



Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

Eivind holds a master's degree in Economics from the University of Oslo. He started his professional career in Vista Analyse in June 2020. As a student, Eivind specialized in public economics, programming, econometrics, and modelling. In his thesis he used the empirically based macro model "KONSUM-G" to simulate reforms in the duty-free arrangement on alcohol and tobacco in Norway. In this work he extended the model to fit the purpose of evaluating two different policy reforms. Eivind received a scholarship on 15 000 NOK from Oslo Fiscal Studies for the work with the thesis.

In Vista Analyse Eivind has been involved in many different projects. He has participated in cost-benefit analyses, an evaluation of a transport model and several policy evaluations. Eivind has project experience from several thematic areas such as transport (bus, railway, roads, and biking), taxation, education, climate, and environmental issues.

Education

- 2018-2020 **MA in Economics**, University of Oslo
- 2017-2018 **One-year program in social sciences**, NTNU Trondheim
- 2014-2017 **BA in Political Economy**, NTNU Trondheim

Work experience

- 2020- **Vista Analyse**, consultant
- 2019-2020 **Municipality of Oslo – The Office of the City Auditor**, student employee
- 2018-2020 **Academic Work**, student consultant
- 2017-2018 **Department of Economics, NTNU Trondheim**, teaching assistant

Projects

- 2021 **Tax, development and inequality – A study of Uganda (Orig. title: Skatt, utvikling og ulikhet – En studie av Uganda)**
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Vista Analyse performed, in collaboration with Statistics Norway, an analysis of public inequality mitigation in Uganda. The background for the study is the positive economic development in Uganda the last decade, and the report investigates if this development has been followed by a similar development in reducing the gap between the rich and poor. Based on the academic literature, we focus on public spending on health and education, which are seen as the most important areas to invest in to mitigate inequality.
- 2021 **The quality of the Norwegian roads – a benchmark study/comparison with Europe (Orig. title: Kvaliteten på det norske veinettet – Sammenligning med Europa)**
Opplysningsrådet for veitrafikken
Vista Analyse performed a benchmark study, comparing the Norwegian road network with the road networks of 15 comparable countries in Europe. The main topics were availability, use, quality, and safety on the roads. *Eivind was responsible for data and establishing a new methodology for measuring and comparing average driving speeds on the main road network in the 16 countries.* The average speeds and degree of exposure to delays due to traffic was analyzed through a modern and partly self-developed methodology. For each country a set of cities were chosen, and the fastest route (with time and distance estimates) between these were extracted with Google Distance Matrix API¹ through a script in R. The project required about 5 500 requests to the API, which would not be feasible without automation.
- 2021 **Cost-benefit analysis of «Nye servicejobber» (Orig. title: Samfunnsøkonomisk utredning av «Nye servicejobber»)**
NHO Service og Handel
Vista Analyse performed a cost-benefit analysis of «Nye servicejobber», which is a suggested tax exemption for services supplied in private homes. The arrangement was suggested by “NHO Service og Handel” and the project was done for them, in corporation with “Pårørendealliansen” (The Norwegian interest organization for relatives) and “Future in our hands – Norway”.
- 2021 **Policy evaluation of four cycling teaching programs for children in Grenland (Orig. title: Evaluering av sykkelundervisning mot barn og unge i Grenland)**
Bypakke Grenland
Vista Analyse performed an evaluation of four cycling teaching programs directed towards children in the Grenland area (Skien, Porsgrunn and Bamble). The programs were managed by the organization «På sykkel i Telemark», with funding from “Bypakke Grenland”. They provided about 7,3 million NOK in the period between 2014 and 2020. Important data sources for the evaluation were focus group interviews with representatives for the children, and a survey towards schools and parents. The aim of the cycling programs was to increase the knowledge about cycling among children and youngsters. The evaluation showed that the aim was fulfilled.
- 2021 **Evaluation of the railway demand forecasting model for person transport on Norwegian railways (Orig. title: Ekstern vurdering av metode for etterspørselsframskrivninger av persontransport på jernbane)**
The Railway directorate

¹ <https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/javascript/distancematrix>

Vista Analyse performed an evaluation of The Railway directorate's forecasting model for demand for transport between stations on the Norwegian railway. The model was initially developed by Institute of Transport Economics (TØI) – Norwegian Centre for Transport Research. The aim of the project was to highlight the model's suitability for forecasting and identify strengths and weaknesses for different applications.

- 2021 **Tenders in the transport market (Orig. title: Anbud i transportmarkedet)**
NHO Transport
Vista Analyse provided an analysis of the efficiency in the transport market and the social costs and benefits from implementing tenders in this market. This project involved updating the analyses in the 2018-report «Anbud i bussmarkedet – samfunnsøkonomiske konsekvenser». The updated analyses indicate that the competition in the market is an important driver for productivity gains and that the bus companies are incentivized to operate efficiently, be innovative, and adjust.
- 2021 **Evaluation of the Sami Parliament strategy on development of education textbooks and digital learning materials (Orig. title: Evaluering og utredning av Sametingets organisering av læremiddelproduksjon)**
The Sami Parliament
Vista Analyse and Deanu giellagáddi (Tana Sami Language Centre) performed an evaluation of the Sami Parliament strategy and support scheme for development of education textbooks and digital learning materials. Production, advertisement and how the learning materials were made available was in the core of the evaluation project. Document studies and interviews were the main data sources.
- 2021 **Road toll on E6 between Øyer and Otta (Orig. title: Finansieringsgrunnlag Øyer-Otta)**
Nye Veier
Vista Analyse provided an analysis of the traffic and the basis for financing through road toll on E6 between Øyer and Otta. The core of the analysis was an estimation of the elasticities of demand for road use by lighter and heavier vehicles. Estimates of the revenue potential with different size on the toll fees were provided.
- 2021 **Hospitals in Innlandet (Orig. title: Samfunnsanalyse sykehusstruktur Innlandet)**
Helse Sør-Øst RHF
Vista Analyse og Cowi provided seven different analyses in this project. Vista Analyse delivered three of them. The reports were used to decide the localization of the new hospitals in the region "Innlandet".
- 2021 **An evaluation of an obligation for fuel suppliers to reduce emissions as a climate policy Tool (Orig. title: Reduksjonsplikt som alternativ til dagens omsetningskrav for biodrivstoff i veitrafikken)**
NHO Drivkraft Norge
On behalf of the industry association for fuel and energy companies in Norway, Vista Analysis has evaluated an obligation for the fuel suppliers to reduce emissions, as an alternative to the requirements to the sales volume of biofuels they face today. Based on economic principles, Vista Analysis evaluates if the alternative is a more cost effective, technology neutral and accurate tool in the Norwegian climate policy.
- 2020 **Evaluation of Grenlandskontrakten 2016 (Orig. title: Evaluering av Grenlandskontrakten 2016)**
Vestfold og Telemark fylkeskommune
An evaluation of the contract between the operator (Vy Buss AS) and the county municipality (Vestfold og Telemark Fylkeskommune). The evaluation highlighted the causality between the aims and the results and identified areas of improvement.

- 2020 **Cost analysis of exams and national mandatory test (Orig. title: Samfunnsøkonomiske kostnader av eksamen og obligatoriske statlige prøver)**
The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training
Vista Analyse estimated the social costs of exams and national mandatory tests. The report also included investigation of economic and administrative consequences of proposed changes in the exam arrangement. This is the first report that estimates these costs in a comprehensive way and is valuable for future policy making processes and determination of fees for private candidates. The central data source in the project was a survey directed towards all schools, municipalities and county governors.
- 2020 **Evaluation of the tender system for collective transportation (Orig. title: Evaluering av dagens anbudsordning for kollektivtransport)**
Innlandet fylkeskommune
Vista Analyse provided an evaluation of the tender system for collective transportation in Innlandet county municipality. The evaluation consisted of a document study and interviews with representatives for the bus drivers, the bus companies and the municipality-own company that buys the bus services. The main conclusion was that the system is working as intended and that political aims are being reflected and followed in the contracts.

Language

Norwegian Mother tongue

Engelsk Fluent

ICT skills

R, MS Excel (incl. VBA), Stata, OxMetrics, Matlab, Linux