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## Creating the Right Environment for the Social Economy – Sweden

### **Good example of national legal framework to support the SE or any of it's families?**

*No current examples of “legal framework” to support SE or any of it's families.*

- Discussion and a preparatory work - introducing a special regulation on work-integrating social enterprises, WISE's as a part of the coming Swedish action plan on WorkIntegrating Social Enterprises, WISE's
- Aims to make it possible to give government subsidies to WISE's in order to make it easier to start, to run and to develop WISE's.
- The regulation will most probably decide on a governmental definition on what is a WISE and on how the subsidies will be distributed.
- The main goal is to make it easier to create new jobs and enterprises for/with the persons/groups which have the weakest position on the labour market.

Contents: Information, education, increasing competence, cooperation, subsidies for starters, support for employing instructors/tutors and maybe research money

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### **Definition of WorkIntegrating Social Enterprises, WISE´s**

- WISE´s runs business with the aim to integrate people into society and into a working life
- create involvement by co-workers (enforces empowerment processes)
- reinvest the company profits
- are organizationally independent of public authorities

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Using the tool of public procurement – The Swedish Public Employment Service is purchasing:

- 750 places for rehabilitation and daily activities for persons with long term mental disorders in WISE's
- About 1000 places for rehabilitation and jobcreating activities for long term unemployed in Social economy organisations
- Payed per person – partly in advance and partly after delivery

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Using the tool of contracting (no previous p.p.) - The Swedish Public Employment Service searches for:

- 50 000 places for daily activities for long term (450 workingdays) unemployed in social economy organisations, local authorities etc
- Payed per day after delivery – probably monthly

Using the tool of subsidies to create more and new forms of meaningful daily activities for persons with mental disorders.

- Directed to associations, enterprises, foundations and others
- Regulations decided 091020

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### **What changes are needed in Sweden for S.E to be able to act on a level playing field?**

- The use of Public procurement has to be developed and adjusted to the conditions of the social economy in several ways (time for offer, time for contract, size of contracts etc.)
- The “market of public affairs” especially in the welfare sector has to become more durable and foreseeable.
- Strengthened and adjusted “business advice” (Coompanion and others)
- Leadership in S.E has to develop and change – education need
- Access to capital for investments and development, loans, credits and subsidies

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**What has been done to make it easier for S.E to be able to act on a level playing field?**

- **Policy on non-governmental organisations and popular movements.**

Ministry of Integration and Gender Equality

- general matters concerning the terms and conditions for NGOs and popular movements,
  - general matters concerning grants to NGOs and popular movements,
  - the dialogue of the Government and its executive agencies with NGOs and popular movements, and
  - statistics, research and knowledge creation about NGOs and popular movements and their activities.
- **Agreement with idea-based organisations**

Government – the Swedish association of Local Authorities and Regions – Idea-based organisations in the social sphere (coming: introduction for newly arrived).

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- **May EU regulation or ongoing Commission investigations put at risk the legal changes that Sweden are introducing/have introduced?**

Don't know!

- **Relevant examples of best practice?**

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