

# Fire research funding impact; a Norwegian case study

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Norway in a sustainability perspective (fire safety concerns?)
- Innovative in complex timber constructions.
- Vehicles with new fuels will be driving
 through the many tunnels.











Norway in a sustainability perspective (fire safety concerns?)
- Leading on in alternative fuels in shipping
(batteries, liquid hydrogen, ammonia),
- World-leading in number of EVs per capita.



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### **RISE Fire Research in 2015**

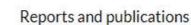
An ambition to develop knowledge and information to society about the fire safety of alternative fuels.

#### Challenge:

- With no strategic funding:
- how could we find the resources to:
- develop our competence within the new fields?
- write research proposals?

#### **Opportunity:**

We had some small open research project (5%), generating publicly available information/reports.



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### **RISE Fire Research in 2015**

#### Our strategy:



**Utilise the small open projects** to build future competence and network within strategic topics.

#### Be relevant

 Have a broad focus and find our place in cross disciplinary research (follow national and EU strategies topic wise).

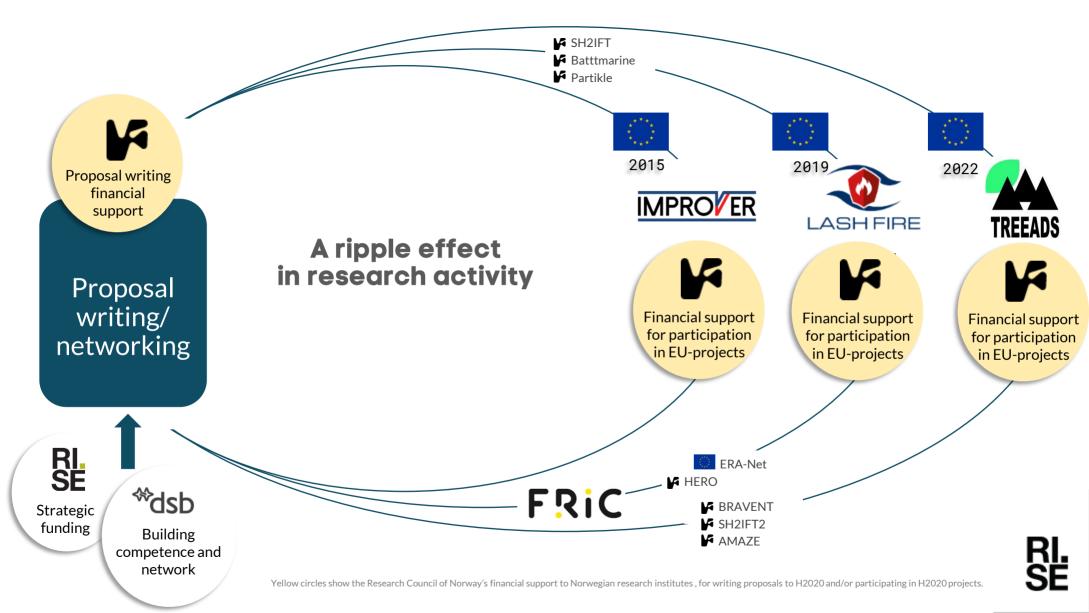
- Identify stakeholders and collaborators. Create synergies.



Utilize financial support schemes

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### 2016: The grand fire initiative A collaboration project between the Gjensidige foundation and the fire and rescue services.



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### Total budget: 7M EUR Duration: Mar 2019 – Feb 2024 www.fric.no

#### FRIC impact:

Development and dissemination of knowledge, national and international collaboration, spin-off projects, guidelines, knowledge basis for decision makers, databases, competence (professorships, PhDs, masterstudents, recruitment of researchers), and most important:

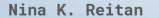
A constructive network and plattform for knowledge exchange and cross-sectional dialogue about problems, goals and solutions.



Fire safety is not a barrier

to sustainable development;

it is a catalyst



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