

Civil Society and Social Economy

Regional Action Plan
2022–2025

Short Version



The regional development strategy expresses the collective will of Örebro County and acts as a common platform for the county's actors. It is a starting point for the work on sustainable regional development in the coming years and provides guidance for the physical planning. The overall objectives of the strategy are great competitiveness, a high and equal quality of life and good resource efficiency. The strategy consists of several priority areas.



This action plans deals with the priority area Social Cohesion and Democracy, with a particular focus on the importance of civil society and social economy. The regional development strategy states that democracy and cohesion are created with the help of civil society and the public sector. When the welfare system is for the benefit of everyone, this will benefit social cohesion in society. All people should have the opportunity to participate in society, to influence the environment in which they live and shape their own lives. It is important to protect the independence of civil society. Participation, availability, trust and security are therefore important catchwords – these are forces that create cohesion.



Three Desirable Positions

The regional development strategy has identified three desirable positions for 2030:

Everyone has the opportunity to shape their own lives.

“In the year 2030, the county’s girls and boys, women and men have the opportunity to influence the environment in which they live and shape their own lives. Equality and equal opportunities are guiding principles in matters relating to housing, education, working life and the allocation of resources. Civil society, culture and social economy actors are important for the development of society to identify and promote innovative solutions to various societal challenges, social as well as environmental.”

Increased participation in society.

“Participation in society has increased as more people support themselves and are able to make their own choices. Culture, adult education, libraries, civil society and the social economy have played a crucial role here. The county’s digital progress has contributed to increased participation and inclusion as digital exclusion is now decreasing. There is an increased sense of security as crime rates and criminality have declined through preventive measures and cross-sector collaborations.”

Social entrepreneurship and innovation meet the challenges of society.

“Social innovations and social entrepreneurship contribute to meeting the challenges of society. Social enterprises have become more powerful and there are more of them. They contribute greatly to reducing the impact of climate change, increasing social inclusion and more employment opportunities are created for people who have been unemployed for a long period of time. By creating good conditions for these enterprises in the county, through public procurement among other things, they have grown and multiplied.”



Purpose and Objective

The Regional Action Plan for Civil Society and Social Economy 2022-2025 is based on desirable positions and strategic approaches in the regional development strategy. The action plan should function as a policy document for the regional work on civil society and social economy.

The objective of the action plan is to increase and strengthen the participation and influence of civil society and social economy in the development of Örebro County. The objective is to contribute to the implementation of the regional development strategy. In order to achieve this objective, Region Örebro County has engaged in dialogue with actors in the county. This has resulted in four focus areas and priority activities.



Four Focus Areas and Priority Activities

1. Increase the understanding of the importance of civil society and social economy for the development of Örebro County.

Priority Activities:

- Increase the knowledge of the intrinsic value of civil society and social economy
- Seek to ensure that statistics are available
- Seek to test and use methods on an ongoing basis to assess the benefits to society



2. Create long-term opportunities for civil society and the social economy in Örebro County.

Priority Activities:

- Improve public subsidies for associations, financing methods and other support functions
- Seek to strengthen and develop social enterprises
- Increase knowledge of procurement and other forms of collaboration
- Increase the procurement of products, services and maintenance from civil society and the social economy



3. Establish, strengthen and coordinate networks and meeting places for issues relating to civil society and social economy in Örebro County.

Priority Activities:

- Increase the exchange of experience in civil society and social economy
- Increase the exchange of experience between public actors
- Seek to strengthen cross-sector networks and meeting places



4. Contribute to an enhanced exchange of experience by increasing the international collaboration relating to civil society and social economy in Örebro County.

Priority Activities:

- Seek to grow international participation from Örebro County
- Increase the exchange of experience in the county from our participation in international forums



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