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NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL HR

December 2025

December has arrived, bringing with it the warmth of traditions, the spirit of giving, and the magic of Christmas in Norway. For some, this means traveling to see family and friends; for others, it might be the first holiday spent here without loved ones nearby. Whatever your plans, we hope you find time to relax, enjoy good food, and take a well-deserved break from work.

This month is also full of opportunities to connect. Many departments and institutes will host Christmas parties with food, music, and dancing, so keep an eye out for invitations and remember to RSVP if you'd like to join. It's a great way to celebrate together before the year ends.

Around Bergen, you'll find plenty of festive events like the Christmas market, and Pepperkakebyen. UiB is also marking the close of its 200-year anniversary with **The Academic Gingerbread Town** at the University Museum, a creative celebration you won't want to miss.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season!

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Fireworks New Years Eve

Are you planning to launch fireworks at New Years Eve? The use of fireworks is highly regulated in Norway. It is only available to buy between 29th and 31st December. It is only legal to launch between 18.00 and 02.00 on New Years Eve. Stay safe, use googles!

Working hours during the holidays

25th and 26th December are considered as a holiday. In addition, you are given one day off in the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. If you are registering hours in the self-service portal, you register this as normal working hours.

Get established in Bergen

Once you have had your meeting with the **Tax Administration and/or police at SUA**, it is important to make sure you have your **name clearly marked on your mailbox** to receive mail sent from them. If you have not heard from them within one month after your appointment, you may contact them directly.

Once you receive your ID number and access to the Self-Service Portal (DFØ), **make sure to update your contact information**, as well as your next-of-kin.

To register your ID number and tax information at UiB, please **send your ID number as soon as you receive it to the payroll office at post@lonnskontoret.uib.no**.

Make sure to **always use your private email address when you contact public offices**. This is to ensure that even when you leave UiB, you can receive important information from them.

If you move within Norway, or leave Norway, make sure to always **update your address**. For more information about arriving and establishing in Norway, please see our **website for incoming staff**.

For new employees

When you receive your **Norwegian ID number**, **remember to send it to post@lonnskontoret.uib.no**

Digipost

Get all your important mail in one digital mailbox. It is simple, secure, and sustainable.

Tax system

Find more information about the Norwegian tax system in our webpages!

Travelling for the holidays?

If you are planning to work for UiB while you are in another country, this must be in agreement with a leader. If you will be working abroad for more than one week, you need a written agreement. This is because most of your rights in Norway is based on that you are physically in Norway. When you are not in Norway, we need an agreement that you still maintain your rights while abroad. This only applies when working from abroad (not taking time off for holidays).

Transfer of holiday and flexi time

If you still have unused holiday in your time overview in the self-service portal, you must send in application to transfer them to next year.

Shops opening hours

Remember that supermarkets and shops have different opening hours during Christmas. Many close early on December 24 and remain closed on December 25 and 26. Plan ahead so you have everything you need for the holidays!

Events in Bergen

Pepperkakebyen (Gingerbread Town)

November 15 – January 11 at byROMMET, Kong Oscars gate 26.

The world's largest gingerbread town with mini houses, cars, trains, and other constructions. Everyone can contribute and it is especially common for schools and kindergartens to contribute. [Check prices for tickets.](#)

Bergen Christmas Market

November 21 – December 22 at Festplassen.

The Bergen Christmas Market offers handmade-, homemade-, and edible gifts for all needs. The markets' many food-stalls are offering the very best of Christmas food, bakes, and seasonal Flavors. Free entrance.



Event calendars

There are many interesting events, courses, and seminars at UiB throughout the semester. We suggest subscribing to the [UiB main calendar](#) and the [International Centre calendar](#).

Join our WhatsApp group!

We have made a WhatsApp group for you, so you can plan spontaneous meetings, and we will also invite you to our planned events and remind you of them there. You can [join here](#).

Suggestions?

Do you have any suggestions about what you would like to find in our newsletters or activities, please send us an email: euraxess@uib.no.