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A unique way to collaborate and cooperate to increase public transport in Sweden



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Sweden

Population: 10 million

Three levels of governance

- State
- County/Region (20) – public transport authorities
- Municipality (290)

The Swedish municipalities and regions are responsible for providing a major part of all public transport services and infrastructure apart from the national road and railway networks.

Since 2012 the market for public transport is totally deregulated for both trains, coaches and buses, but most of the services provided are still tax subsidized by approximately 50%.



Let's double the public transport – together.

In 2008 the sector started a partner co-operation in order to double public transport “Partnersamverkan”. The goal was to get people out of their private car, into the public transport system. The strategy was to work together on all levels, with the federations representing the different transport modes and the public authorities. The tools that was developed was a new process for tendering, where representatives sat together, and by looking upon best practice formed new sectorial recommendations for vehicles, contractual processes, index, access to terminals etc.



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Collaboration and coordination to solve problems!

- A steering group including all partners who decides focus areas each year
- Several working committees
- A strong voice in the political arena
- Easy access to decision makers
- Best practice available to many –
increasing use of the national recommendations every year
- Best practices with recommendations for the tendered
public transport helps to reduce costs
- A shared arena for discussions and knowledge, built on trust

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