

The Norwegian data center industry is committed to European climate initiative

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The amount of data in the world is increasing at an enormous rate, creating vast growth in the need for data centers. ICT-Norway and the Norwegian data center industry are now taking the lead in climate efforts, by participating in a European agreement on climate-neutral data centers by 2030.

- ICT-Norway is proud to participate in this historic commitment from the European data center industry to lead the transition to a sustainable and climate-neutral economy. Adherence to the "Climate Neutral Data Center Pact", which is being launched today across Europe, aims for data centers to be climate neutral by 2030. This is done in collaboration with the European Commission in the form of grant opportunities and improved framework conditions, and with funding for large EU budgets aimed at digital development. For the Norwegian data center industry, this will mean new business opportunities and opportunities to influence the development towards a climate-neutral industry by 2030, says Liv Freihow, director of policy in ICT-Norway.

The CO2 footprint of data centers globally has increased in recent years, mainly because the total global amount of data is increasing markedly. The CO2 footprint comes from the large amounts of energy used to operate the data centers, but also to a large extent from other areas such as the production of the technology that is the entire basis for the data centers.

ICT-Norway Datacenter forum represents the bulk of the Norwegian data center industry, and joins the initiative run by CISPE (Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe), which aims to make European data centers CO2-neutral by 2030.

The agreement focuses on five areas: energy efficiency, climate-friendly energy sources, water, circular economy and recycling of surplus heat.

17 European trade associations support the agreement, and more than 20 data center companies have already committed themselves to achieve this goal. Norway has an advantage in the European context due to its access to renewable energy.

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