

REACT
*Reactivating European citizenship: a
network of inclusive towns*

Presentation of partners

kick-off meeting
Pescara, May 10th – 11th 2017

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The participants at the kick-off and in the project as a whole



- We are present here:
Coompanion Östergötland
- Our location:
Norrköping, Östergötland
- Also participating in the project from
our side:

Our organisation/institution?



- Specific profile of our organisation/institution:

Coompanion is a Cooperative Development Agency. Members of Coompanion Östergötland represents a mixture of municipalities in Östergötland, the established cooperative movement, new cooperatives and NGO:s. Coompanions corporate advisors are experts in cooperative entrepreneurship and the aim is to provide people who want to realise ideas together and start up new co-ops with advice and training, based on their individual requirements – from idea to successful company.. We work with local and regional development and for empowerment, democracy and equal rights. We have a large focus on the Social Economy and is also part in a lot of network within public sector, NGO:s, private sector and universities.

- Web site of your organisation/institution:

<http://ostergotland.coompanion.se/>

- Activities and experience in the areas relevant for the project (brief description)

Coompanion are a part of the regional network SE UPP and the NAD project which focuses on developing a method where newcomers in Sweden are offered the opportunity to participate in individually adapted activities within different associations, clubs and NGOs.

Migration in our country: current situation



Main data about migration in the country:

- 163 000 asylum seekers in 2015 (35 369 unaccompanied minors)
- 28 939 asylum seekers in 2016 (2199 unaccompanied minors)
- One of the reasons for the large change in numbers is the new law adopted in June 2016 limiting asylum seekers' possibilities of being granted residence permits and the possibility for the applicant's family to come to Sweden
- The largest groups based in citizenship who have applied for asylum in Sweden are from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Turkey or are stateless
- At the end of 2016 nearly 1.7 million of the people living in Sweden were born abroad

The legal framework of immigration in our country



- The Government's objective is to ensure a sustainable migration policy that safeguards the right to asylum and, within the framework of managed immigration, facilitates mobility across borders, promotes needs-based labour migration, harnesses and takes into account the effects of migration on development and deepens European and international cooperation.
- Main principles of the law and political rights of migrants in the country

Anti-discrimination strategy



- The Discrimination Act protects against discrimination at work, at school, when you rent a home etc. It also protects you in other important areas of society, such as the healthcare and social services and the social insurance system.
- If you have been discriminated against, you can report to the Equality Ombudsman (DO)
- The Ombudsman shall work to ensure that discrimination associated with sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation or age does not occur in any areas of the life of society.

Current situation of racial discrimination



Main data of the Anti-Discrimination National Agency

We have a new big political party called Sverigedemokraterna.

A lot of new people in sweden live in some area and have problem to get in to the society.

Unemployed

Social media

Any thing else we
should know about you,
your
organisation/institution
or your country?

