

Swedish RDP 2014-2020

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Financing

- Total 37 billion SEK
- About 40 % EU financing
- About 60 % national financing.



Overall strategy

- Entrepreneurship, growth and employment in rural areas. Improving competitiveness in agriculture.
- Ambitious environmental policy and a holistic view on high nature value landscape as a basis for development.
- Improving quality of life in rural areas. Building local capacity, partnership, local action groups.



Main objectives

- Vital rural enterprise
- Active farmers with animals to ensure an open and rich agricultural landscape
- Modern rural areas



Financial conditions

- **Distribution between the EU-priorities**

Agricultural competitiveness	7,9 %
Food chain organization and riskmanagement	4,2 %
Environment	60,6 %
Climate	1,6 %
Social inclusion and economic development rural areas	21,8 %
TA	4,0 %



Programme implementation

- The Swedish Board of Agriculture – Managing Authority.
- The Swedish Forest Agency, the Sami Parliament and the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth are supporting Agencies for parts of the programme.
- The County Administrative Board (21 CAB) is responsible for the implementation on the regional level.



Community Led Local Development

- Multi-fund local strategies (rural development, maritime and fisheries, social and regional funds)
- Integrated approach to local challenges e.g. urban-rural linkages
- 48 Local Action Groups
- One managing authority and paying agency for all funds
- National ambition to have harmonised rules for all funds



Progress in the RDP so far

% committed (% payments)

- Competitiveness agriculture 49% (25%)
- Food chain & animal welfare – 53% (43%)
- Environment agriculture – 52% (49%)
- Climate and energy – 20% (7%)
- Rural development, broadband, CLLD – 57% (7%)



Some experiences so far

- Start-up of programme troublesome
- High demand and interest from target groups
- Climate actions difficult
- How to target broadband funds
- Inflexibility, large number of measures and detailed rules hinder innovative ideas, policy adjustment, regional and local flexibility etc.
- Need for simplification e.g. controls, assessing costs, simplified cost options, etc.
- Need for harmonised rules for all funds



Some measures we want to highlight

- Set up of EIP (innovations partnership)
- Biodiversity in pasturelands
- Greppa Näringen (advisory system aiming to reduce nutrient leakage to water)



Broadband 4,25 mdr sek (RDP)

- Access to Broadband – at least 100 Mbit/s Year 2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Totally in SE Households	54%	57%	69%	73%	78%
In towns and villages < 200 Households	9%	13%	21%	22%	31%%

- Access to 4 G has 99,98 of the households in rural areas (2016)
- Broadbandstrategy , Year 2025; 98 % 1 Gbit/s , 1,9% 100 Mbit/s and 0,1 % 30 Mbit/s
- Universal Service obligation (USO) 10 Mbit/s



A new Policy for Rural development

- Government Bill 19 march 2018
- Objective
 - ***Viable rural areas with equal opportunities for enterprise, work, housing and welfare that leads to a longterm sustainable development in all areas of Sweden***
- Organisation and Method
- Budget 1,9 billion SEK 2019-2021

