANCING AND ECONOMY

The Research Council of Norway (RCN) was FNI's main source of revenue in 2024, financing 41 of the institute's ongoing projects. These projects, won in competition with other research centres, have been awarded from various RCN programmes, which in turn have received their funding from a range of government ministries and other sources.

The institute also receives an annual basic grant from the RCN. This funding is to be used to 'ensure a long-term basis for professional research quality and results within the institute's key activities'. The grant of NOK 8.881 million in 2024 was mainly used for preparation of manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication, project initiation, strategic expertise-building projects and dissemination activities.



Government ministries, businesses and NGOs, as well as European and US institutions, were also among the FNI's sources of funding.

Liquidity remained satisfactory throughout the year 2024.

PERSONNEL

In 2024 a total of 39 researchers were employed at the institute. Between them, they carried out approximately 28 researcher work-years. The institute's administrative staff consisted of five persons who in total carried out 4.5 work-years.

As of the end of 2024 the FNI had 19 staff members qualified as Researcher I (Professor), while 7 qualified as Researcher II (Associate Professor) in the Norwegian system. Of these 26, 21 hold doctoral degrees. A doctorate automatically results in promotion to Researcher II; the other five have had their qualifications recognized by external evaluation committees.

The FNI has maintained its focus on doctoral-level research, and at the end of 2024, 6 PhD projects were being pursued, including one awaiting dissertation defence. In addition to ensuring important individual qualification, doctoral projects are a major element in our long-term strategy for building expertise.

At the end of 2024, six FNI researchers had additional part-time university employment, at the University of Tromsø, Nord University and the University of Oslo, while one at the Oslo New University College. At the same time, five researchers from the University of Oslo, Nord University and the University of Southeast Norway had part-time employment with the FNI.

The institute has continued its active recruitment of Master's degree students. In the course of 2024, ten students were associated with the institute for longer or shorter periods.

In 2024, the institute welcomed four guest researchers from institutions in Norway, Sweden, Australia and China.

ACADEMIC PRODUCTION

Scientific output in 2024 consisted of 35 peer-reviewed scientific articles and 8 peer-reviewed chapters in scientific books, as well as an anthology on Russian-Chinese relations in the Arctic.

FNI researchers also disseminated academic knowledge as lecturers at various universities and through conference participation domestically and abroad. In addition, both the Director and researchers made substantial contributions to the public discussion through op-eds and participation in news and debate programs on radio and television.

RESEARCH COOPERATION

A central element in developing the professional activities of the FNI has been expansion of collaboration with other research institutions and individual researchers, in Norway and elsewhere, to supplement the institute's own expertise.

Formalized cooperation in 2024 included, among many other examples, a project on food security in developing countries carried out with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences



(NMBU) and institutions in Nepal, Ethiopia, Germany and South Africa. We also cooperated with the Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs (NUPI), the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) and the universities of Oslo and Tromsø on the newly established Norwegian Centre for Geopolitics. Furthermore, we cooperated with the University of Tromsø and partners in the US, Canada, Finland and Australia in a project on the Arctic Council, while we in another project on energy poverty led a consortium which included CICERO, the Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), Statistics Norway, Durham University (UK) and Norwegian user partners from civil society and business. The institute also had projects that were carried out in close cooperation with consultancy

INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Throughout the year, Iver B. Neumann served as Director while Lars H. Gulbrandsen was Assistant Director as well as Research Director for Climate and Energy, Pål Wilter Skedsmo served as Research Director for Marine and Polar Issues and Regine Andersen as Research Director for Biodiversity and Natural Resources while Claes Lykke Ragner was Head of Administration.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, WORKING ENVIRONMENT, SICK LEAVE

Of the 42 persons employed at the institute at the end of the year, 24 were men and 18 were women.

The difference in average salary pr. person-year at the end of 2024 (salaries and fixed supplements) between men and women in the different competence levels were as follows:

	MEN	WOMEN	Of whom with main employment elsewhere
Researcher I	100% (13 employees)	94% (6 employees)	4 men; 1 woman
Researcher II	100% (6 employees)	- (1 employee)	
Researcher III	100% (3 employees)	102% (7 employees)	
Jr. Researcher	-	- (1 employee)	
Adm. staff	100% (2 employees)	97% (3 employees)	

The main reason for wage differences within staff categories, is differences in seniority levels, how many years a person has been within that category.

	# employees 31 Dec.	# part-time employees 31 Dec.	# Temporary employees 31 Dec.	Average # weeks on parental leave
Women	18	6 (33%)	5 (28%)	25
Men	24	6 (25%)	4 (17%)	18

In 2023, the institute developed an equality and anti-discrimination strategy, which was implemented from 01.01.2024. The strategy follows the 4-step method mandated by law to avoid discrimination. This method aims at assessing the risk of discrimination, analyzing its causes, implementing measures and assessing the effect of these measures. Since earlier, FNI also has in place an action plan for equality and anti-discrimination. Both documents are updated annually.



FNI has established an Equality and anti-discrimination committee consisting of the Director, the Head of Administration, the Staff Representative and the Safety Representative. The committee meets twice a year, or whenever one of the parties requests it. The committee in 2024 gave priority to developing clearer and more accessible whistleblower routines for reporting blameworthy matters.

In 2024 focus was also on the gathering of further external information. This included a half-day course for the entire staff, led by Ragnhild Hennum, Chair of the Committee for Gender Balance and Diversity in Research (KIF).

The committee evaluates its work continuously with the help of annual written questionnaires, as well as discussions at staff meetings.

Sick leave in 2024 stood at 2.9%.

In the assessment of the Board, the FNI enjoys a good social and physical working environment. FNI activities have little direct impact on the external environment, and the institute has not been implementing environmental measures beyond those mandated by laws and regulations.

MANAGEMENT OF THE POLHØGDA PROPERTY

At its meeting in November 2022, the board approved the administration's plans for total rehabilitation of the tower and garden terraces as well as the balcony, due to corroded support structures.

Work started in the autumn of 2023 but was somewhat delayed when the contractor went bankrupt in February 2024 and it took some time to get a new contractor to take over the work. In June 2024, rehabilitation of the tower and balcony was completed, and scaffolding removed. The last part of the work, the garden terrace, was postponed until 2025.

In 2024 ventilation has been installed in the basement, both to prevent humidity in the museum room, and to ensure good-quality air to the basement offices.

WORK OF THE BOARD AND THE COUNCIL

One Council meeting was held in 2024, and there were four meetings of the Board.

Lysaker, 7 April 2025

(signed by all Board members and the Director)

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Financial statement

	Accounts 2024		Accounts 2023
	(NOK)	Note	(NOK)
Operating income			
Norw. Research Council, incl. basic grant	46 557 138		38 300 879
Norwegian govt. & public institutions	6 767 372		6 455 687
Other research income	3 041 977		3 611 553
Other operating income	164 720	1	202 652
Sum operating income	56 531 207		48 570 771
Operating costs			
Salaries and personnel costs	38 277 764	2, 3	38 935 608
Ordinary depreciations	309 705	4	311 755
Transfers to cooperation partners	9 382 005		3 964 090
Property maintenance	4 528 640	5	3 088 577
Other operating costs	7 464 514	6	5 824 505
Sum operating costs	59 962 628		52 124 535
Result excluding financial income	- 3 431 421		- 3 553 764
Net financial income	1 053 152		818 929
Ordinary pre-tax result	- 2 378 269		- 2 734 835
Tax on ordinary result	0		0
Result	- 2 378 269		- 2 734 835
Transfer to capital:	- 2 378 269		- 2 734 835
Sum transfer of result	- 2 378 269		- 2 734 835



Balance Sheet, 31 December

	Accounts 2024		Accounts 2023
	(NOK)	Note	(NOK)
Assets			
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Real estate: Polhøgda	3 001 280	4	3 079 514
New building	4 872 662		5 084 962
Office equipment, machinery	65 271	4	34 252
Sum fixed assets	7 939 212		8 198 728
<u>Liquid assets</u>			
Trade accounts receivable	9 202 195		8 220 428
Other accounts receivable	856 130		1 495 886
Bank deposits, cash etc.	23 845 098		28 776 486
Sum liquid assets	33 903 423		38 492 800
Sum assets	41 842 635		46 691 528
<i>Capital and Debts</i>			
<u>Capital</u>			
Basis fund	890 000	7	890 000
Accumulated capital	22 166 423	7	24 544 692
Sum capital	23 056 423		25 434 692
<u>Short term debt</u>			
Debt to credit institutions	24 988		53 838
Accounts payable	3 544 212		2 609 534
Payable tax	0	8	0
Taxes and assessments	3 555 748		3 365 025
Other short term debt	11 661 264		15 228 440
Sum short term debt	18 786 212		21 256 836
Sum debt	18 786 212		21 256 836
Sum capital and debt	41 842 635		46 691 528

Lysaker, 7 April 2025

(signed by all Board members and the Director)



Notes

Accounting principles

The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with Norway's Accounting Act and with recognized good accountancy practices for small enterprises.

Income

Received allocations are entered into the accounts as income in accordance with the progress of the project in question, with each project considered separately. The majority of projects have clauses mandating the return of unused allocated research funds. The sale of services to private businesses is registered as income upon delivery.

Classification and assessment of balance items

Fixed assets are possessions intended for permanent ownership or use. Possessions related to the operating cycle are classified as liquid assets. Accounts receivable are classified as liquid assets if they are due for payment within one year of the transaction. Equally, debt which is due for payment within one year is classified as short-term debt.

Liquid assets are assessed at procurement cost or estimated real value, whichever is lower. Short-term debt is balanced at its nominal value at the time of establishment. Fixed assets are assessed at procurement costs. Permanent assets are depreciated according to a reasonable depreciation plan. Assets are written down to their real value in the case of drops in value that are not expected to be temporary. Long-term debts, except other deposits, are balanced at their nominal value at the time of their establishment.

Accounts receivable

Trade accounts receivable and other accounts receivable are valued at their nominal value minus allocations intended to cover expected losses. Such allocations are determined on the basis of individual assessment of the accounts receivable in question.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are balanced and written off over the items' lifespan if they have an expected lifespan of more than 3 years and have a cost price above NOK 15,000. Direct maintenance of assets is entered into the accounts as operational costs, while upgradings and improvements are added to the item's cost price and are written off at the same pace.

In addition, the following accounting principles have been used:

Insured pension obligations have not been balanced – costs are equal to insurance premiums. Rental agreements have not been balanced. Items in foreign currency are valued according to the exchange rate at the end of the year. Foreign exchange rate losses and gains are entered into the accounts as financial loss and financial income.

The enterprise has not changed accounting principles from 2023 to 2024.

Note 1 Other operating income

	2024	2023
Sales, rent and other income	94 720	132 652
Grant from Bærum municipality	70 000	70 000
Total	164 720	202 652

Note 2 Personnel costs

	2024	2023
Salaries	29 546 815	28 771 797
Payroll tax	4 601 052	4 899 829
Pensions	3 773 097	4 813 260
Other benefits	356 800	450 722
Total	38 277 764	38 935 608



Note 3 Person-years

The number of person-years worked in 2023 was 32.7

Note 4 Permanent assets and immaterial property

Permanent assets	
Procurement cost 01.01	12 715 217
+ New assets	50 190
- Exited assets	0
= Procurement cost 31.12	12 765 407
Accumulated depreciations	- 4 826 195
Balance sheet value 31.12	7 939 212
Depreciations during the year	309 705

Note 5 Property maintenance

The property requires continuous maintenance, which is carried out in accordance with the FNI Statutes. Costs considered maintenance are entered into the accounts as operational costs, while upgrades and improvements are balanced.

Maintenance costs in 2024 totalled NOK 4 528 640, including NOK 3 024 535 related to the rehabilitation of the tower and garden terraces, as well as the balcony.

Note 6 Benefits/Remuneration of the Board, Director and auditor

Benefits for leading persons

	Salary	Pensions	Other benefits	Total
Director	1 396 342	154 282	14 171	1 564 795
Board	75 000	0	0	75 000

Auditor's remuneration

Auditing	39 750
Special attestations	22 080
Other services	17 760
Total	79 590

Note 7 Capital

	Basis fund	Accumulated capital	Total
Capital 01.01	890 000	24 544 692	25 434 692
Result 2024	0	-2 378 269	-2 378 269
Capital 31.12	890 000	22 166 423	23 056 423

Note 8 Taxes

Tax cost	2024	2023
Payable tax on ordinary income	0	0
= Tax cost	0	0



Taxable income	2024	2023
Pre-tax result	-2 378 269	-2 734 835
Permanent differences	2 358 052	2 637 920
+/- Change in temporary differences	60 264	56 092
Use of loss carryforward	-40 046	0
= Taxable income	0	40 823

Payable tax in the balance statement	2024	2023
Payable tax on 2023 result	0	0
= Payable tax in the balance statement	0	0

More on tax costs

Deferred tax assets are not entered into the balance sheet.





The Auditor's Report



**Til årsmøtet i
Fridtjof Nansen Stiftelsen På Polhøgda**

UAVHENGIG REVISORS BERETNING

Uttalelse om revisjonen av årsregnskapet

Konklusjon

Vi har revidert årsregnskapet for Fridtjof Nansen Stiftelsen På Polhøgda som viser et underskudd på kr 2 378 269,-. Årsregnskapet består av balanse per 31. desember 2024, resultatregnskap for regnskapsåret avsluttet per denne datoen og noter til årsregnskapet, herunder et sammendrag av viktige regnskapsprinsipper.

Etter vår mening

- oppfyller årsregnskapet gjeldende lovkrav, og
- gir årsregnskapet et rettviseende bilde av stiftelsens finansielle stilling per 31. desember 2024 og av dets resultater for regnskapsåret avsluttet per denne datoen i samsvar med regnskapslovens regler og god regnskapsskikk i Norge.

Grunnlag for konklusjonen

Vi har gjennomført revisjonen i samsvar med International Standards on Auditing (ISA-ene). Våre oppgaver og plikter i henhold til disse standardene er beskrevet nedenfor under Revisors oppgaver og plikter ved revisjonen av årsregnskapet. Vi er uavhengige av stiftelsen i samsvar med kravene i relevante lover og forskrifter i Norge og International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (inkludert internasjonale uavhengighetsstandarder) utstedt av International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA-reglene), og vi har overholdt våre øvrige etiske forpliktelser i samsvar med disse kravene. Innhentet revisjonsbevis er etter vår vurdering tilstrekkelig og hensiktsmessig som grunnlag for vår konklusjon.

Øvrig informasjon

Styret og daglig leder (ledelsen) er ansvarlige for øvrig informasjon som er publisert sammen med årsregnskapet. Øvrig informasjon omfatter styrets årsberetning. Vår konklusjon om årsregnskapet ovenfor dekker ikke øvrig informasjon.

I forbindelse med revisjonen av årsregnskapet er det vår oppgave å lese øvrig informasjon. Formålet er å vurdere hvorvidt det foreligger vesentlig inkonsistens mellom den øvrige informasjonen og årsregnskapet, og den kunnskap vi har opparbeidet oss under revisjonen av årsregnskapet, eller hvorvidt øvrig informasjon fremstår som vesentlig feil. Vi har plikt til å rapportere dersom øvrig informasjon fremstår som vesentlig feil. Vi har ingenting å rapportere i så henseende.



Ledelsens ansvar for årsregnskapet

Ledelsen er ansvarlig for å utarbeide årsregnskapet og for at det gir et rettviseende bilde i samsvar med regnskapslovens regler og god regnskapsskikk i Norge. Ledelsen er også ansvarlig for slik intern kontroll som den finner nødvendig for å kunne utarbeide et årsregnskap som ikke inneholder vesentlig feilinformasjon, verken som følge av misligheter eller utilsiktede feil.

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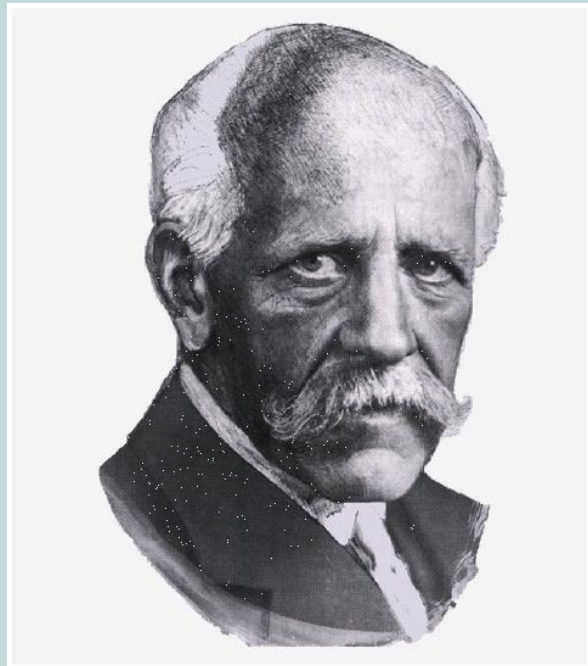
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