

Creating and using synergies between structural funds and the framework programme at regional level

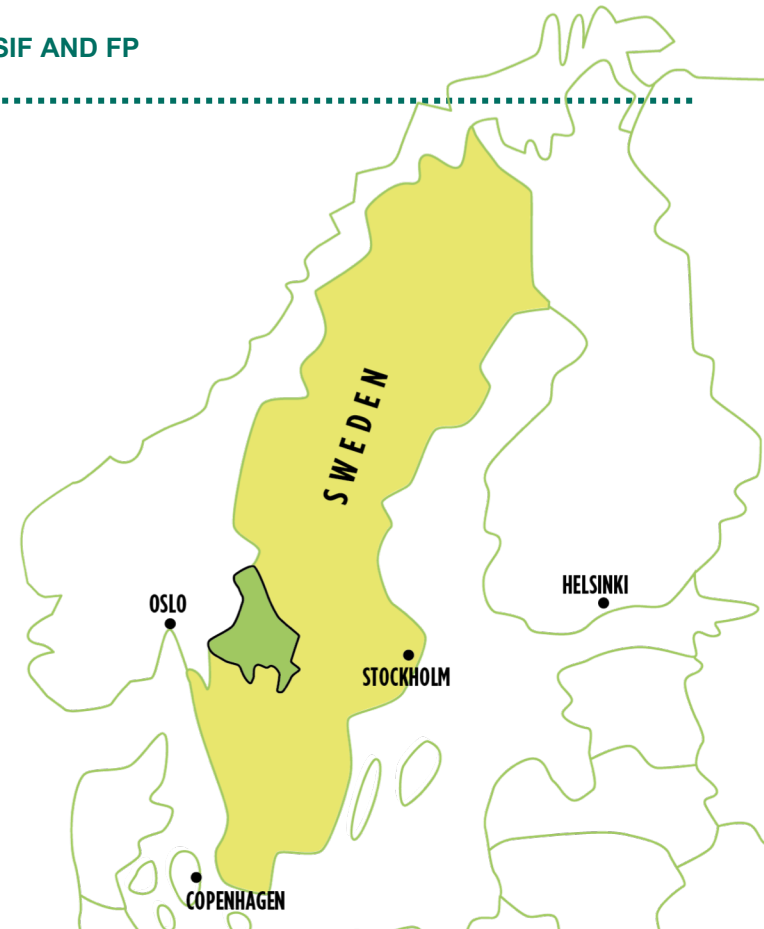
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Region Värmland

- 18 000 km²
- 280 000 inhabitants
- 75 % covered by forest
- Strongest on forest industry
- One dominating university
- Brussels Office since 2015



VÄRMLAND SMART SPECIALISATIONS 2015 - 2020

Value-Creating Services

Forest-Based Bioeconomy

Digitalisation of
Welfare Services

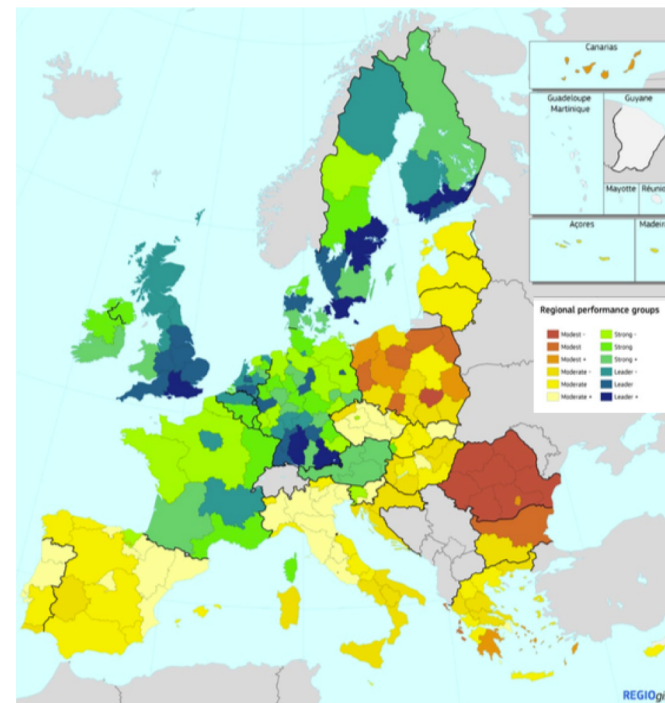
Nature, Culture and Place
Based Digitalised Experiences

Advanced Manufacturing
and Complex Systems

System Solutions
with Photovoltaics

Regional Innovation Ecosystem in Värmland

- Sweden ranked nr. 1 at European Innovation Scoreboard
- Värmland "Strong innovator" - ranking 92 of 200 regions
- 85% of EU funding for R&I from ESIF
- Karlstad University high success rate within H2020 ~ 35 %
- World class clusters
- International cooperation through networks: ERRIN and Vanguard Initiative

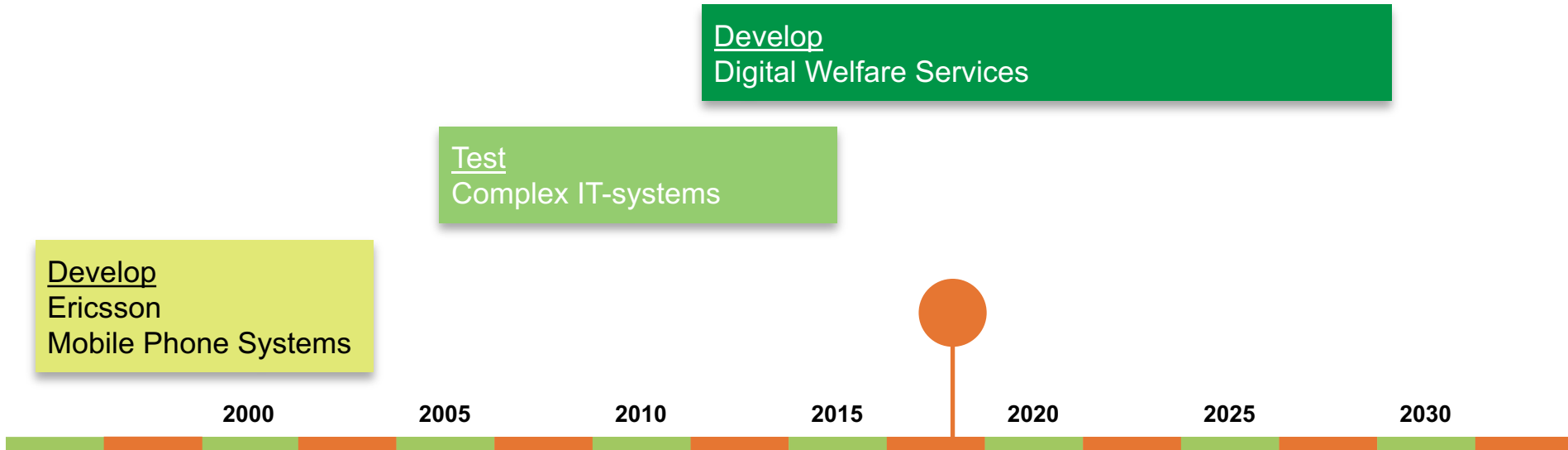


Academy for Smart Specialisation – a tool to creating synergies

- First agreement of cooperation between Region Värmland and Karlstad University in 2008
- 2016 – 2020 cooperation through ”Academy for S3”
- Funding:
 - 5 Million € from Region Värmland.
 - > 5 million € from Karlstad University
 - > 5 million € in external funding (national funding, ERDF, Interreg, in the future FP)
 - In total: 15 – 20 million €
- 2018: ongoing projects in all S3 areas for about €11 million
- European good practice in strengthened academia-business cooperation which can contribute to better participation in FP



Examples of synergies – ICT Development



- ESIF funding a catalyst towards the FP
- ESIF funding for capacity building facilitated for FP-projects
- 5G testbed developed in FP-programmes, now used in ERDF project Digital Well and Digital Well Research

Challenges

- Strategic and policy harmonisation across programmes
- Fragmentation
- Excellence
- "Regional identity"

Thank you for your attention!

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