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# Today's objective



Unpack financial inclusion advocacy

Share experience of Mikrofinans Norge

# Speakers



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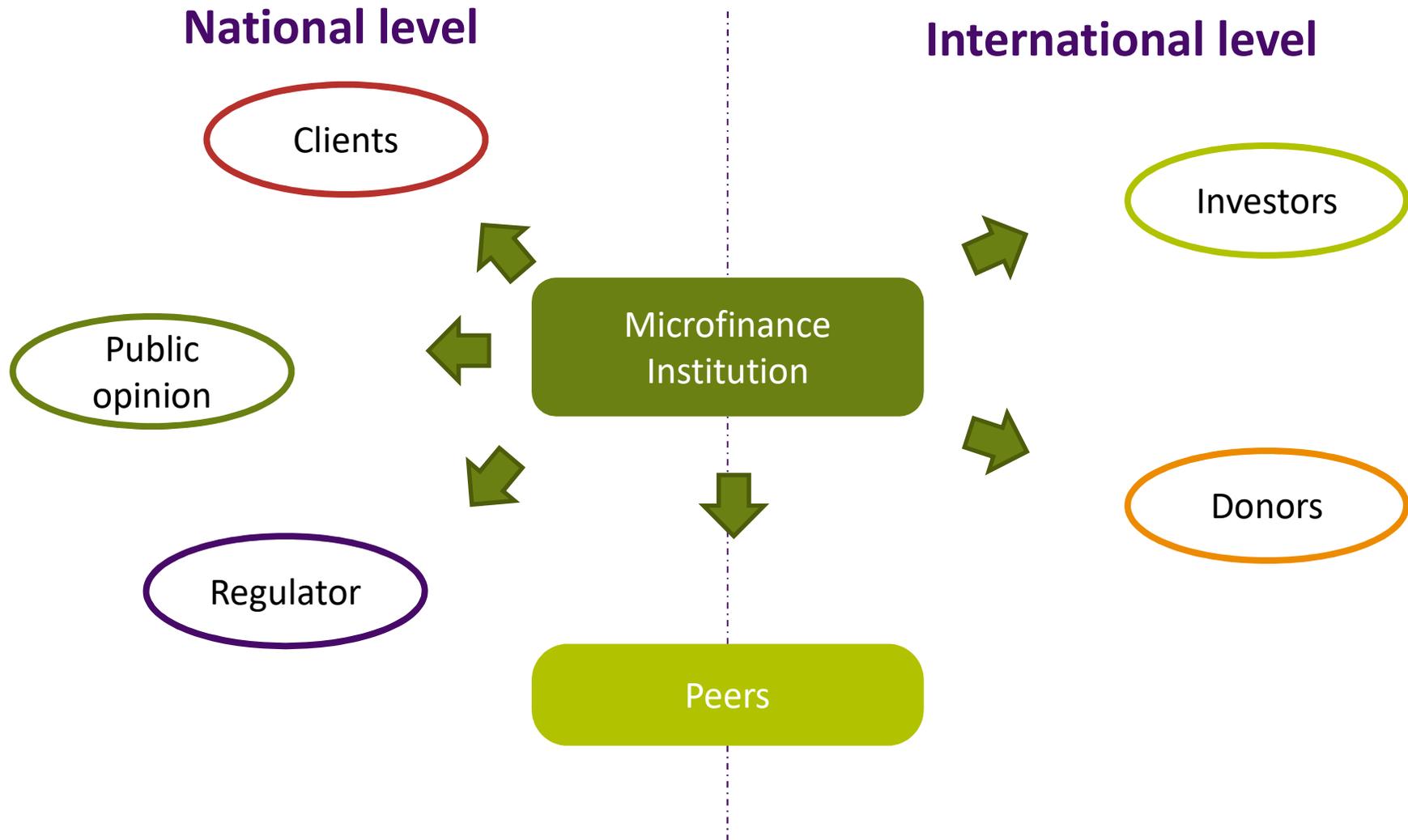
# What is financial inclusion?



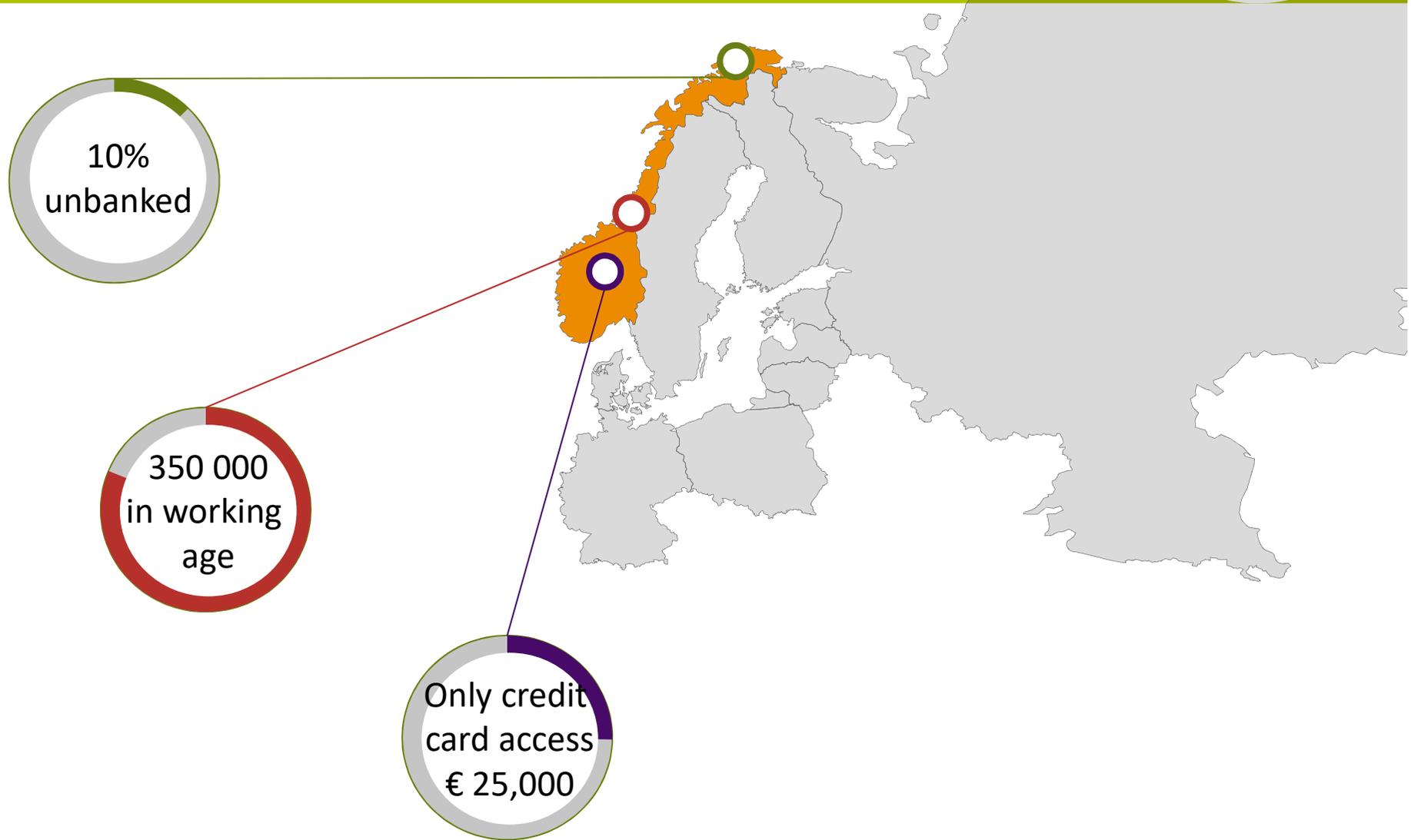
**Financial inclusion** is the delivery of financial services at affordable costs to sections of disadvantaged and low-income segments of society.

It contrasts financial exclusion where those services are not available or affordable.

# The role of microfinance in advocacy



# Access to finance in Norway



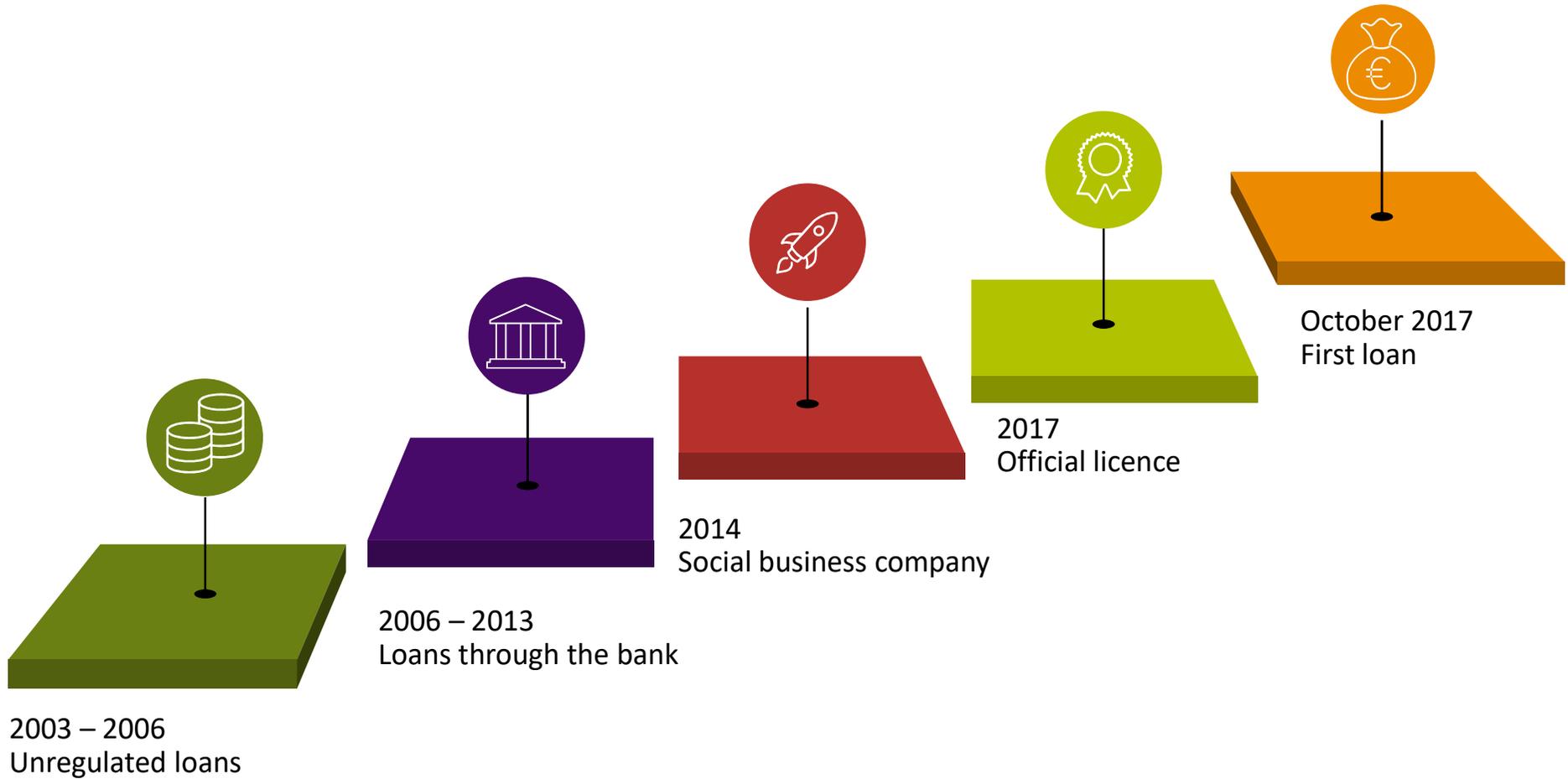
# About Mikrofinans Norge AS



- Owned by Foreningen Mikrofinans Norge
  - 100 members – entrepreneurs
  - >1400 beneficiaries
- Started in July 2014



# Process



First loan € 6,000

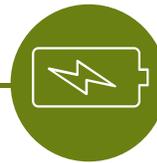
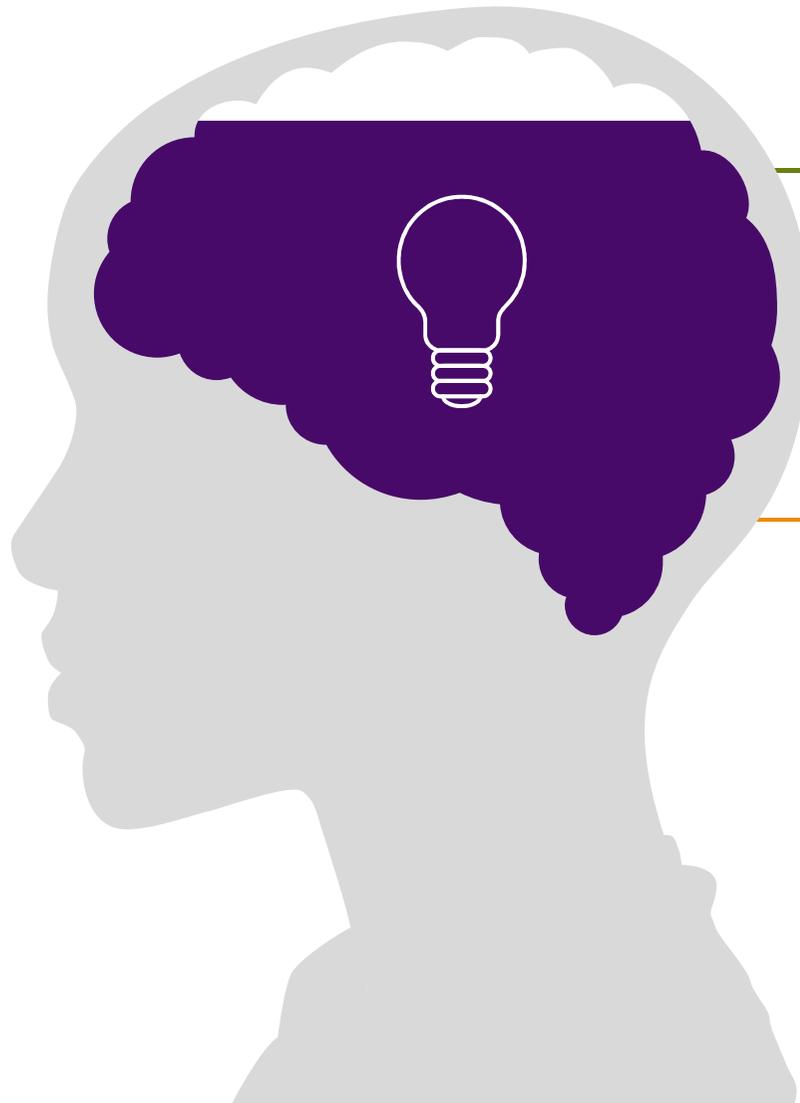


Rashid Alswedan  
Refugee from Syria  
Expert hair dresser

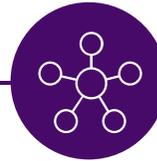
# Partners and resources



# Key tips



Be patient



Networking



Make people part of something big

# Your questions...



... speakers' answers.



# Thank you!

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