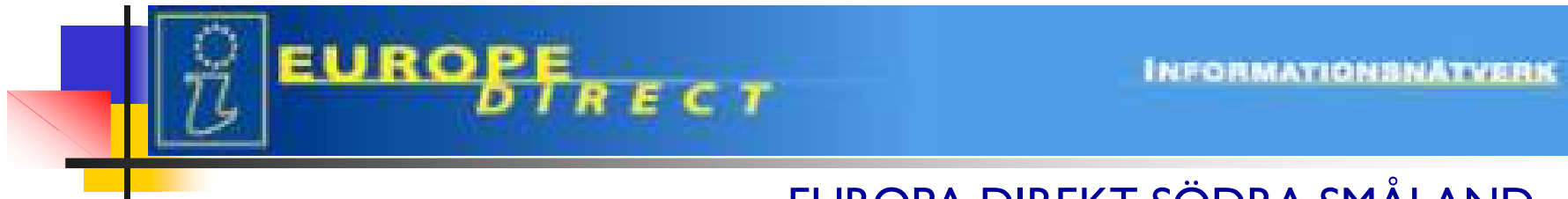


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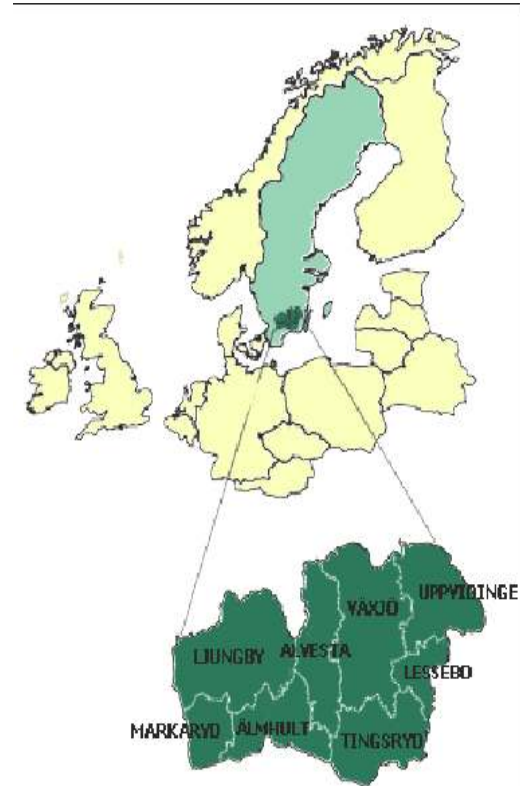
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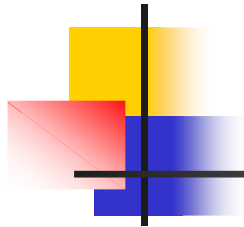


EUROPA DIREKT SÖDRA SMÅLAND

Kronoberg County

- Kronoberg is a county in Småland, a province in the south of Sweden.
- In Kronoberg we have 8 municipalities; **Växjö**, Alvesta, Lessebo, Ljnugby, Markaryd, Tingsryd, Uppvidinge and Älmhult.
- Total population: 177,000 people.





Our structure

EU information

- www.eudirect.se
- Videum
- Distribution of specific information

International EU-projects

- Info on possibilities
- Guidance
- Writing applications
- Participating
- Administrating

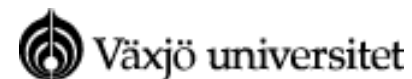
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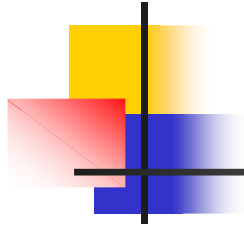
- One ear in Brussels
- The other one in Stockholm
- Hands on Kronoberg and the South of Sweden

The organizations involved

A number of organisations are involved:

- SSKL
- The County Council in Kronoberg
- Växjö University
- The County Administrative Board of Kronoberg





- SSKL is a regional association and a meeting point for the eight municipalities and the County Council in Kronoberg County.
- The main objective is to look after the common interests of all these municipalities and the County Council, promote cooperation amongst them and provide a range of services.

- Vision: “ *to provide with knowledge and care for a high-standard health condition benefiting the citizens of Kronoberg County*”.
- The areas for which the Council is responsible for are (amongst others):
 - health & medical care
 - dental care
 - regional culture, transportation/communication, trade and industry = REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



County Administrative Board

- The County Board is a public authority and a counterpart to the Swedish parliament on a regional level.
- The Board is co-deciding in different areas concerning the county. Therefore it is in the interest of the Board that the national decisions are implemented correctly in Kronoberg County.

"EU yesterday, today and tomorrow"



- The EU 2004 Committee, is an organ appointed by the Swedish Government in order to contribute to the public debate of the future of the European Union.
- "EU yesterday, today and tomorrow" is a school project which aims to inform students and engage them in the debate on the future of EU.



"EU yesterday, today and tomorrow"

What is GOOD about EU?

- Easier to travel
- Better for the SME's
- Possibilities to get contribution to different activities
- You can study anywhere you want;
- The countries that want to belong to EU must fulfill the requirements on democracy and human rights
- Free movement
- Peace, war prevention
- Good for agricultural countries that get contributions.
- Good cooperation between countries, Sweden can influence big and small decisions
- Common rules as facilitating commerce...
- Easy to work in big topics, e.g. environment
- Common efforts in order to face disasters
- EU even out the differences between countries/regions in Europe

What is BAD about EU?

- High membership fee
- Less power to each country. Bigger influence from other countries
- Euro
- Alcohol restrictions- why Sweden has not the same rules as in other EU countries? Can it be exceptions for everything?
- Smuggling growths with open borders
- A unfair and uneven distribution of money.
- Bureaucratic and difficult process when it comes to decision-making.
- Difficult to get information, those channels that exist today are not really ACCESSIBLE
- To few referendums
- Parliament has to limited power
- EU could be more homogenous
- The national work disappear to cheaper countries.
- EU has increase immigration from the east



Dag X

- **Dag X - fair, Växjö Tipshall.**
- **Växjö Kommun, Ung Företagsamhet och Drivkraft**
- 160 organisations
- 300 young entreprenörs showing their business.
- 6500 visitors