

Selection Criteria

Experiences from Sweden

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What distinguishes the Swedish model?

- One national programme, 25 applications
- One common system for selection criteria, but with regional priorities
 - Same grading, five degree scale
 - Weight of criteria sums to 100
 - Grand total score is between 0 and 500
 - Minimum threshold is 150, in all but a few cases higher
- National criteria are the same across all regions
- Regional criteria differ, but are standardized



Four different types of criteria models

Proportionality – Type of support, budget

National criteria only

- Knowledge transfer, broadband

Regional criteria only

- Agri-environment-climate (wetlands, fencing)

Both national and regional criteria

- Support for agricultural holdings, start up aid

National criteria with regional adjustment

- Processing/marketing, small-scale infrastructure



How are selection criteria created and maintained?

- Monitoring committee hearing each year
- Each regional authority (mostly county administrations) may alter regional criteria prior to hearing
- Workshop and community webpage for debating criteria lists



Tie-breaker rule

What if two applications have the same selection criteria score?

- Based on regional statistics, is there a gender imbalance?
- Highest weighted criteria
- Exact amount of anticipated broadband connections
- Ultimately, first received application (last resort)



Example: 4.1/2a - support for investments in agricultural holdings

National criteria

- The investment contributes to enhancing the competitiveness of the firm
 - The net present value of the investment is positive

Regional criteria

- The investment contributes to enhancing the competitiveness of the firm
 - Predicted profits increase by at least 20%, and at least 50 000 SEK

