



Cohesion policy 2007-2013

Regional Competitiveness and Employment Objective 2007-2013



Objective

- Convergence Regions
- Phasing-out Regions
- Phasing-in Regions
- Competitiveness and Employment Regions

Boundaries

- National
- Nuts 2

The regions to receive investment

The whole country – i.e. all of its nine million inhabitants will be covered by the new regional funds programmes. There are **eight** European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programmes and **one** European Social Fund (ESF) programme; the latter being subdivided into eight regional plans whose geography matches those of the ERDF programmes.

The strategic objectives

As laid down in the Swedish National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF), the Regional Competitiveness and Employment programmes should focus on **four thematic priorities**, with a territorial dimension (special emphasis on urban areas and the needs of the very sparsely populated areas in the north of the country):

- **Innovative environments and entrepreneurship:** the purpose is to develop new and attractive products, to create a culture of entrepreneurship and to improve access to capital risk.
- **Skills supply and increased labour supply:** for instance, more than one million people of working age in Sweden find themselves outside the labour market or working less than they would like to.
- **Accessibility:** Sweden needs to expand its national road and railway networks (European accessibility is naturally low for this peripheral country) and to develop the information society.
- **A strategic cross-border cooperation:** For instance, a special programme (part of INTERREG) will give support to indigenous people in Sweden, Norway and Finland to help them to sustain their culture and work with reindeer husbandry.

The investment

For the 2007-2013 period, Sweden has been allocated € 1 891 million in total, € 1 626 million under the Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective, and € 265 million under the European Territorial Co-operation

objective. Sweden's contribution to complement the EU investment under the National Strategic Reference Programme will be € 1.9 billion (including Territorial co-operation), for a total regional support of 3.8 billion euros over 7 years.



The expected impact of the new Cohesion policy

A preliminary assessment indicates that the implementation of the Swedish NSRF could, through the respective operational programmes, lead to the creation of at least 33 800 new jobs and 12 800 new enterprises. The NSRF – with its clear focus on entrepreneurship, innovation and Research and Development (R&D) – is also expected to create viable structures for growth and innovation. Furthermore, a particular focus will be placed on skills supply and increased labour supply to ensure adequate skills in enterprises, better

integration of people in working life and access for young people to the labour market. It is estimated that more than 300 000 persons will participate in measures increasing their adaptability and employability.

An investment for growth and jobs

The NSRF increases the share of investment directly related (“ear-marked”) to the Lisbon strategy for jobs and growth (75%) compared to the 2000-2006 programming period (73%).

Operational programmes

Sweden’s strategic planning for the 2007-2013 period will be

implemented through **eight** regional operational programmes (OPs) and **one** national Social Fund programme. In the framework of the “European territorial co-operation” objective, Sweden will participate in 9 Territorial Cooperation programmes, which will support projects involving more than one country. The initial estimated breakdown among the Funds of the total Community assistance available shall be €934.5 million in funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and €691.5 million from the European Social Fund (ESF).

NSRF FINANCIAL TABLE

COMPETITIVENESS/EMPLOYMENT		COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION							
OP	Fund	Total	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Skåne-Blekinge	ERDF	70 690 065	9 508 658	9 698 833	9 892 808	10 090 666	10 292 478	10 498 328	10 708 294
Småland och Öarna	ERDF	67 442 370	9 071 805	9 253 241	9 438 306	9 627 072	9 819 614	10 016 006	10 216 326
Västsverige	ERDF	63 565 567	8 550 329	8 721 335	8 895 762	9 073 677	9 255 151	9 440 254	9 629 059
Östra Mellansverige	ERDF	81 028 706	10 899 330	11 117 316	11 339 663	11 566 456	11 797 785	12 033 741	12 274 415
Stockholm	ERDF	37 571 270	5 053 785	5 154 861	5 257 958	5 363 117	5 470 379	5 579 787	5 691 383
Norra Mellansverige	ERDF	194 987 837	26 228 196	26 752 759	27 287 814	27 833 571	28 390 242	28 958 047	29 537 208
Mellersta Norrland	ERDF	176 617 833	23 757 211	24 232 355	24 717 002	25 211 341	25 715 568	26 229 879	26 754 477
Övre Norrland	ERDF	242 637 082	32 637 588	33 290 340	33 956 147	34 635 270	35 327 976	36 034 535	36 755 226
ESF									
National programme for Regional Competitiveness and Employment (ESF)	ESF	691 551 158	93 021 899	94 882 337	96 779 984	98 715 583	100 689 895	102 703 693	104 757 767
Total NSRF 2007 - 2013	All funds	1 626 091 888	218 728 801	223 103 377	227 565 444	232 116 753	236 759 088	241 494 270	246 324 155
Total ERDF		934 540 730	125 706 902	128 221 040	130 785 460	133 401 170	136 069 193	138 790 577	141 566 388
Total ESF		691 551 158	93 021 899	94 882 337	96 779 984	98 715 583	100 689 895	102 703 693	104 757 767

NB: The tables do not include the figures for the European Territorial Co-operation objective

Contact in Sweden

The Swedish authorities overall responsible for Cohesion policy 2007-2013:

ERDF: Ministry of Enterprise

Jakobsgatan 26,
SE-103 33 STOCKHOLM
Tel.+46-8-405 10 00)
<http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/1470>

ESF: Ministry of Employment

Jakobsgatan 26,
SE-103 33 STOCKHOLM
Tel. +46-8-405 10 00)
<http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/8281>

The full text of the NSRF in Swedish is available at:

<http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/2498> and <http://www.nutek.se/sb/d/1008>

