

Correctional services of Norway



The “Reintegration guarantee”

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Norway: some relevant characteristics



Bizarre geography:

N-S: 2,500 km

E-W: down to 6 km



Low population density:

• 4,7 million - 14 per km² ( 230)



High income:

• per capita GDP \$ 57,500 ( 35,900)

• 2 % unemployed

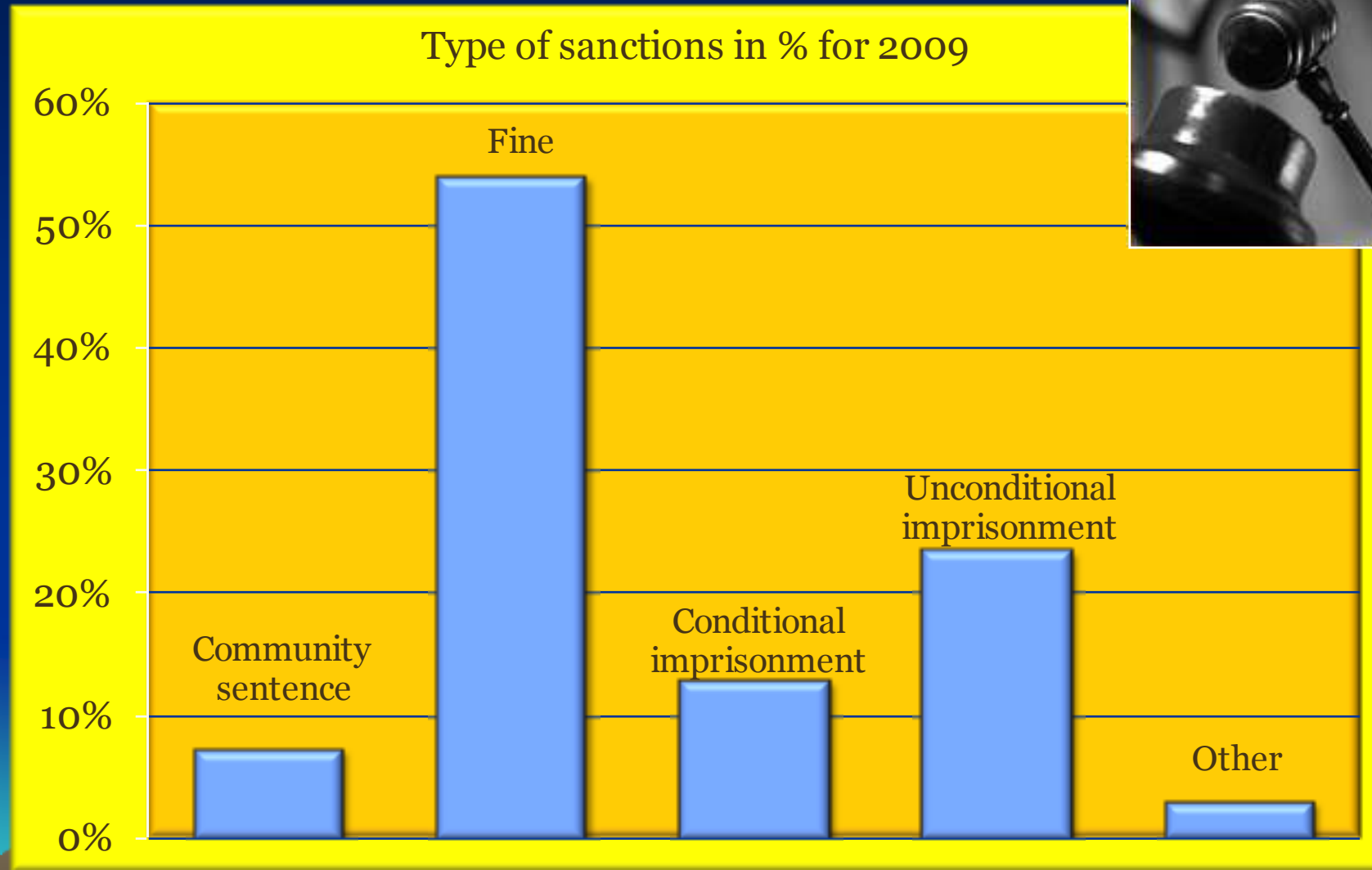


Welfare-based:

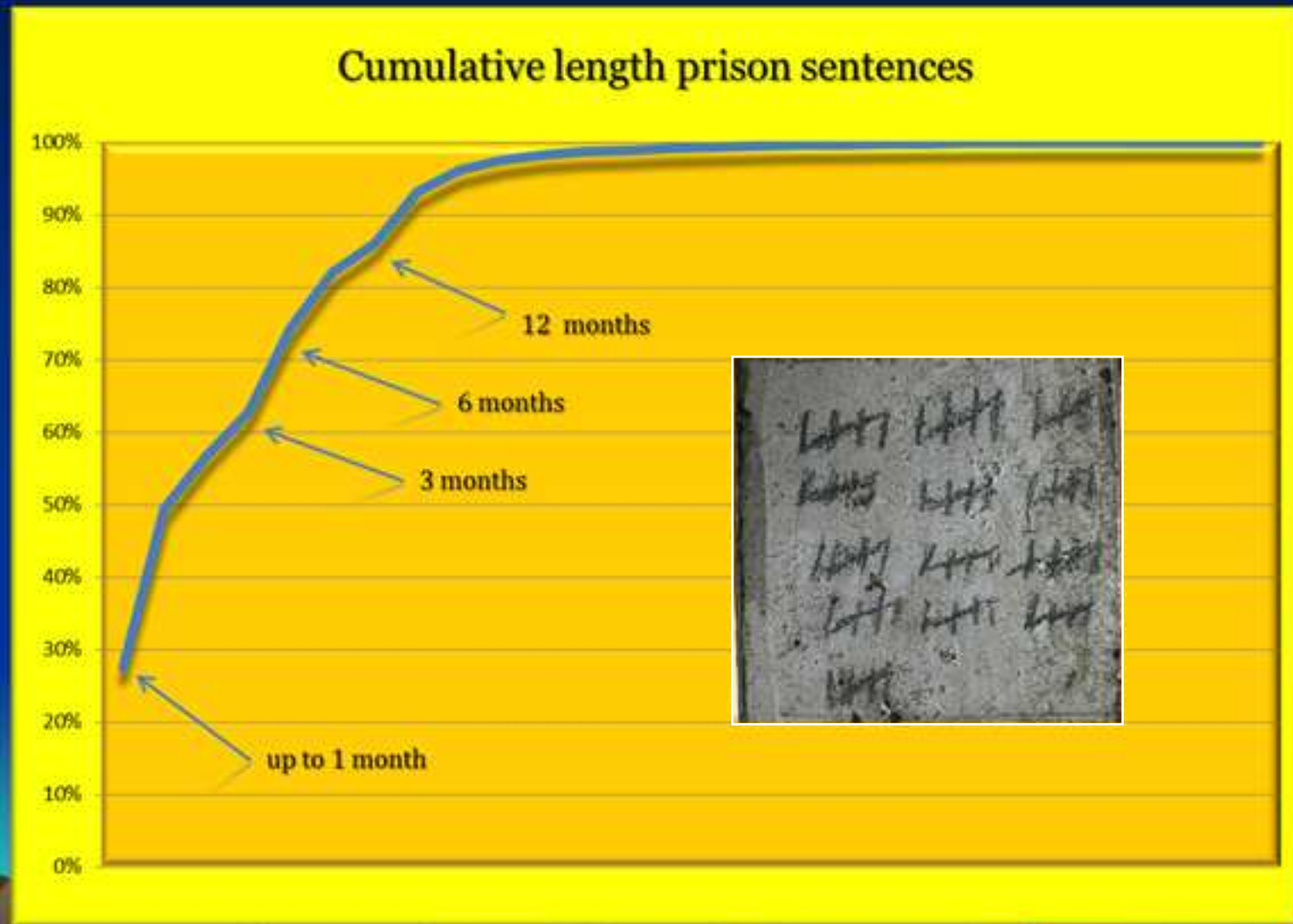
• Roughly 1 million publicly employed (= ca. 30 %)



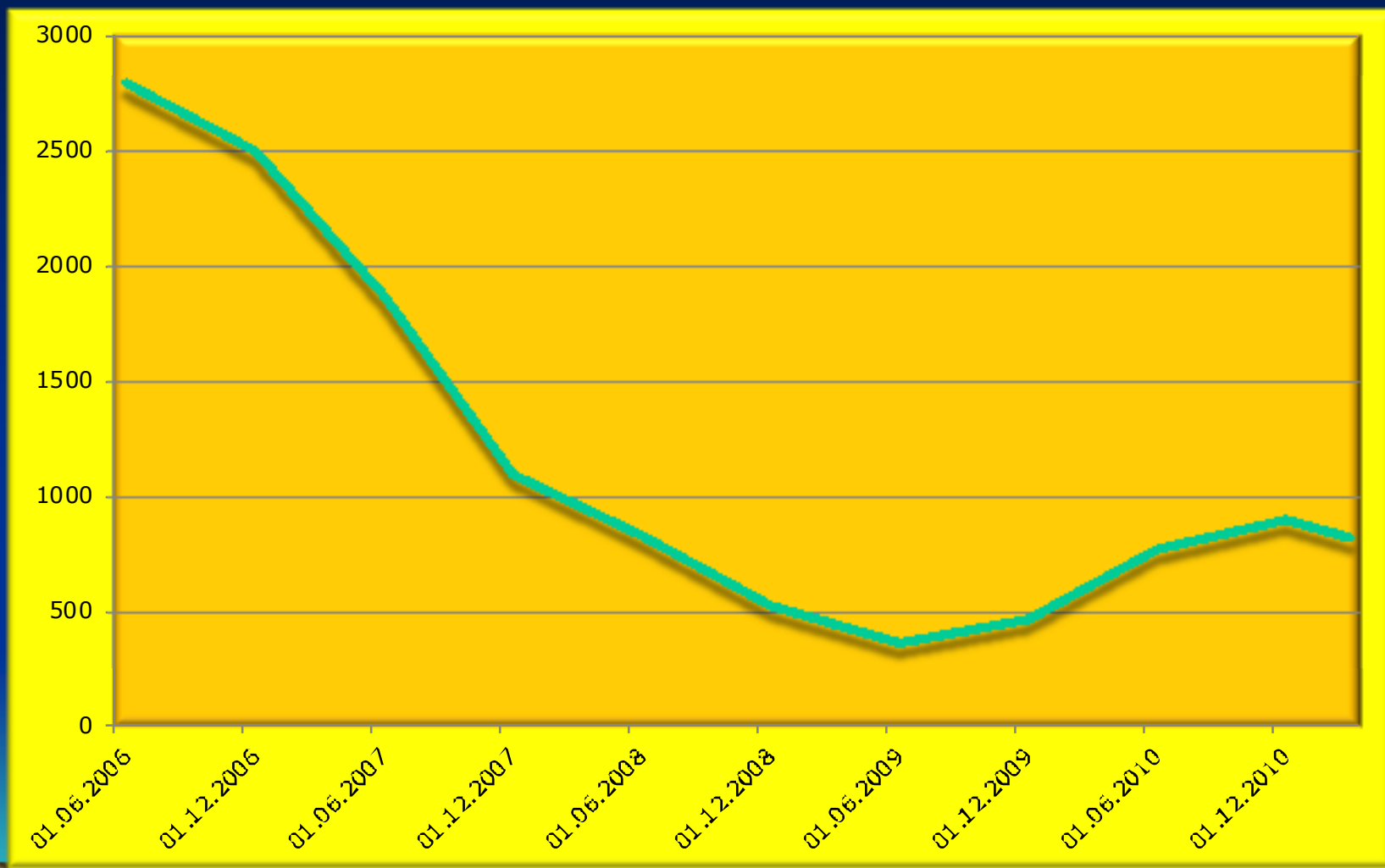
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Prison «Waiting list»



Prison Numbers

Average daily number of prisoners and
prison – population rate in some countries

N	Rate	
USA	2,304,000	753
Russia	862,000	609
England	85,000	154
Germany	69,000	85
Norway	3,400	70



Source: ICPS World Prison Brief, March 2011

Staff



- Ca. 3,400 fte working in prisons
- Ca. 300 fte working in probation
- Ca. 450 fte in Staff Academy and ICT-service

Prison officer training

Receive salary during two-year education at academic level

- Psychology, sociology, criminology, law, social work
- Conflict management, ethics and human rights

Post-training courses in various working methods and programmes



Recidivism



Source: "Retur", Nordic Research Group, 2010

White Paper on Corrections

”Punishment that works
- reducing crime for a safer
community”
(September 2008)

Outline for penal policy for
a period of 5 – 10 years

[German summary on website](#)



Central principles

- Discretionary powers in implementation
- Reduce the use of prison
- Progression towards release
- Principle of normality
- Import of services
- Rehabilitation



Reduce the use of prison: more community sanctions



Community sentences

Intoxicated drivers
programme



Drug Court



Progression towards release: variation



Principle of normality

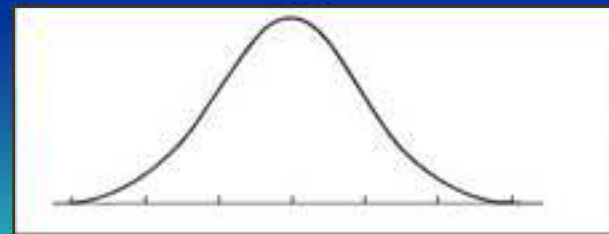
(= not stricter than necessary)

The punishment is the deprivation of liberty



Security: enough is enough

A life as normal as possible



Import of services: transfer to freedom

Medical, educational, employment, clerical and library services are provided from outside

- Continuity
- Involvement
- Budget



Rehabilitation: Inmate's living conditions

- Addiction 60 %
- Low education 40 %
- Unemployment 80 %
- Homeless 65 %
- Below povertyline 40 %



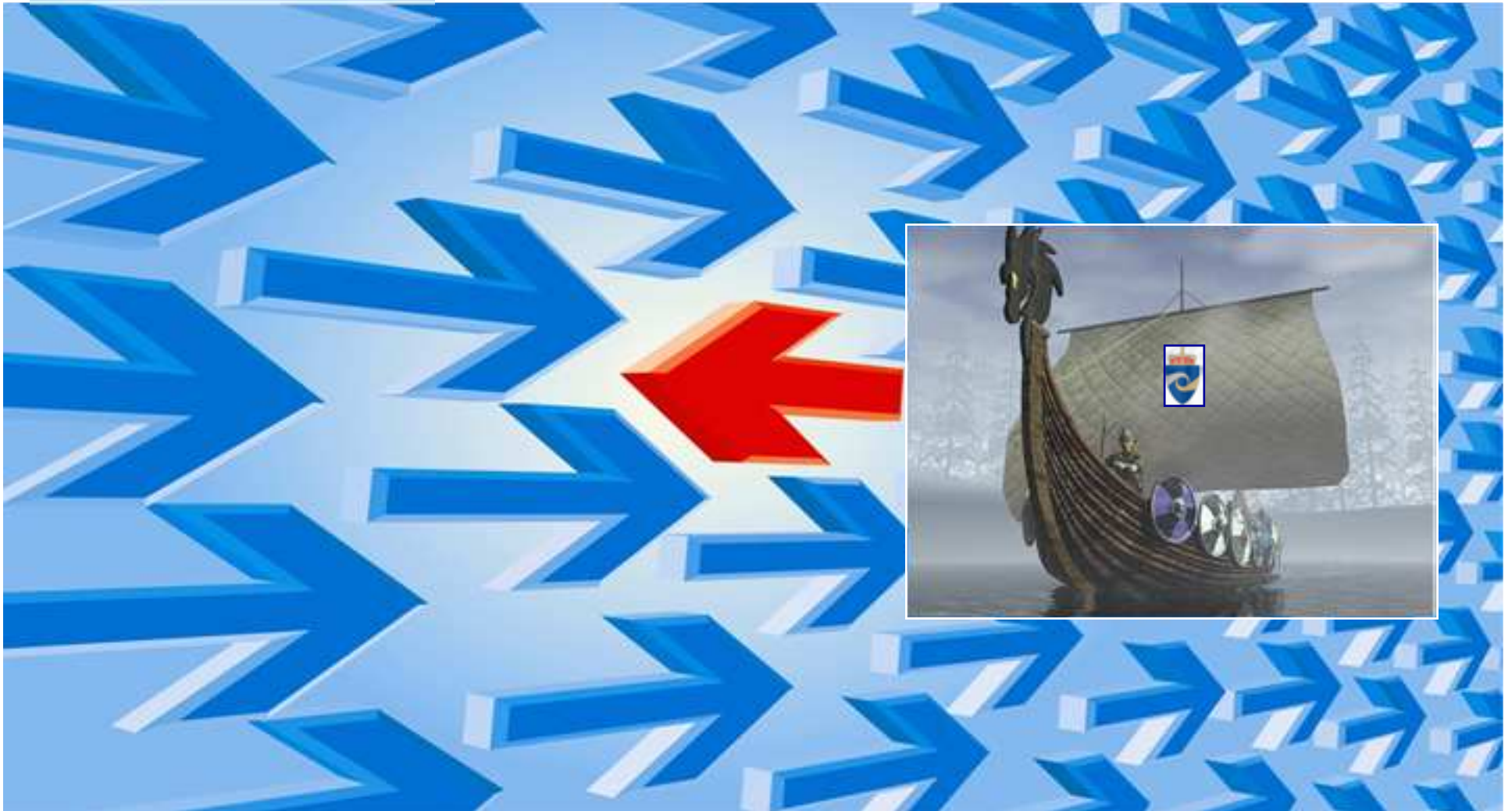
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The whole government!



The right direction??



Thank you for your attention!



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