

## National policy and R&D activities in Norway

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### Outline

- ICT National Policy in Norwegian Education - The Knowledge Promotion Reform
- The Norwegian Centre for ICT in Education
- The Monitor study– ICT in Norwegian schools
- Other R&D activities

### The knowledge promotion reform

- The latest reform regarding the education sector, from 2006.
- It introduces certain changes in substance, structure and organization in the 10-year compulsory school to the last grade in upper secondary education and training.

### *ICT – one of five basic skills*

The ability to use Information and communication technology (ICT) became one of the five basic competences (skills) required in Norwegian schools.

These basic skills are:

- 1. The ability to express oneself orally,
- 2. The ability to read,
- 3. The ability to do arithmetic,
- 4. The ability to express oneself in writing,
- 5. The ability to make use of ICT.

These skills are described through competence aims in the curriculum

We have enough access and tools but what about digital literacy/ competence?



### *The Norwegian Centre for ICT in Education*

- Our main goals are to improve the quality of education and to improve learning outcomes and learning for children, pupils and students through use of ICT in education.
- An important task is to contribute to enhanced digital competence for students and teachers regardless of social background and residence.

#### Monitor – a longitudinal study

- Conducted every other year 2003-2011
- Questionnaires sent to 500 schools
- School leaders, teachers and learners in grade 7, 9 and 12
- Supplemented with a qualitative study



Operational use of ICT	Digital information handling	Digital production	Digital judgment	Digital communication
Be able to use	Be able to use	Be able to use	Be able to use	Be able to use
digital	digital tools,	digital tools,	digital tools,	digital tools,
equipment,	media and	media and	media and	media and
software and	resources to	resources to	resources	resources to
data safely	search for	put together,	safely and to	collaborate in
and secure.	navigate and	remix and	have a clear	learning, self-
Fostering of	interpret	develop	understanding	representation on
typing	digital	digital	of privacy and	the Internet and
proficiency	information	elements into	ethical use of	presentation of
	appropriate	products like	Internet.	knowledge and
	and critically	multimodal		skills to different
		texts.		audiences.

# Pupils

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### Quality of computers

Agrees to statements about the school's computers	7. grade	9. grade	12.grad
The computers startup time is fast	48 %	36 %	44 %
The computers have equally good software as I'm used to from home	37 %	26 %	46 %
The computers are well suited for making presentations	85 %	73 %	80 %
The computers are well suited to edit movies	50 %	26 %	46 %
The computers are fast enough on the Internet	61 %	44 %	62 %

### Trends in time used with computers at school

4 hours or more per week



#### Trends in time use (subject: Norwegian).



### Attitudes towards use of ICT at school

Agrees	7. grade	9. grade	12.grad
Computers are useful for learning subjects	94 %	92 %	93 %
Using computers makes it more easy to learn subject content	89 %	87 %	85 %
Computers are disturbing at school	12 %	18 %	45 %

## Teachers

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### *Time used for teaching purposes. 4 hours or more per week*



### Attitudes towards ICT in teachers' teaching practice

agrees	7. grade	9. grade	12. grade
In my experience, ICT adds variation to my teaching	98 %	95 %	88 %
It is more easy to differentiate between pupils when I'm using ICT	89 %	83 %	74 %
I use ICT to stimulate the pupils' curiousness for subject learning	95 %	94 %	87 %
It is more easier to activate the pupils when using ICT	91 %	83 %	80 %
It is consuming to use ICT in my own teaching practice	62 %	66 %	51 %

Different types of CPD activities and percentage of teachers that agree that it had effect on their ICT skills/competence

	External courses	Internal courses	Trial and error	Peer learning	Selfstudy
Grade 12	29 %	31 %	<b>92</b> %	58 %	95 %
Grade 9	31 %	39 %	99 %	65 %	91 %
Grade 7	32 %	34 %	91 %	50 %	85 %

## School leaders

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### Priorities of resources (lower secondary school)



#### Teachers' CPD and use of Internet



### Some of our other projects



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