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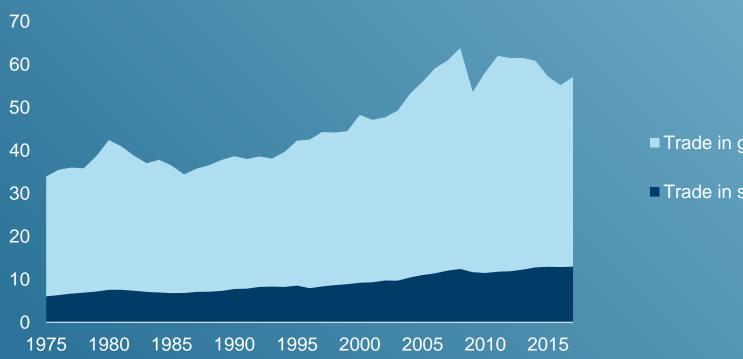
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World trade has grown markedly

Percent of global GDP



■ Trade in goods

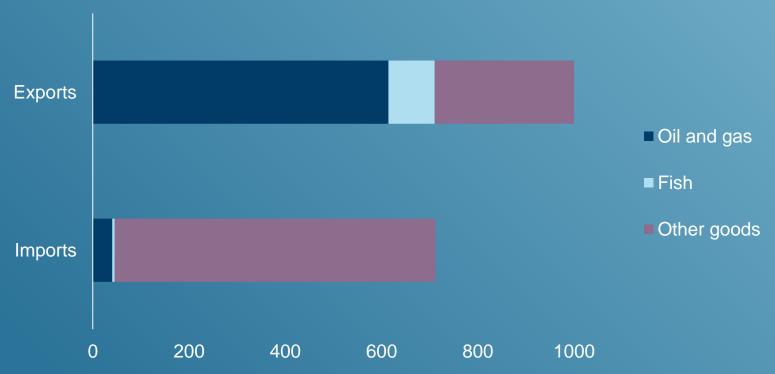
■ Trade in services

Sources: World Bank



Trade gives Norway opportunities

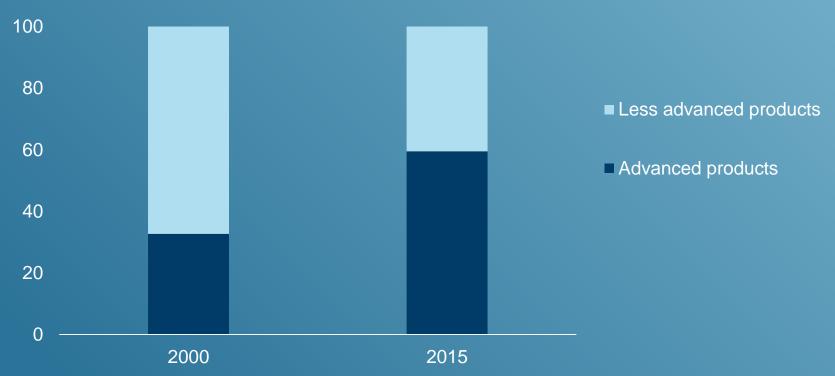
Trade in goods. In billions of NOK. 2018

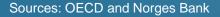




China exports more advanced products

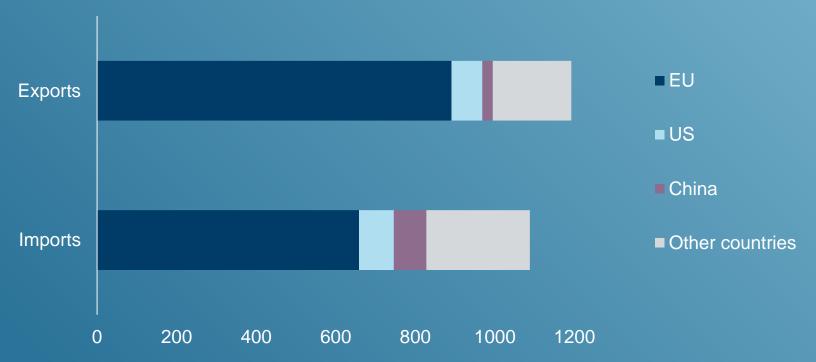
Share of China's exports





We trade mostly with the EU

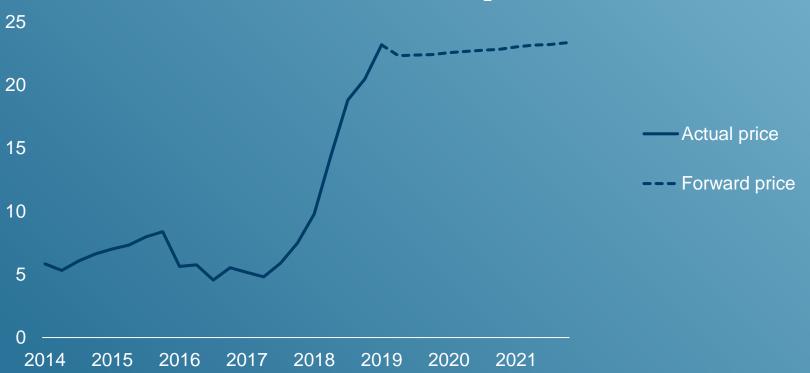
Goods and services. In billions of NOK. 2017





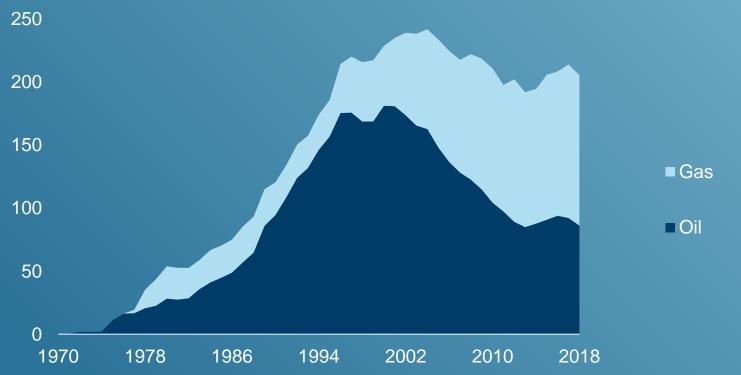
Higher prices for European CO₂ emissions

Allowance price. EUR per metric tonne of CO₂ equivalents



Important role for Norwegian gas

Annual production. Standard cubic metre of oil equivalents. In millions



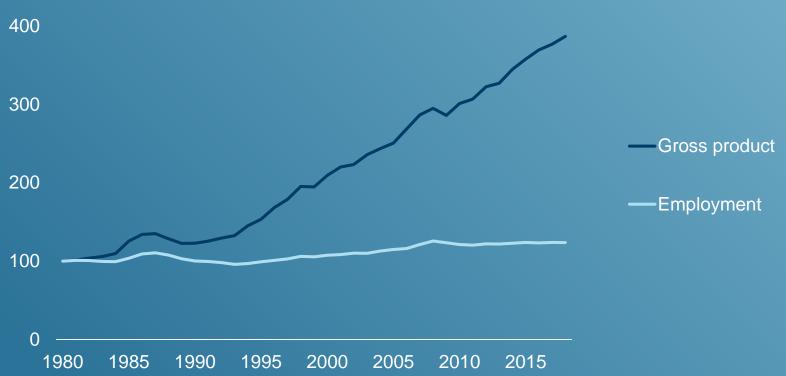
Employment shifts towards services

Annual average change in number of employed in the period 1980-2018. Percent



High productivity growth in retail sales

Index. 1980 = 100



Stronger upturn in the Norwegian economy

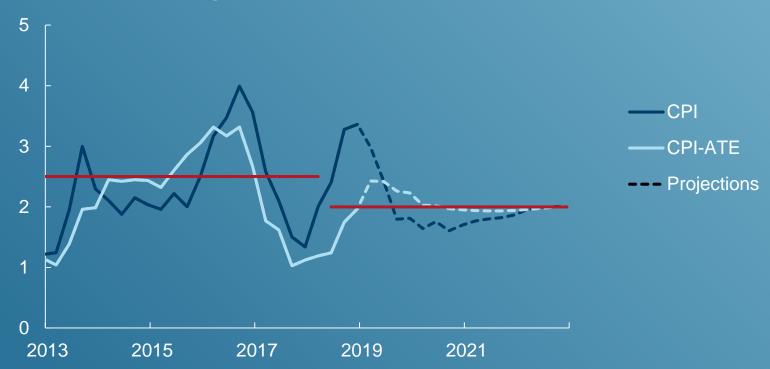
Four-quarter change. Percent



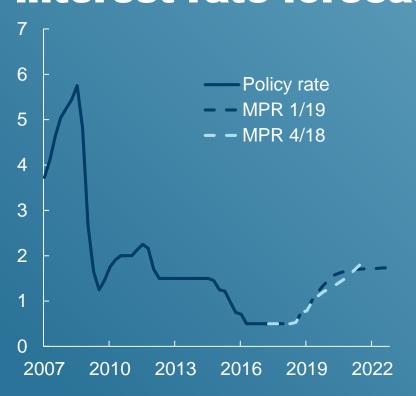


Inflation has risen

Twelve-month change. Percent



The Executive Board's assessment and interest rate forecast



- The Executive Board decided to raise the policy rate by 0.25 percentage point to 1.0%.
- The Executive Board's current assessment of the outlook and balance of risks suggests that the policy rate will most likely be increased further in the course of the next half-year.





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