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Vågå – a municipality in Norway



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Abilia



- AAC (Alternative and Augmentative Communication)
- Cognition
- Alarms
- Welfare Technology

Abilia was awarded for Most Innovative Company from The Norwegian Research Council in 2010



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Rolltalk



A complete aid that integrates:

- Speech (text/symbols to speech)
- Controlling a wheelchair
- Environmental control
- Internet, email, Skype and SMS text messaging
- ...and more



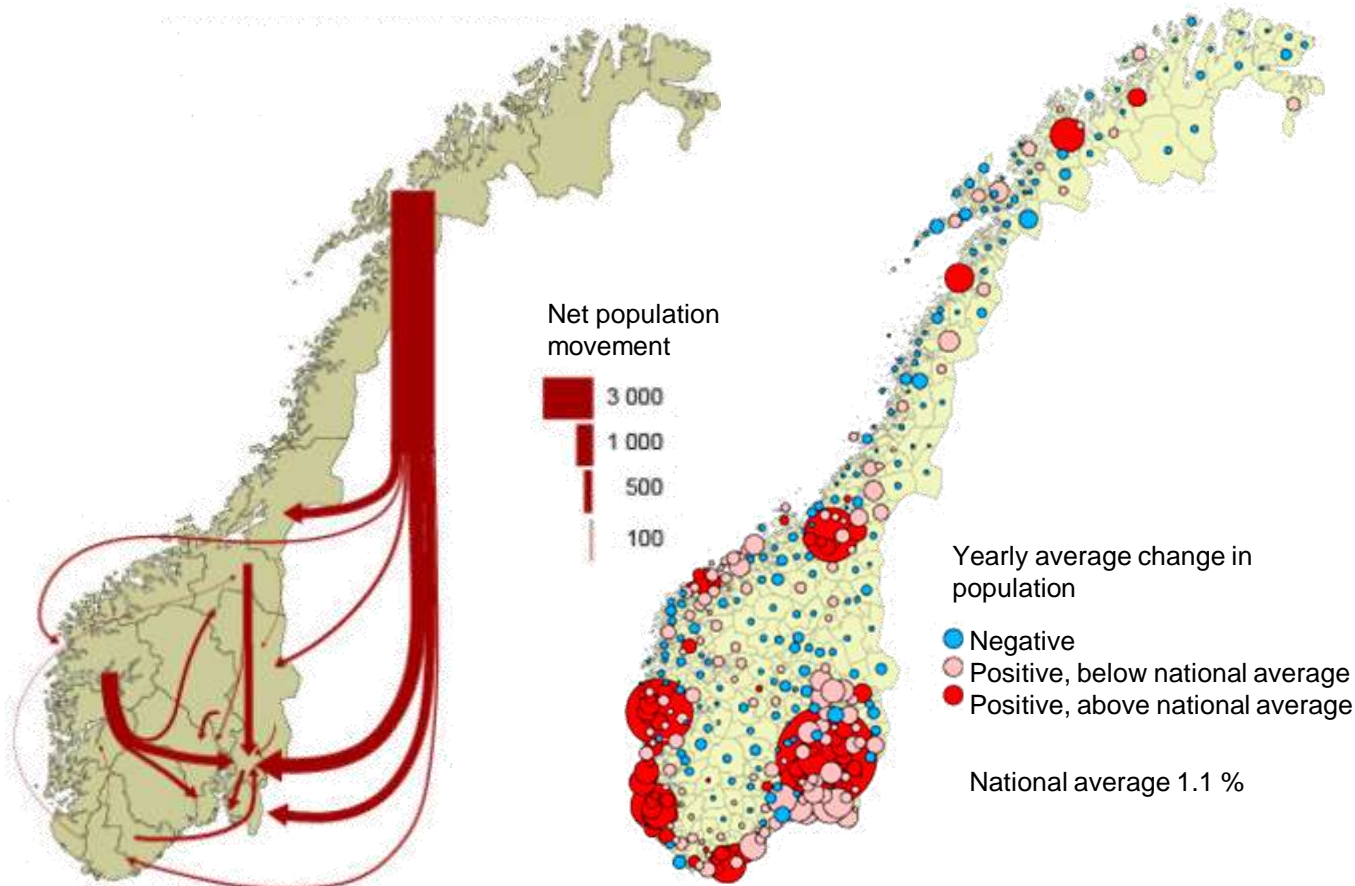
Bill Gates talks
about Rolltalk





Population development

- moving from rural to urban areas



Vågå

- 1 349 square km
- About 3 700 inhabitants

More than half of Norway's 429 municipalities have less than 5 000 inhabitants



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Challenges for Vågå

- The population is decreasing
- High average age
- Scattered settlements
- Negative focus on rural districts
- Public resources must be directed to those individuals who need them most
- How to procure employees to serve people who needs nursing and care?





A service to the inhabitants of Vågå

The individual

- Secure and good quality of life
- Live at home as long as possible

Municipality

- Vågå will be a good place to live
- Better resource management



"Only 8 % of the patients receiving nursing at home wants to move to an institution."

Source: Frail homebound elderly A comparative study across 11 sites in Europe, Universitet i Tromsø

"Vågå municipality will offer health care services of high quality at the lowest effective level."



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Goal

We can not replace human intervention for those patients who need it, but by providing options and allowing patients to make autonomous choices, we may be able to steer the human resources to those individuals who need them most.



Mrs Paulsen



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Key Functions

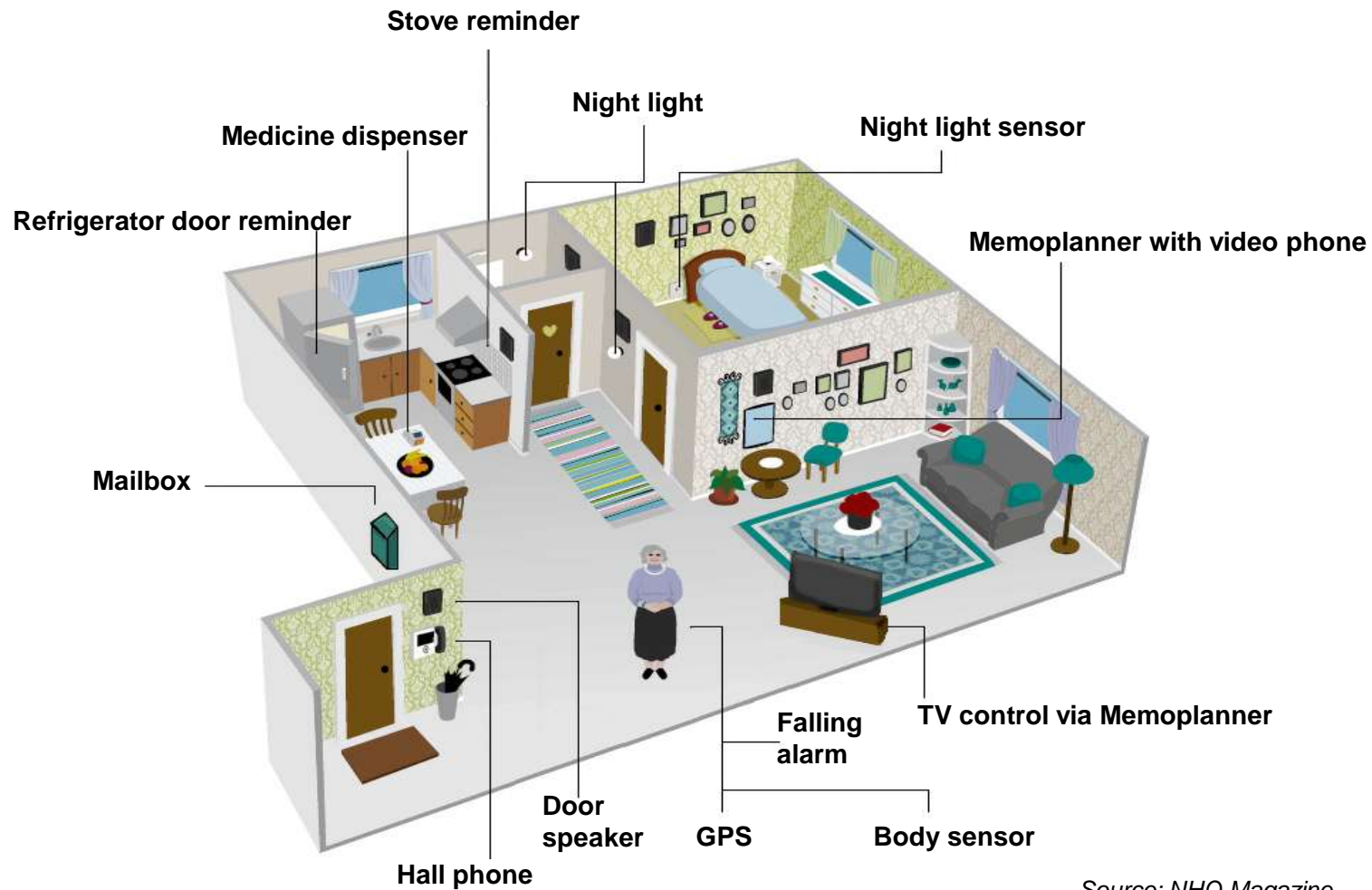


- Help to self-help
- Reminders and overview
- Social contact and participation
- Safety for the resident
- Safety for the family





Show Room Functions



Source: NHO Magazine





Health care and Technology

- The municipal health and care services now and in future will be labour intensive and dependent on the specific interaction between people
- Technology will never replace human care and physical proximity
- Technology can give people new opportunities for independence and security, and to manage on their own in everyday life
- Various forms of technology can serve as support to users, carers and staff in health and social service





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The voluntary helpers

- There are many volunteers who would like to contribute their aid to people who need help in everyday life
- New technology can easily connect users and voluntary helpers
- A show room is located in the Voluntary Centre



The show room is located in the centre of Vågå



Official opening by The Norwegian Health Minister



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I want to live at home



...as long as I am able to.