

= Norid =

Uninett Norid AS , trading as Norid , is the domain name registry for the three Norwegian country code top @-@ level domains (ccTLD) .no , .sj and .bv. The non @-@ profit company is based in Trondheim , where it shares offices with its parent company Uninett ; both companies being owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research . Norid operates under contract with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority , supervised by the Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority . Uninett took over responsibility for the Norwegian domain in 1987 , and in 2003 it was spun off as a separate company . Only .no is open for registration .

= = History = =

The registry for .no was in 1983 given to Pål Spilling at the Norwegian Telecommunications Administration 's research institute . However , policy @-@ makers wanted the domain to be managed by a non @-@ commercial organization , and the responsibility was transferred to Uninett , a supplier of information and communications technology to Norwegian public universities , colleges and research institutions , on 17 March 1987 . At the time Uninett was administrated as a division of SINTEF , but became a limited company owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research in 1993 . Norid was established as a division within Uninett in 1996 , with the responsibility of managing the .no domain . On 21 August 1997 , Norid was given the responsibility for the newly created .sj and .bv domains . In 1998 , Uninett FAS was established as a subsidiary to manage the technical network and service infrastructure Uninett had established , including operation of the network systems for the universities and colleges . At the same time , Norid was transferred to Uninett FAS . In 1998 , two organizations were established : the Domain Resolution Body , to determine domain disputes , and Norpol , a political advisory board . Domain name registrars were introduced in 1999 to handle aspects that could be provided by a third party . Uninett Norid was made a separate subsidiary of Uninett in 2003 , to secure the management of the domains within an independent organization .

= = Organization = =

Uninett Norid AS is a limited company wholly owned by Uninett , a subsidiary of the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research . The offices are co @-@ located with Uninett in Trondheim . Norid manages three country ccTLDs : .no , .sj and .bv. The former is the main domain for Norway , and the latter two are not open for registration . The legal right to manage the domains is two @-@ fold , based both on an agreement with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) and regulations via the Telecommunication Act which is supervised by the Norwegian Post and Telecommunications Authority . In 2009 , the company had a revenue of 23 @.@ 1 million Norwegian krone . Norid is a member of the Council of European National Top Level Domain Registries .

= = Policy = =

The policy for use of the domains is regulated by the Regulation Concerning Domain Names Under Norwegian Country Code Top @-@ level Domains , also known as the Domain Regulation . This regulation also regulates .bv and .sj , and would be effective for these , should they later come unto use .

Only organizations with a local presence in Norway and with registration in the Brønnøysund Register Centre are allowed to register domains under .no. Each organization can register 100 directly under the .no domain , but can register further domains under geographical domains or category second @-@ level domains . Domain names must consist of 2 to 63 characters . Permitted characters are the lower @-@ case English letters a through z , digits (0 through 9) , the three Norwegian letter æ , ø and å , and 20 special Sami letters . Norid also maintains a series of second

@-@ level domains for geographic locations and special institutions . There is also a series of domain names that cannot be registered .

The domains .bv and .sj remain reserved for potential future use . Sale of the two unused ccTLDs has not been an item to consider for policymakers , as commercialization of the domain resources is in direct contradiction to Norwegian policy .