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*jobs and new opportunities*

*for all*

The European Social Fund in  
Sweden 2007–2013



# The socio-economic and employment situation

Sweden has had a strong and competitive economy, and one of the highest employment rates in the EU. But:



- pockets of persistent unemployment and groups of people out of work
- for example, relatively fewer immigrants are in work, and youth unemployment is among the highest in the EU.
- a relatively high proportion of workers are on sick leave, although many of these are willing to work if the appropriate workplace conditions are met.



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# Large sums – vast opportunities



- During the 2007–2013 programming period, the European Social Fund will invest around SEK 6.2 billion in Sweden.
- This will be supplemented by the same amount of Swedish public funding. Private, public and non-profit organisations can apply for funding.



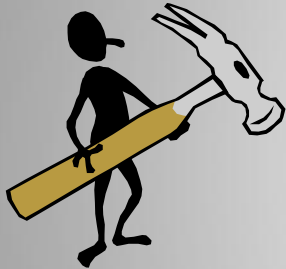
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# Priority 1: Skills supply

- Activities focus on employees and entrepreneurs in the public and private sectors and the social economy.
- Support is offered to develop relevant skills, comprising a careful analysis of needs followed by appropriate training. This improves the adaptability and employability of workers and allow them to meet new challenges and a changing environment.
- Other projects aim at preventing long-term sickness leave and combating discrimination in getting and advancing in a job.



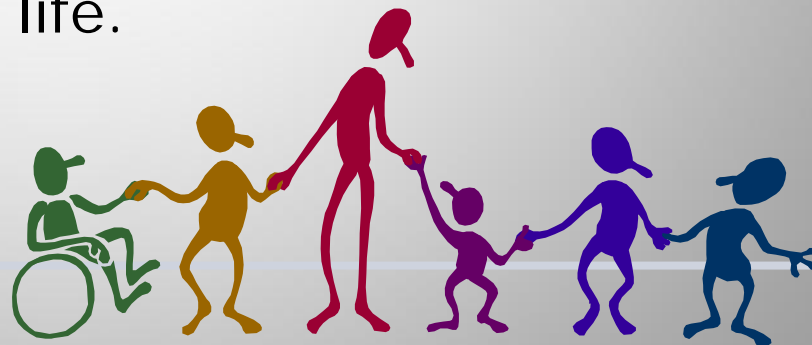
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## Priority 2: Increased labour supply

- Focus on people outside of the labour market, especially on young, immigrants and those on long-term sickness leave.
- The aim is to get them into work or, through education schemes or other measures, to bring them closer to getting a job.
- For example, by encouraging early school leavers to return to education or training or to participate in activities designed to prepare them for working life.



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# Transnational cooperation

- The Swedish OP will use transnational cooperation projects as a tool for innovation through the exchange of best practice and experience.



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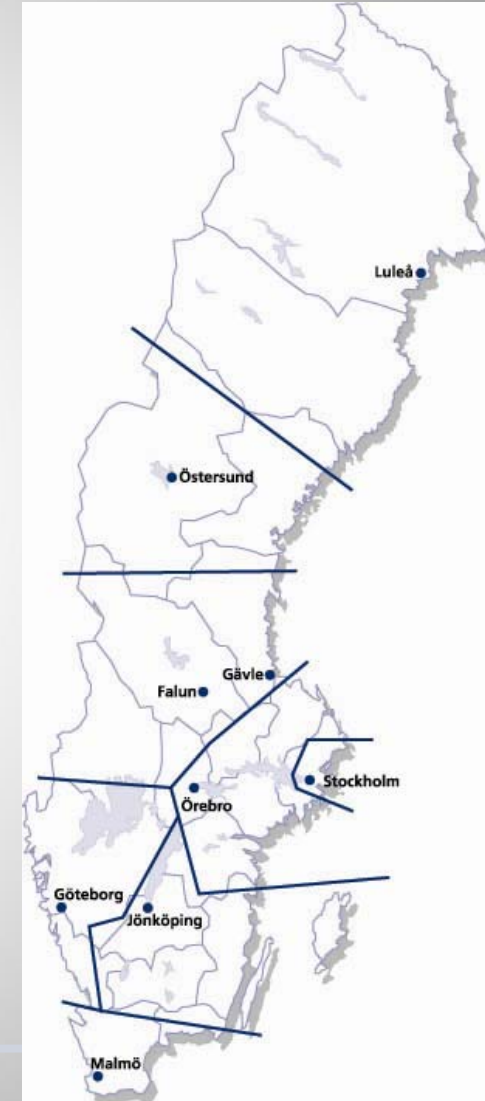
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# Eight regions – eight plans

1. Övre Norrland
2. Mellersta Norrland
3. Norra Mellansverige
4. Östra Mellansverige
5. Stockholm
6. Västsverige
7. Småland och Öarna
8. Sydsverige

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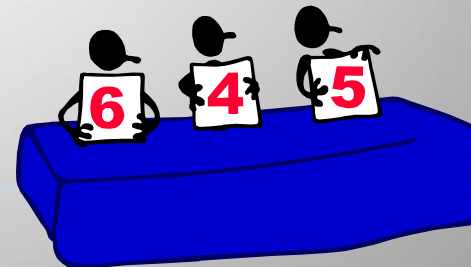
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# Structural Fund Partnerships

- Each of the eight regions has a joint Structural Fund partnership for the European Social fund and the Regional Development Fund.
- It consist of elected representatives from municipalities and county councils, and representatives from labour organisations, county administrative boards, the Swedish Employment Service, other stakeholders and associations. The Sami Parliament (Sametinget) is also represented in the two northernmost regions.
- These partnerships are tasked with prioritizing the projects deemed eligible by the managing authorities.



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# National Thematic Groups



- A. Integration in working life
- B. Youth's unemployment and labour market exclusion
- C. The workplace as a learning environment & adaptability and employability in working life
- D. Business and entrepreneurship
- E. Equal treatment and discrimination in working life



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# Thanks for your attention

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