

# The petroleum sector: Interplay between governance and industry


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Insight into the interplay between policy, economics and petroleum activities is critical for Norway as a major oil and gas-exporting nation. Over the past six years, activities under the Programme on Social Science Petroleum Research (PETROSAM) at the Research Council of Norway have resulted in new knowledge in this field.

Now drawing to a close, the PETROSAM programme has given Norwegian social-science researchers the opportunity to delve deeply into the social context related to petroleum activities, providing government authorities, investors and the industry itself with new knowledge.

“The PETROSAM programme has made it possible for us to fill key knowledge needs in the petroleum sector,” asserts Fridtjof Unander, Executive Director of the Division for Energy, Resources and the Environment of the Research Council. “This programme has given us a wider understanding of the interaction between industry, policy and economics, as well as of certain geopolitical perspectives in petroleum activities.”

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 [Researchers, industrial players and analysts convened for discussion and knowledge exchange at the concluding conference of the PETROSAM programme.](#) [2]

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