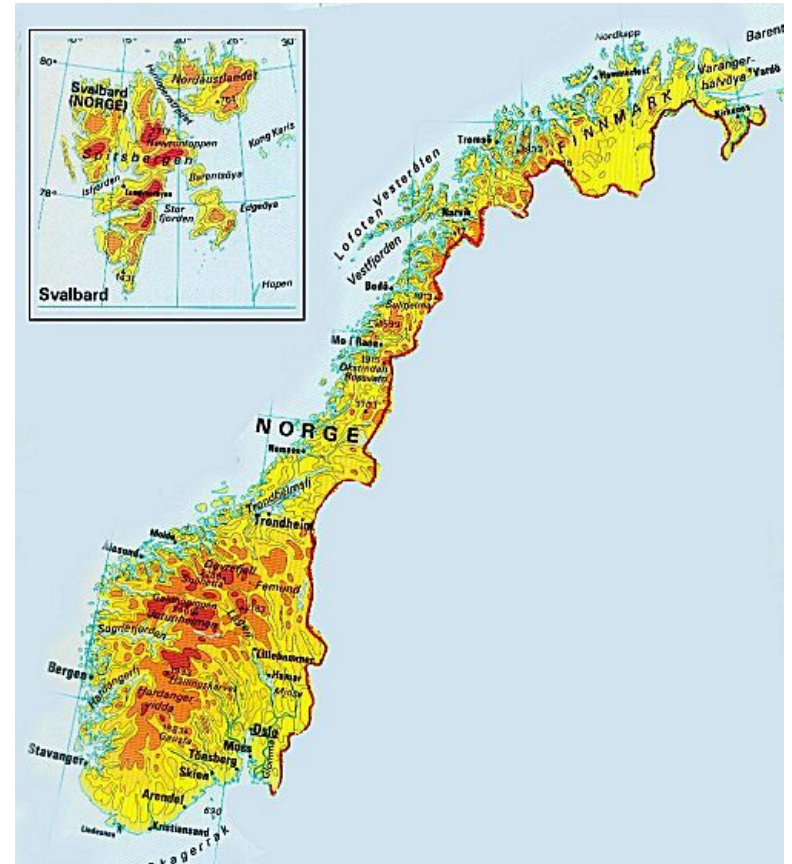
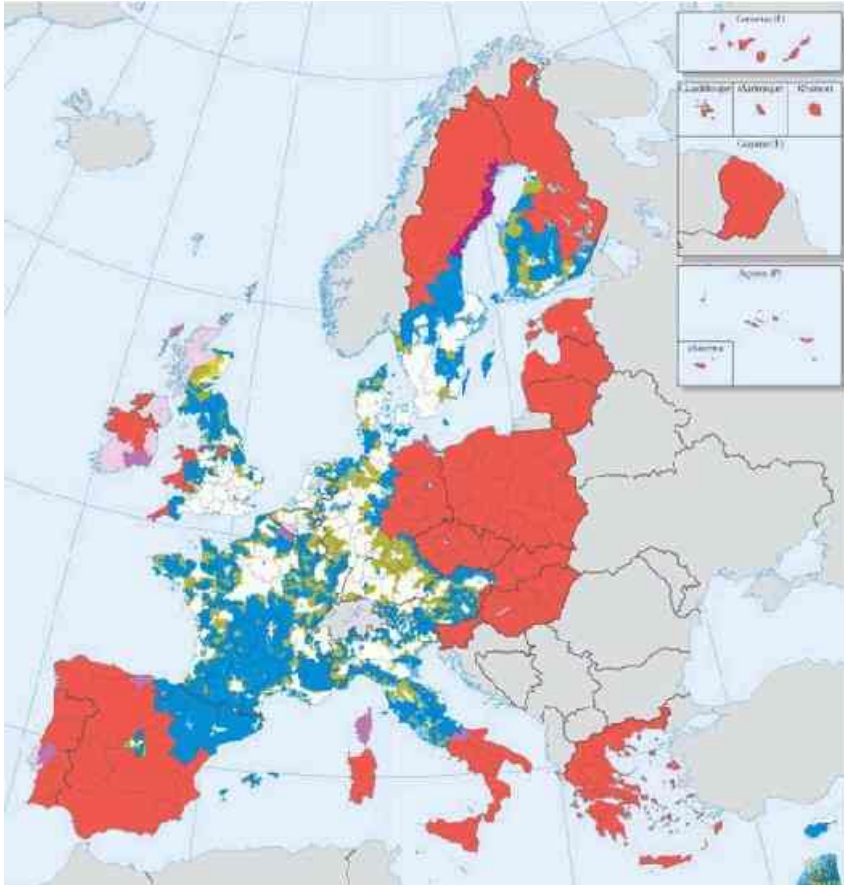


Policy and science within FH

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Presentation



Purpose of the paper

- To describe Farming for health within a discursive context of policy and science
- The scene of policy is Norway
- The scientific discourse are international
- Within the dynamics of these two knowledge spheres



Discourse analysis



- Dissect the texts
- Investigate the connection between *ideas as intended policy and action*
- Societies are increasingly governed by the texts of the systems and the language of power
- Studies of texts and terms may enlighten the relations of power which are difficult to reveal

Why policy and science?

- Power sphere
- In need of legitimacy
- Knowledge based and therefore
- (consisting) of "truth" (or taken-for-granted) knowledge spheres



The criteria of the dynamics

- Intention – values and goals
- Knowledge - worldview, theories
- Concepts - which terms are “shining”?
- Actions - what is really happening?
- Legitimacy - the position and relevance in society?



Values of Intentions

- **Policy:**

- Farmers resources
- Rural values
- Farmers needs



- **Science**

- Natures resources
- Humanistic values
- Humans or some one`s need



The intentions of policy



- *Agriculture in Norway has qualities besides producing pure and goods of quality*
- *The aim is to maintain a population in rural district and to*
- *Upkeep a viable culture landscape*

Intentions of science



- Document effects
- Document effects of nature on human health
- Develop the HT and AAT perspectives
- Integrate new perspectives of nature
- To some extent investigate the welfare and agricultural perspectives
- Trend: investigate the governance situation of FH

”Knowledge” of policy

- World view: *Agriculture resources are humanly, environmental and material*
- That farming has positive effect on health in a un-problematic way
- That **marked** solves!
- That **quality** help!
- That **competance** work!
- That **networking** is a must!



“Knowledge” of science



- *Nature and human in harmony*
- The **Biophilia** hypothesis
- A **need of sophisticated** research projects
- **Effects need being documented**

Concepts



- Policy: from GC to FH to Nature&Health
- Science: from HT and AAT to several HTs and AATs

- Broader concepts; What about the farm and the work element?



Actions of politics

- increase of services
- focus on market
- competence and education
- making an example book of the best practices
- networking on national and international level



Action of science



- Develop the HTs, the AATs and the NTs?
- develop the BioPhilia hypothesis?
- continue debating the misery of non-documenting effects?
- Good network practice
- Trend: develop the farm work aspect of therapies? The ATs

Legitimacy

Policy: between the welfare dominance (increased regulations and clients rights) and shut downs of farms.

- Not very high legitimacy at a national level
- Policy external: The threat of climatic change?

Science :

- The neglect of policy legitimacy?
- A lack of self awareness and methodology?
- The decrease of scientific authority?

Practical politics vs practice of science

- The reason for stimulating and supporting the services is the “believed” success of such services, even if the potential effects are not documented. Rhetoric within policy documents is to co-operate with researchers and initiate studies to document effects. *“Ever body concern about effects”, but occasionally “we” (the society) do not care very much about effects!”* (quoted from a COST action participant). Bureaucrats of one of the most successful County (region) regarding FH in Norway is asking for researches on organizational and practical tasks, but support the rhetoric demand for researches on effects, or: documentation of how it works.

So what?

- This shows the situation within two strong powers
- Partly different
- Do we want it to be more alike? May imply stronger directions. Unbound research is better?
- Education/knowledge in FH: Develop new services by education in couples: teacher + farmer. Also therapist and farmer?



This is about politics, values, communities,
policy of agriculture

Politics of agriculture: FH as source of
income and use of resources.

Politics of health: beneficial health effects.
FH only exist in a few cases locally.

How can agriculture negotiate with health
authorities for more FH? (Only if lack of
health/care takers...?)

... What is *health*?

