Implementing Archive by design in Norway

NORWAY — A HIGHLY DEVELOPED DIGITAL ECONOMY

Source: EU Digital Scoreboard 2018
Archiving by Design?
In the olden days – well actually – just a few years ago,
Digital born documentation seems unmanageable for public sector

Remember to finish up the records before you leave tonight
During the **design** or adjustment of **information systems**, the appropriate measures are taken **to ensure that** the **information** becomes, and **stays**, sustainably accessible.

Preliminary EAG Workingpaper, (nov 2022)
What have we done in Norway?
AbD started in Norway through a co-creative and user-oriented process

How can the National Archives get public sector organisations to experiment and try out new approaches for effective securing and utilization of documentation, like Archive by Design?

- How to make decision makers understand the value?
- How to make suppliers understand the leeway to create better solutions?
- How to increase the competence in the archive functions in the sector?

Example from “Arkivfloken”
What we learned about innovation and archives

**SHARE KNOWLEDGE**
In order to inspire and raise awareness

**HELP TO GET STARTED**
Through raising awareness and setting a clear direction

**GUIDE AND SUPPORT**
Public sector in their projects and initiatives

**IMPROVING FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS**
Work systematically with improving the standards, new tools and guidelines that support Archive by design, based on learnings and experience

**EXTRACT LEARNINGS**
And examples that can inspire and benefit others

We want the public sector to **EXPLORE AND DEVELOP NEW SOLUTIONS** that supports their processes, and at the same time secure principles for records management.

Identify and define needs. Start an initiative or project ➔ Develop or procure ➔ Implement or improve
What are we doing so far #1

Established «**Regulatory Sandbox for Records, Data and Transparency**» in March 2021.

- Allow innovators to trial ideas or IT-systems in a safe space - exploring new possibilities and new solutions
- Involve a coordinated effort to improve existing regulations and standardisations
- Bring the cost and risk of innovation down for participants and generate knowledge and good examples
- Increase our own understanding of how new technological solutions can be used in our field
A Regulatory sandbox in practice

AbD Scan and insights

Advice and adjustments

Propagate new insights
What are we doing so far #2

Established "StandardLab" in August 2022.

“StandardLab” - engaging users and stakeholders in our standardisation
Standardisation for the future of records management

• The goal is to rethink standardization and to be able to adjust to changes in user needs, legislation, organisational changes and available new technology.

• This implies working more dynamic, involving users and stakeholders, and respond to user needs when it comes to standardisation.

• So far we have identified important principles for StandardLab and developed a method for "collecting" user needs, prioritising them and developing new standards.
Some advice and an example
Three key advice to succeed with AbD

Think «Sustainable accessibility» from start to end

Be user-oriented

Work interdisciplinary
More examples and tools can be found on our website.
Interested in more knowledge documents?

- The Netherlands has developed some guidelines for Archiving by Design (in Dutch - can be google translated)
  - [https://www.nationaalarchief.nl/archiveren/kennisbank/handreiking-archiveren-by-design](https://www.nationaalarchief.nl/archiveren/kennisbank/handreiking-archiveren-by-design)

- Norway utilises “Archive Inside” – conceptually same as Archiving by Design. Most documentation in Norwegian,
  - [https://www.arkivverket.no/arkivutvikling/innebygd-arkivering](https://www.arkivverket.no/arkivutvikling/innebygd-arkivering)

- Available english report on “wicked problem of records management”
  - [https://www.arkivverket.no/arkivutvikling/innebygd-arkivering/stimulab-arkivfloken/attachment/download/d925a4ac-4517-43c6-b6e2-565567264664:b1f975ffc456a9a30232078232881c6d66e40ae4/The%20wicked%20problem%20of%20records%20management.pdf](https://www.arkivverket.no/arkivutvikling/innebygd-arkivering/stimulab-arkivfloken/attachment/download/d925a4ac-4517-43c6-b6e2-565567264664:b1f975ffc456a9a30232078232881c6d66e40ae4/The%20wicked%20problem%20of%20records%20management.pdf)

- ISO starting to show interest with ad-hoc working group on “records management by design”
Thank you for your attention!

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