

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE

SWEDEN AND THE 2030 AGENDA

The Swedish government has launched five innovation partnership programmes based on Swedish strengths to help meet a range of challenges in society.

Through collaboration between public actors, business and academia, new solutions will strengthen competitiveness, contribute to sustainable development and create more jobs.

These programmes, which involve new ways of travelling, living and doing business, focus on the following: travel and transport; smart cities; circular and bio-based economy; life sciences; and industry and new materials.

The partnership programmes are designed to help Sweden strengthen its position in pursuit of the sustainable development goals under the 2030 Agenda.

SIGNS THAT SWEDEN IS ON THE RIGHT PATH

#1 The UN Sustainable Goals Index (2017)

#4 Forbes' Best Countries for Business (2018)

#9 World Bank Ease of Doing Business (2017)

#1–10 World Economic Forum, consistently most competitive economies (#7 in 2017)

#1 The Innovation Union Scoreboard (consistently 2007–2017)

#2 Global Innovation Index (2017)

#2 Bloomberg Innovation Index (2018)

#7 Global Creativity Index (2015)

#3 Global Cleantech Innovation Index (2017)

#1 Country Sustainability Ranking (2017)

#4 Transparency International's annual Corruption Perceptions Index (2016)

#3 World Economic Forum's Network Readiness Index (2016)

#11 United Nations' ICT development index (2017)

#6 Good Country Index (2015)

#14 UN Human Development Index (2016)



20 start-ups per 1,000 employees nationwide

93% of businesses and homes have access to broadband via 4G

3.2% GDP growth rate in 2016

45% of Sweden's GDP derives from exports

3.3% of Sweden's GDP goes towards R&D – one of the highest rates in the world

22% corporate tax rate

300–900 new cleantech companies are launched in Sweden every year and the sector currently comprises several thousand enterprises with a combined annual turnover of SEK 220 billion

23 of Forbes' 2000 leading companies' headquarters are located in Stockholm, making Sweden's capital the centre of the Nordic economy