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Heritage Grants and Conservation Assessment Systems



White Paper on Cultural Heritage

- The white paper "Living with our Cultural Heritage" was presented to the Parliament 25 February 2005.
- The paper included an assessment of the state of conservation of cultural heritage protected under the Cultural Heritage Act.
- Two of the national targets defined in the white paper focused on the state of conservation.

National targets

 Annual losses of cultural monuments, sites and environments as a result of demolition, damage and decay shall be minimised, and by 2020 shall not exceed 0.5 per cent of the total.







National targets

 Cultural monuments, sites and environments protected under the Cultural Heritage Act shall be safeguarded and a standard requiring only normal maintenance shall be achieved by 2020.





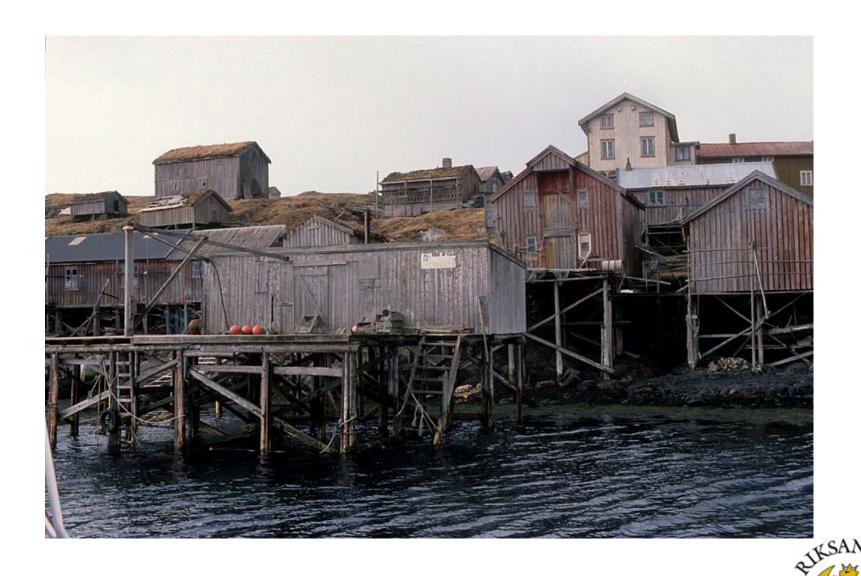


The Heritage Grant System

 According to the Planning and Building Act every owner is responsible for the repair and maintenance of built structures.

 The Heritage Grants are meant to cover extra costs imposed by cultural heritage regulations.







The Heritage Grant System

- An assessment of the repair and maintenance costs to be covered by Government funds was been made and accepted by the Parliament.
- The analysis covers all cultural heritage protected under the Cultural Heritage Act.
- · The total annual costs to be covered are

285 mill NOK

=25.2 mill GBP

=36.4 mill EUR



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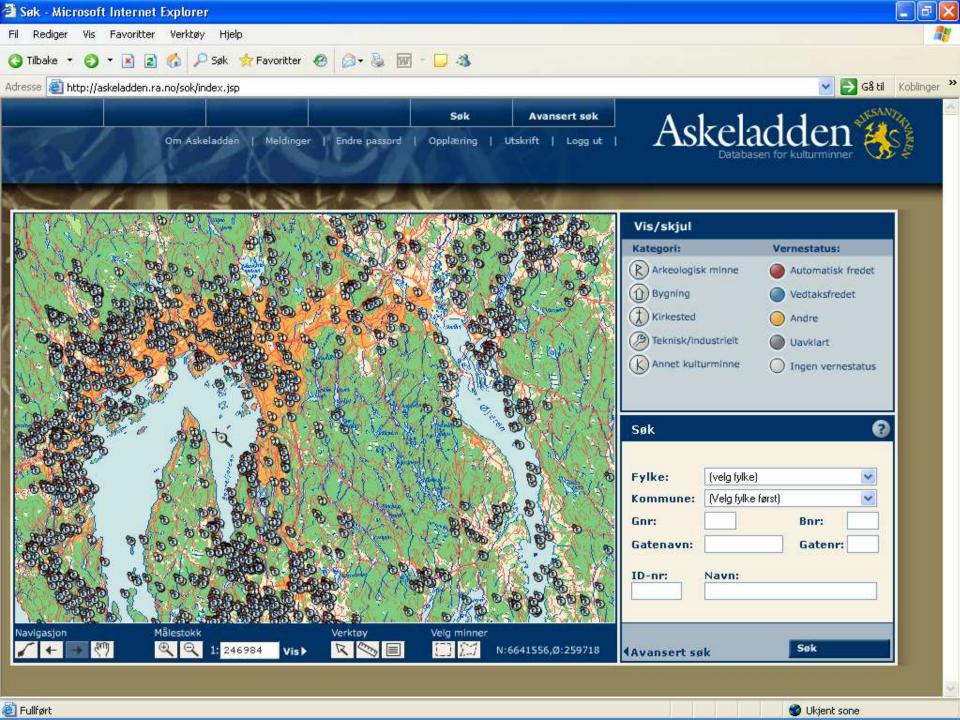
- Until 2005 grants were based on applications.
- From 2006 most grants will be allocated through repair programmes organised by the County Conservation Offices in co-operation with NDCH.
- Two counties have started their repair programmes, six counties will start in 2007



 The GIS-based register identifies all cultural heritage properties protected under the Cultural Heritage Act:

_	Archaeological sites/objects	196 245
_	Buildings	5 423
_	Churches	3 244
-	Historical gardens	69
-	Industrial Heritage	304
-	Underwater archaeological sites	639
-	Other	900
_	Total	206 824



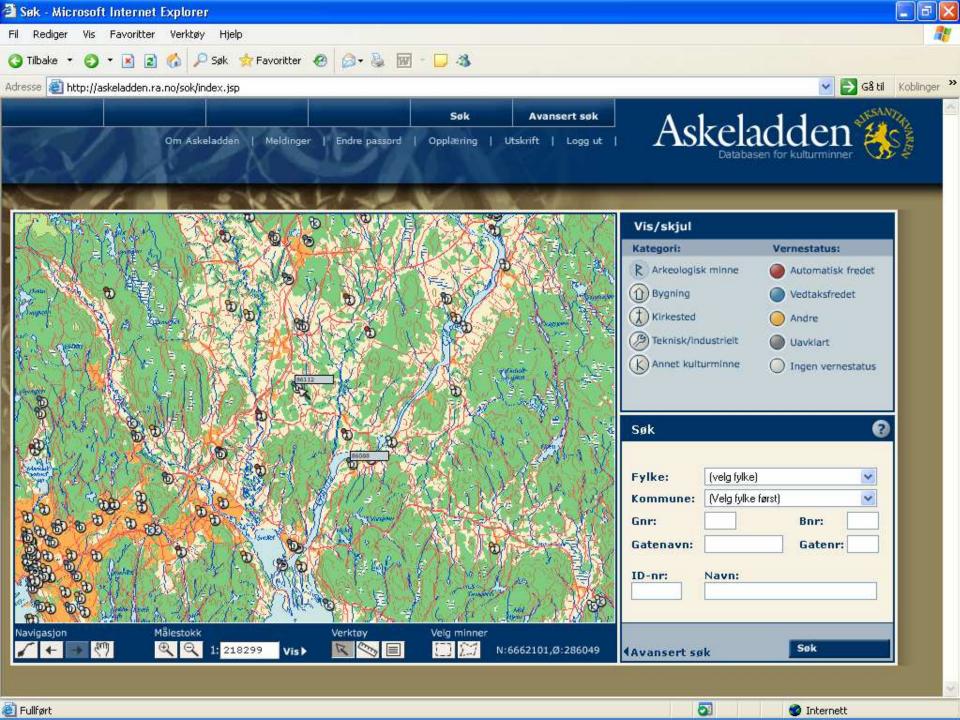


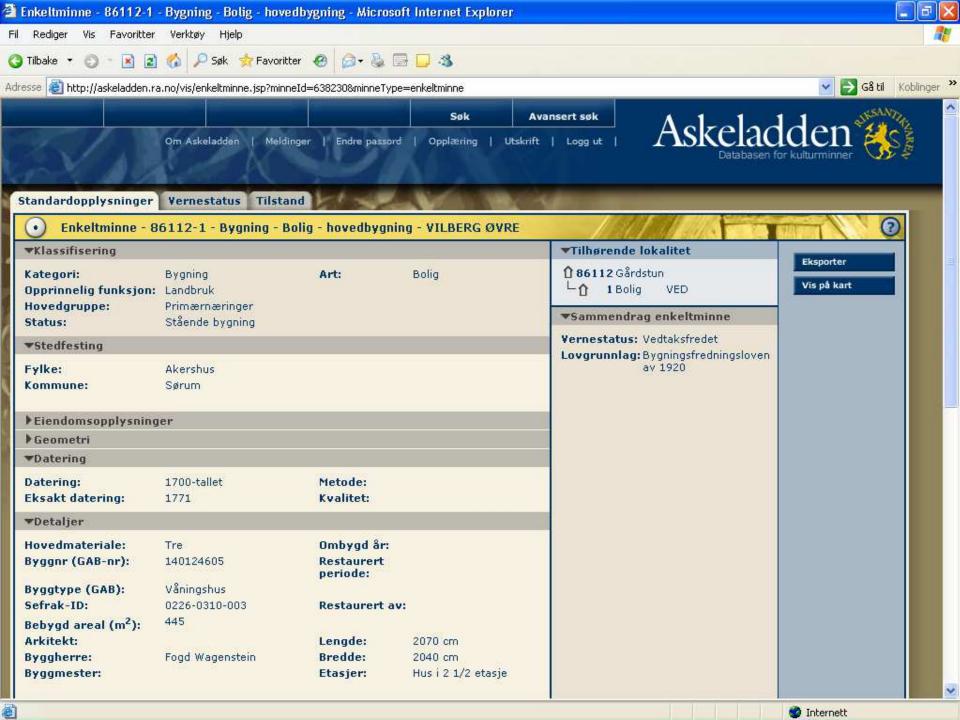
- Based on the Norwegian Standard
 NS 3423 Condition survey of protected
 buildings and buildings with historical
 significance a special module is developed for
 the register.
- The module enables us to monitor the improvements in the state of conservation made during the project period



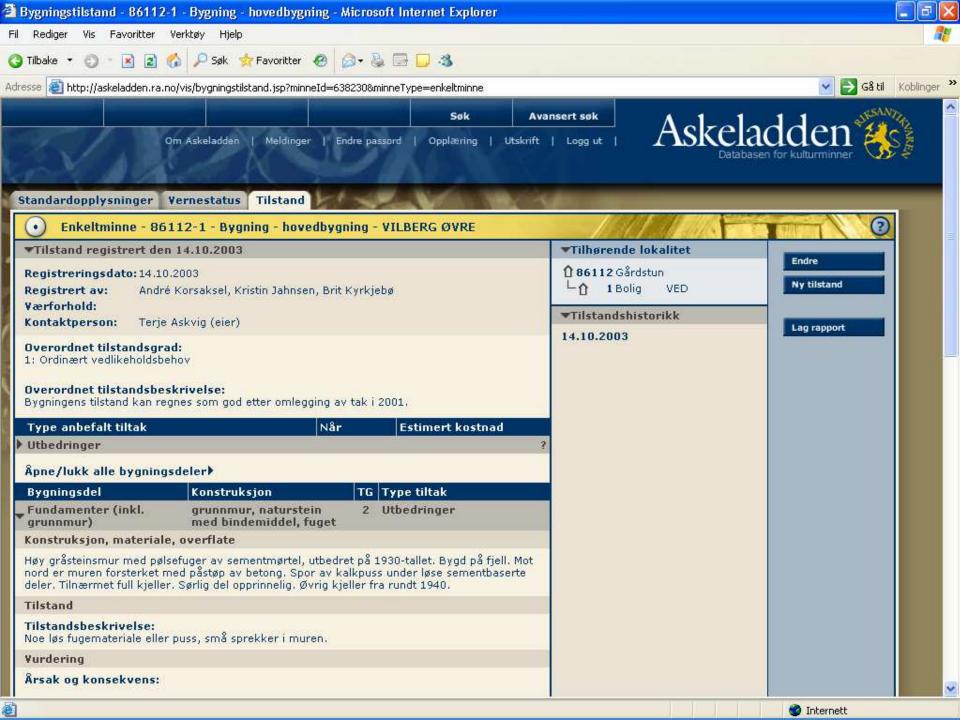












- Surveyors have made calculations of the repair costs. These unit prices (per square metre / type of activity / building type / etc). make the calculation of repair costs simple and the field work less time consuming.
- The time necessary to assess the building conditions, calculate the costs, and put the information into the Register, is in average 10 hours per building

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The Repair Programme

- The National Register makes it possible to monitor the state of conservation for each building and each building element.
- The "log book" will enable the owner to develop a maintenance plan for the property



The Repair Programme

- The statistics generated from the National Register enable us to monitor the general state of conservation in the building stock.
- The statistics also enable the Ministry and the Parliament to assess the development of the programme.
- The statistics document the effect of the funds allocated. This is vital in order to ensure continued funding of the programme.

The Repair Programme



The Maintenance Programme



The Maintenance Programme

 A parallell programme is to be established in order to ensure to maintain the obtained state of conservation.



