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TCA International - **Synergy of funds**

Collaboration between ESF+ Managing Authority and NA The Swedish example

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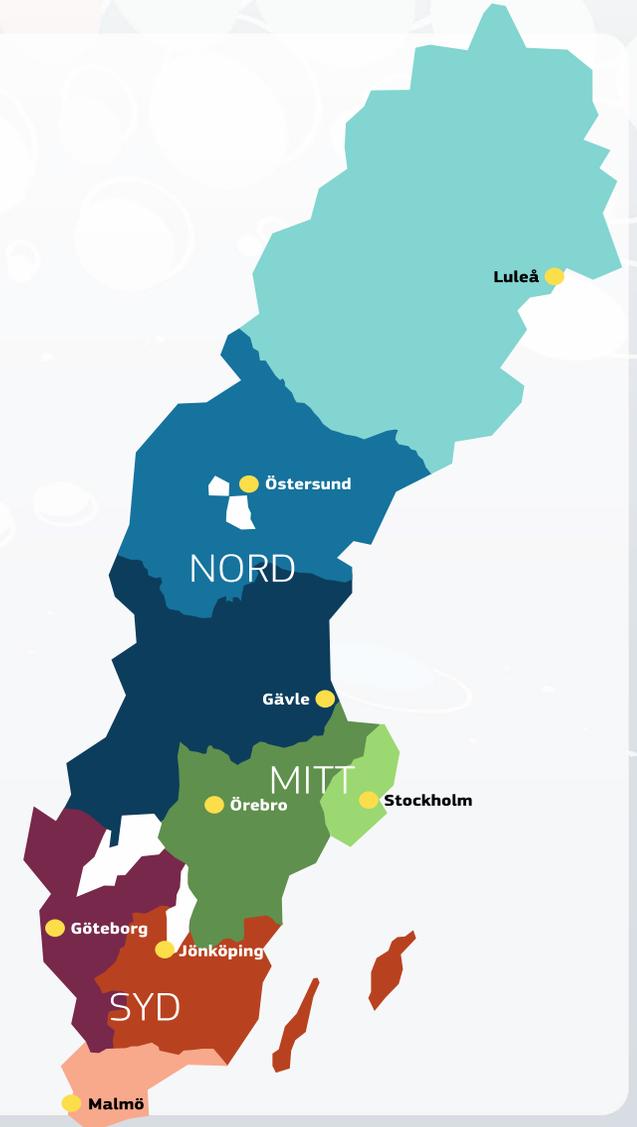
The Swedish ESF Council

The Swedish ESF Council is a public body under the Swedish ministry of Employment.

The Managing Authority has around 140 employees divided across eight regions,

Primary missions:

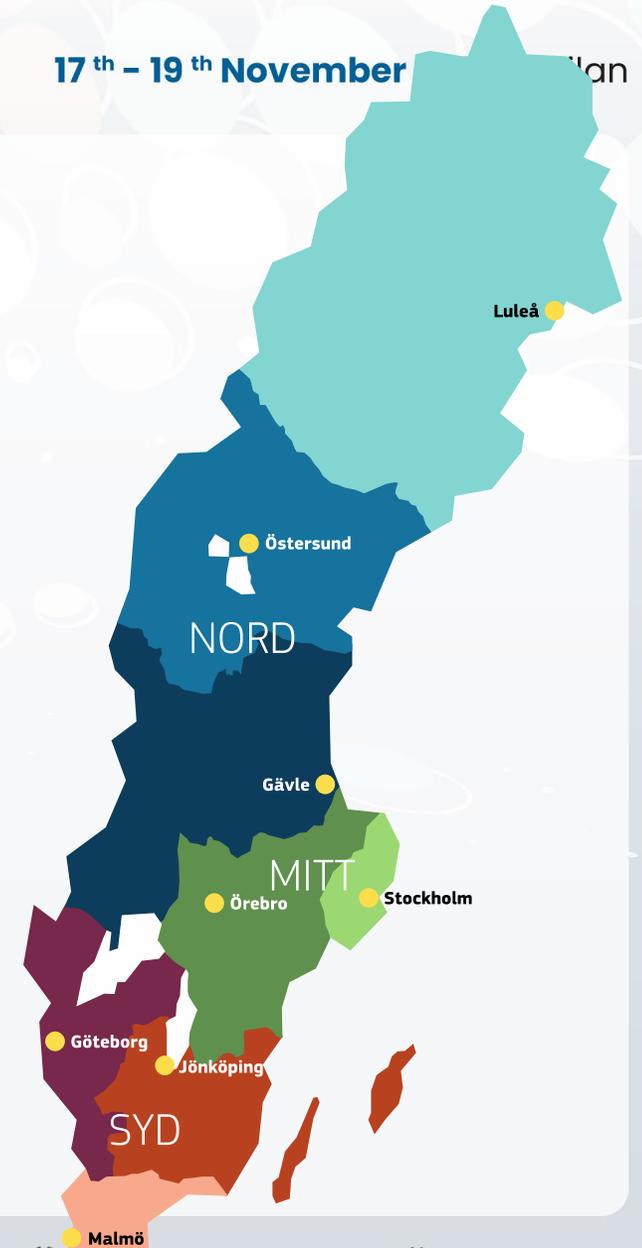
- To manage the European Social Fund PLUS 2021–2027 (ESF+)
- National Contact Point EaSI



8 regional and 1 national unit

Working with implementing the ESF+ program.

The whole process from information, making calls, assess and decide on projects, follow-up, payments and controls.



Identified challenges

- Different managing organisations
- The two programmes are managed separately with little convergence
- Different procedures
- Lack of experience in combining the programmes
- IT system

How can we bridge synergies on the ground?

- Synergies don't happen by itself – creation of environment that supports synergies between ESF+ and Erasmus+ beyond 2027
- We identified the need to:
 - Established regular communication and information-sharing processes
 - Increase coordination and interaction between responsible authorities (MA and NA)
 - Increase operational measures to enable such cooperation

What activities have been done?

- With support from top management in our organisations we established a working group.
- We defined:
 - Mission
 - Scope
 - Targets
 - Activities for the group (yearly activity plans)

Outcomes

- Structured collaboration and information sharing
- Staff training (information meetings) – increased knowledge of Erasmus+ at the Swedish MA.
- Increased knowledge of ESF+ at the National Agency for Erasmus+.
- Identification of good practices – better understanding of how synergies in the projects can be achieved.

Thank you!
Questions?