



**PERMANENT DELEGATION
OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN NORWAY

As delivered by Counsellor Hilde Austad
to the Permanent Council,
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Mr Chairman,

I would like to inform the members of the Permanent Council that Norway will hold municipal and county council elections on Monday 14 September.

A pilot project on reduced voting age was introduced in the municipal elections in 2011, and will also be carried out this year. In 20 municipalities, 16 and 17 year olds will be able to vote.

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights has been informed of the elections. An invitation has already been extended to observe the elections, in accordance with the Copenhagen Commitments and other election-related commitments.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.