Integrated governance: How? Where? For what?

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- 1. Main questions discussed
- Main global trends of public reforms NPM, post-NPM and hybrid solutions
- What is integrated governance? Why emerging and how is it used?
- Challenges of integrated governance?
- Some examples from Norway

- 2. Global reform trends last decades
- A. New Public Management
- Structural fragmentation of the public apparatus – vertically/horizontally
- Focus on efficiency, markets, competition and privatization
- Often a contractual relationship to private, for-profit actors

- B. Post-NPM
- Increased centralization and vertical coordination
- Increased horizontal coordination, including networks to private/third sector (New Public Governance)
- C. Hybrid governance
- Combining traditional principles, NPM and post-NPM

- 3. What is integrated governance?
- Focusing the integrated inter-organizational collaboration between public and private/third sector – joined-up governance
- Alludes to networks related to service production/delivery
- But could also relate to policy decisions, planning and content of policies
- Both focusing access and autonomy

- 4. Why is integrated governance emerging?
- Wicked issues societal problems more complex, cross-level and cross-sectoral
- Public bodies more expansive, but also need more help from private/third sector
- Private and third sector actors more active
- More effectiveness, efficiency and better quality?

- 5. How forms of integrated governance
- Are public bodies directly/indirectly involved or active/passive?
- A. Indirectly and passive
- Frame steering, networks with a lot of autonomy
- B. Directly and passive
- More support and facilitating of networks, more goal-setting and incentives

- C. Indirectly and active
- Institutional design public influence through choice of organizational form, recruitment and meaning-making
- But rather passive in the daily life of networks
- D. Direct and active
- Participation in network aiming at influencing private/third sector actors actively

- 6. Challenges of integrated governance
- When to use it? Wicked issues, lack of public expertise, symbolic?
- Democratic steering of networks legitimacy?
- How to chose the right type differentiated?
- How to secure good interaction in networks?
- How to assess the outputs and outcomes?

- 7. Examples of integrated governance in Norway
- A. Innovation in welfare services and technology
 vulnerable groups, user-friendly, logistics
- B. Regional development water management, schools, employment, cultural heritage profile
- C. City development housing, culture, business, environment
- D. Cultural development arenas, enterprises

- 8. Summing up
- Integrated governance is reflecting needs for increased collaboration in wicked issues
- One of many instruments for government related to popular influence
- It has a varied background, many different types and diverse effects
- Is it necessary to strengthen leadership and formalize integrated governance networks more?