

Implementation of Territorial Cohesion in Sweden

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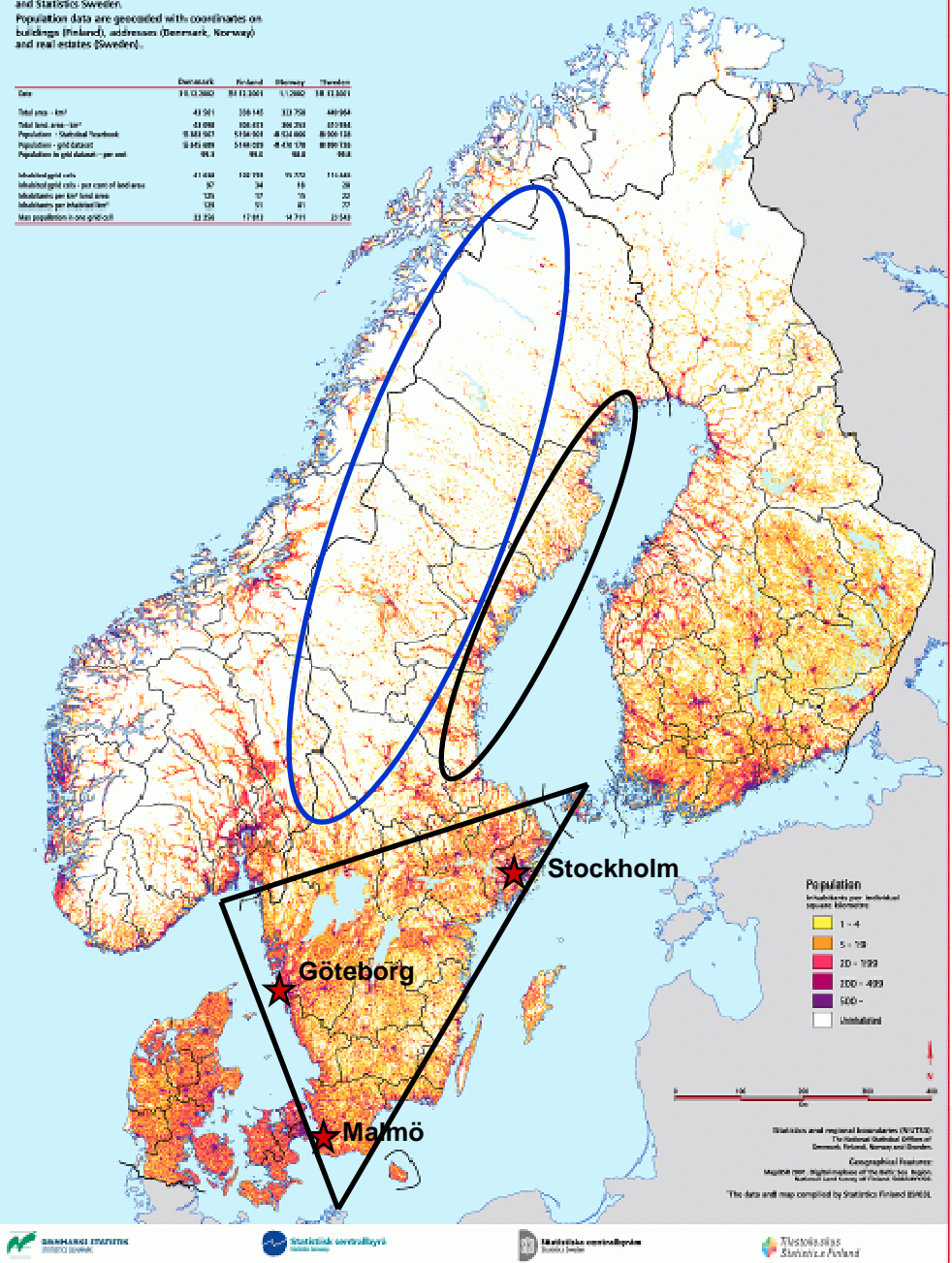
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Concentration of population in the Nordic countries

The population of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden

A grid map based on population register data from Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistics Norway and Statistics Sweden.
Population data are geocoded with coordinates on buildings (Finland), addresses (Denmark, Norway) and real estates (Sweden).

	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden
Date	1.1.2010	31.12.2011	1.1.2010	1.1.2011
Total area - km ²	43 061	338 145	373 758	448 964
Total land area - km ²	43 068	338 821	388 293	437 884
Population - Statistical Finland	5 543 543	5 158 561	4 514 866	9 506 118
Population - grid dataset	5 445 889	5 148 259	4 438 176	9 490 138
Population to grid dataset - per cent	98.2	98.8	98.3	99.8
Individual grid cells	41 438	150 798	79 350	111 688
Individual grid cells - per cent of land area	97	34	18	28
Individuals per km ² land area	128	15	76	22
Individuals per individual km ²	128	91	81	27
Mean population in one grid cell	11 256	17 881	14 711	21 548



The democratic system in Sweden

National level

- Elections to the Riksdag (Swedish parliament)
- The Riksdag elects the Prime Minister, who forms a government



Regional level

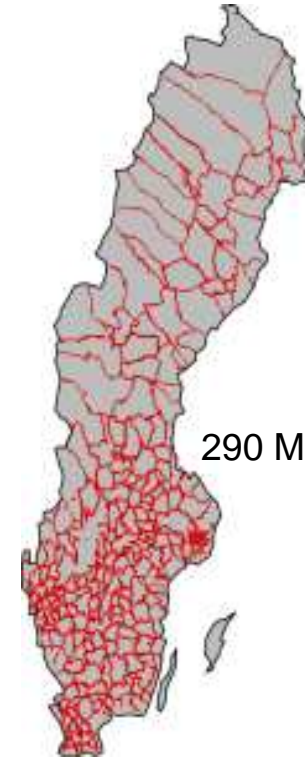
- Elections to the County Council Assembly
- The County Council Assembly elects the County Council Executive Board



20 County Councils
21 Countys

Local level

- Elections to the Municipal Council
- The Municipal Council elects the Municipal Executive Board



290 Municipalities

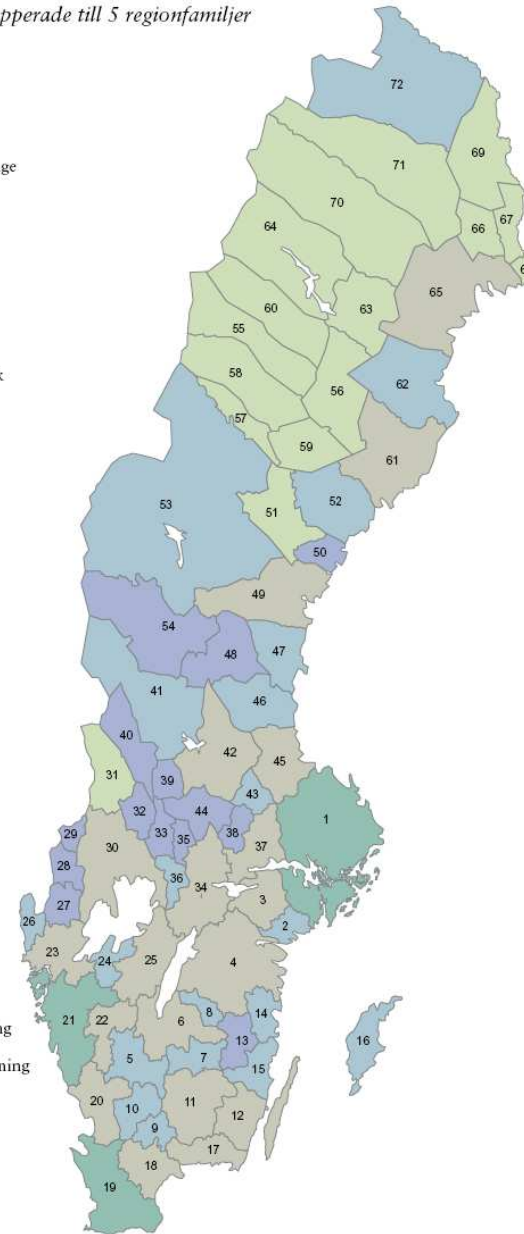
Functional regions – labor markets based on commuting

Figur 3.3 72 FA-regioner grupperade till 5 regionfamiljer

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4	Östergötland	40	Malung
5	Värnamo	41	Mora
6	Jönköping	42	Falun/Borlänge
7	Vetlanda	43	Avesta
8	Tranås	44	Ludvika
9	Älmhult	45	Gävle
10	Ljungby	46	Söderhamn
11	Växjö	47	Hudiksvall
12	Kalmar	48	Ljusdal
13	Vimmerby	49	Sundsvall
14	Västervik	50	Kramfors
15	Oskarshamn	51	Sollefteå
16	Gotland	52	Örnsköldsvik
17	Blekinge	53	Östersund
18	Kristianstad	54	Härjedalen
19	Malmö	55	Storuman
20	Halmstad	56	Lycksele
21	Göteborg	57	Dorotea
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26	Strömstad	62	Skellefteå
27	Bengtstors	63	Arvidsjaur
28	Årjäng	64	Arjeplog
29	Eda	65	Luleå
30	Karlstad	66	Överkalix
31	Torsby	67	Övertorneå
32	Hagfors	68	Haparanda
33	Filipstad	69	Pajala
34	Örebro	70	Jokkmokk
35	Hällefors	71	Gällivare
36	Karlskoga	72	Kiruna

Regionfamiljer

-  Storstadsregioner
-  Större regioncentrum
-  Mindre regioncentrum
-  Småregioner – privat sysselsättning
-  Småregioner – offentlig sysselsättning



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Terminology related to Territorial Cohesion

- **Spatial development / spatial planning** (“l'aménagement du territoire”, “town and country planning”, “raumplanung”)
- **Territorial development / Territorial Cohesion / Territorial Agenda**
- **Regional development / regional growth**

Other related terms:

- **Place-based approach**
- **Cross-border and cross-sectoral development**
- **Multi-level Governance**

The institutional settings

- The EU Commission (DG Regio / TCUM) + stakeholders (CoR, CEMR, CPMR, AEBR etc.)
- MS-cooperation (NTCCP, UDG and DG-meetings)
- Informal ministerial meetings
- Different ministries in different countries
- VASAB (Baltic Sea Region)
- Nordic Council of Ministers (EK-R)
- Evidence base from ESPON, Nordregio, etc

In Sweden:

- Ministries and state agencies
- Regions and municipalities

What is the aim of Regional/Territorial Policy?

- Handle the regional challenges / problems
- Releasing the territorial potentials of all regions

Key question: Are there underperforming regions in relation to their assets and potential?

What is the aim of the governance system?

- Doing the right things / find the right priorities
- Doing things right / efficient governance

The Swedish view on Territorial Cohesion (1)

Not a new policy but, **a method within Cohesion Policy for a more integrated approach to territorial development based on the principle of subsidiarity.**

Cross-cutting in three dimensions:

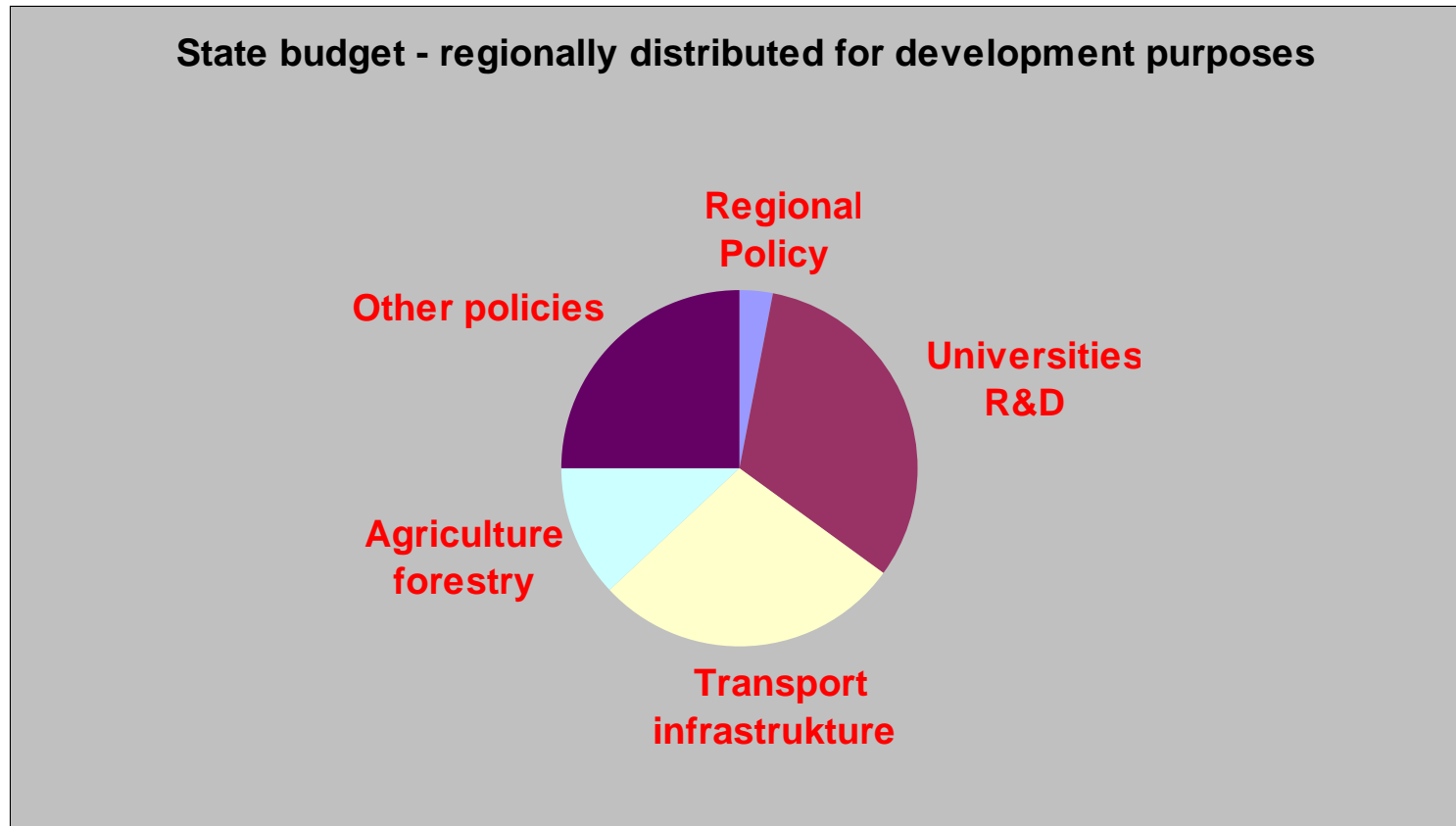
- Over geographical administrative borders - **cross-border**
- Between sector policies - **cross-sectoral**
- From EU-level to local - **multi-level governance**

The Swedish view on Territorial Cohesion (2)

- All regions **territorial potential** should be released and developed in an efficient and sustainable way
- The right policy mix adjusted to every regions territorial possibilities and assets – a **place-based policy** approach
- A **flexible, functional and cross-border** regional perspective
- **Territorial specificities** and **regional balance**

Why cross-sectoral coordination and coherence?

Each sector policy can more efficiently meet their goals if different territorial specificities are taken into account



Examples of cross-sectoral coordination in Sweden

- **Thematic groups of agencies** based around the priorities in the national strategy for regional competitiveness, entrepreneurship and employment
- **The National Strategy to strengthen the development in rural areas** aims at including the rural perspective in all policy areas
- **Regional coordinators** dealing with the effects of the financial and economical crisis met the State Secretaries from different ministries regularly

Why multi-level governance?

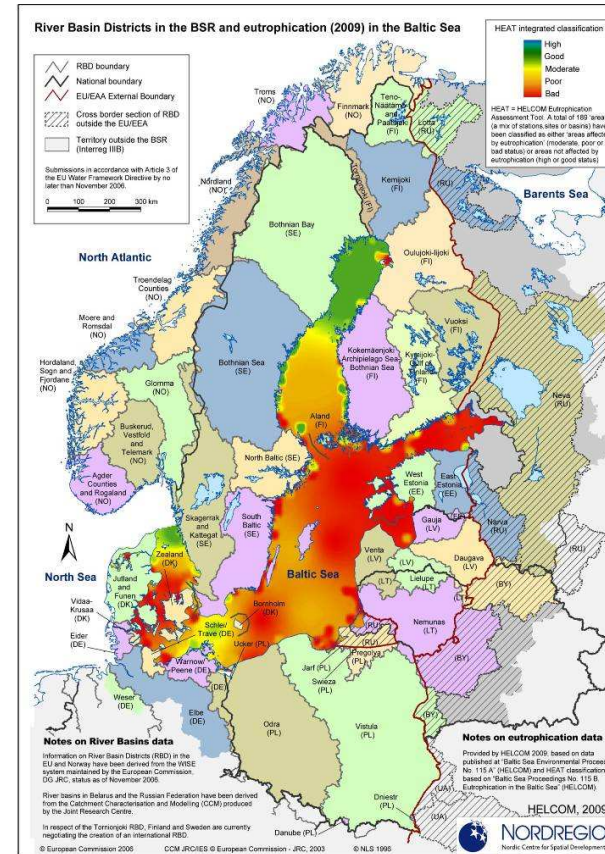
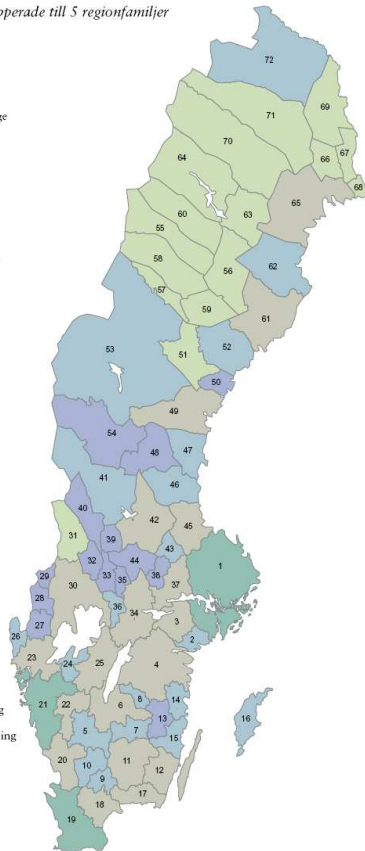
Issues have different geographical scales and boundaries, often covering territories in two or more countries

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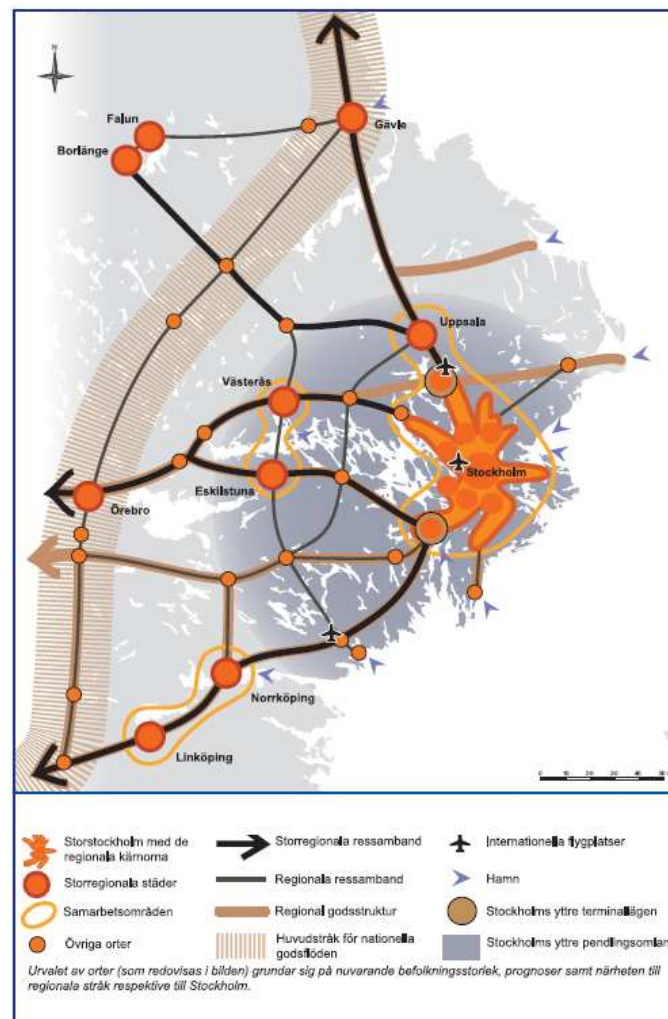


Examples of multi-level governance in Sweden

- **National forum** on regional competitiveness, entrepreneurship and employment is a platform for political dialogue among national and regional representatives
- **The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region** as a way to addresses multi-level, cross-cutting and horizontal topics that are not necessarily linked to specific policies or sectors

The Regional Development Plan for the Stockholm Region (RUFS 2010)

- A polycentric and dense urban structure supported by a developed traffic network, new companies setting up and an attractive range of education, culture and services.
- A vision for a larger functional region of East Central Sweden with an urban structure linked together with rail transports as a basis



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