

THE LUPP

LOCAL FOLLOW-UP OF YOUTH POLICY

I. BACKGROUND

- **The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs** started developing the Lupp (“Local follow-up of youth policy”) survey in 2001 and it has been developed by the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs in consultation with municipal representatives and researchers.
- This is a **simple way to be able to find out** how young people's situation looks locally and consequently developing an effective youth policy based on cooperation between different sectors.
- The survey has become **the core of a model** for following up and developing a knowledge-based municipal youth policy.
- Aided by the knowledge from the survey, politicians and officials are able to **set up measurable targets for municipal activities.**

II. THE LUPP SURVEY IN SWEDEN

- The survey aims to encourage municipalities to develop a knowledge-based, cross-sectoral youth policy. The questionnaire is divided into several themes of relevance to policy:



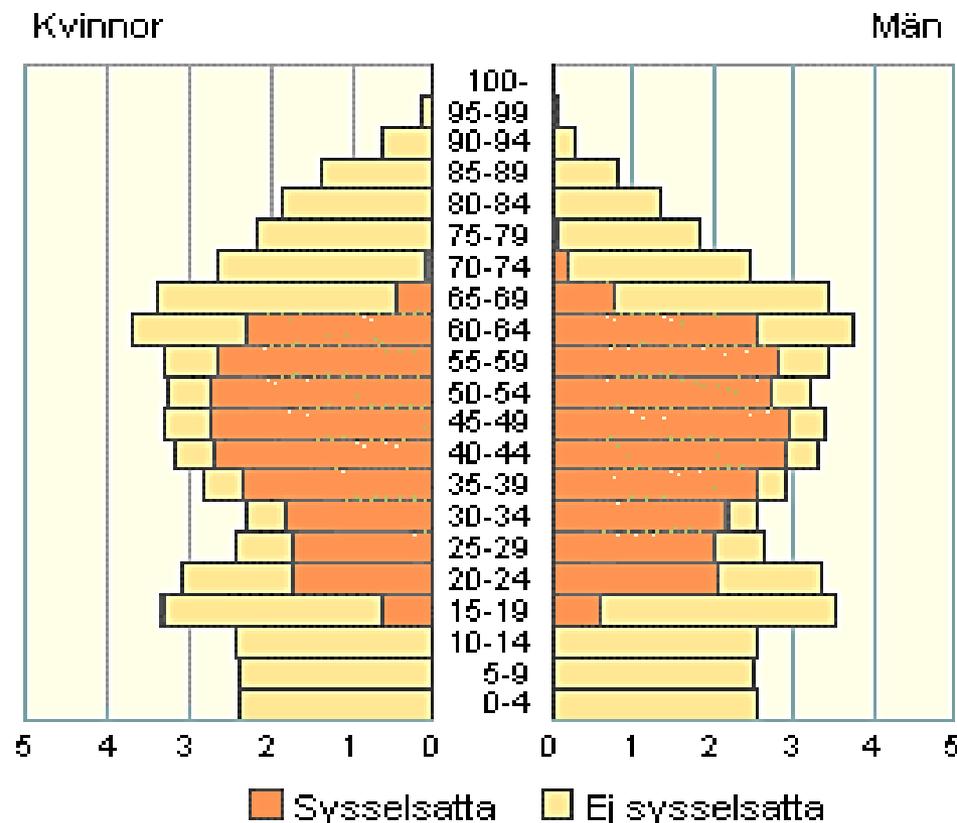
III. THE LUPP IN THE KALMAR COUNTY

Background and results in Kalmar.

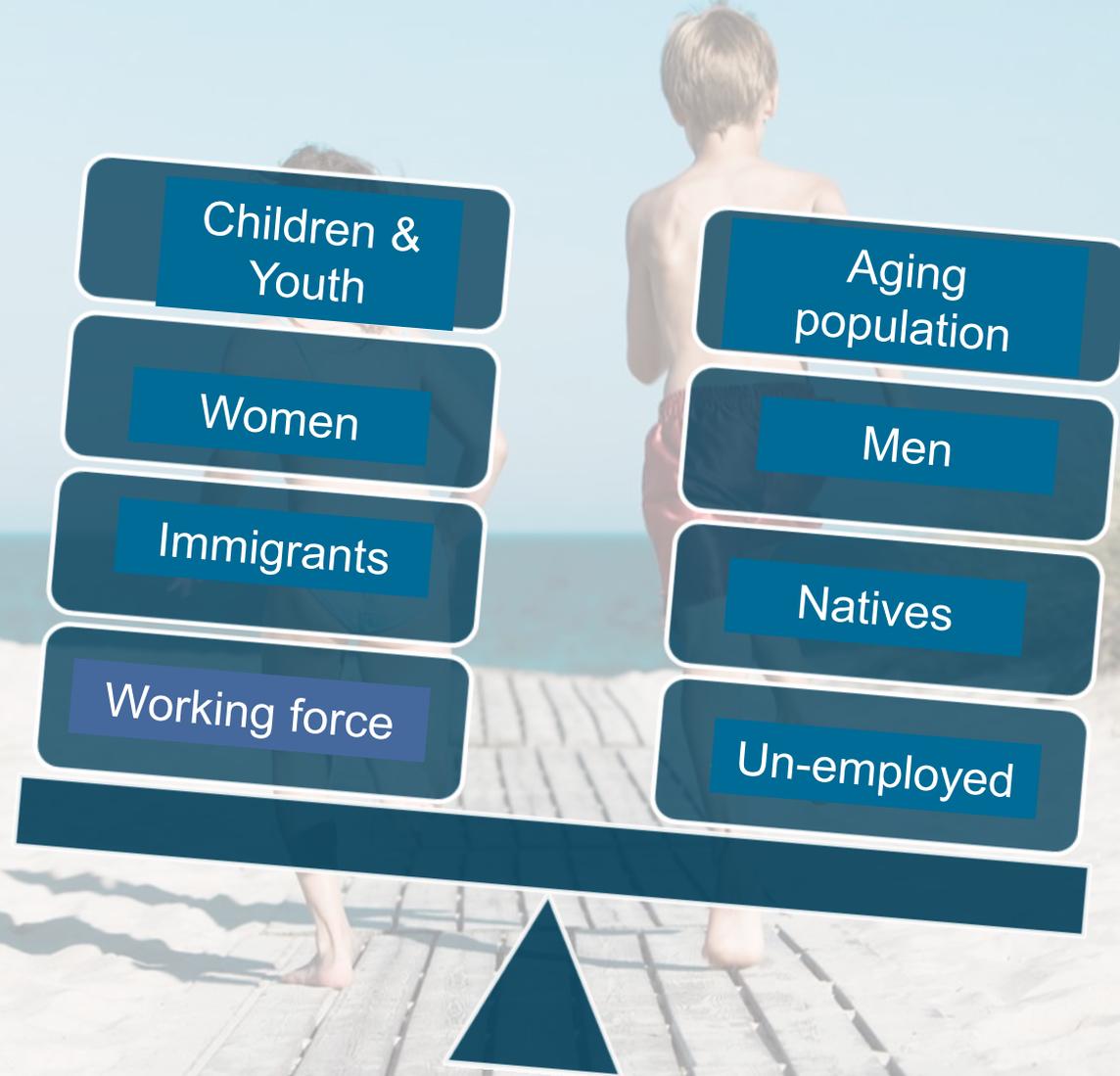
- The Regional Council in Kalmar County has been actively working with Young peoples possibilities when it comes to democracy, spare time-activities, international possibilities and youth-policy-work.
- Today more then 40% of young people leaves the region. More women then men and more well-educated then with a low grade of education is moving out to the big cities of Sweden.
- To work together with LUPP in the region has given not only common statistics on the situation but also a lot of added value of other kind like exchanges between youths, municipalities and departments.
- Someone said that, it was like taking away the municipal "wall" and see all the possibilities there are for exchange of new ideas, methods, development and new contact channels - for young people as well as for civil servants.
- As a result of our long experience and hard work in the region, we have been appointed as a "Pilotregion" within the national youth policy of the Youth Board.

How is young peoples everyday life important for regional development.

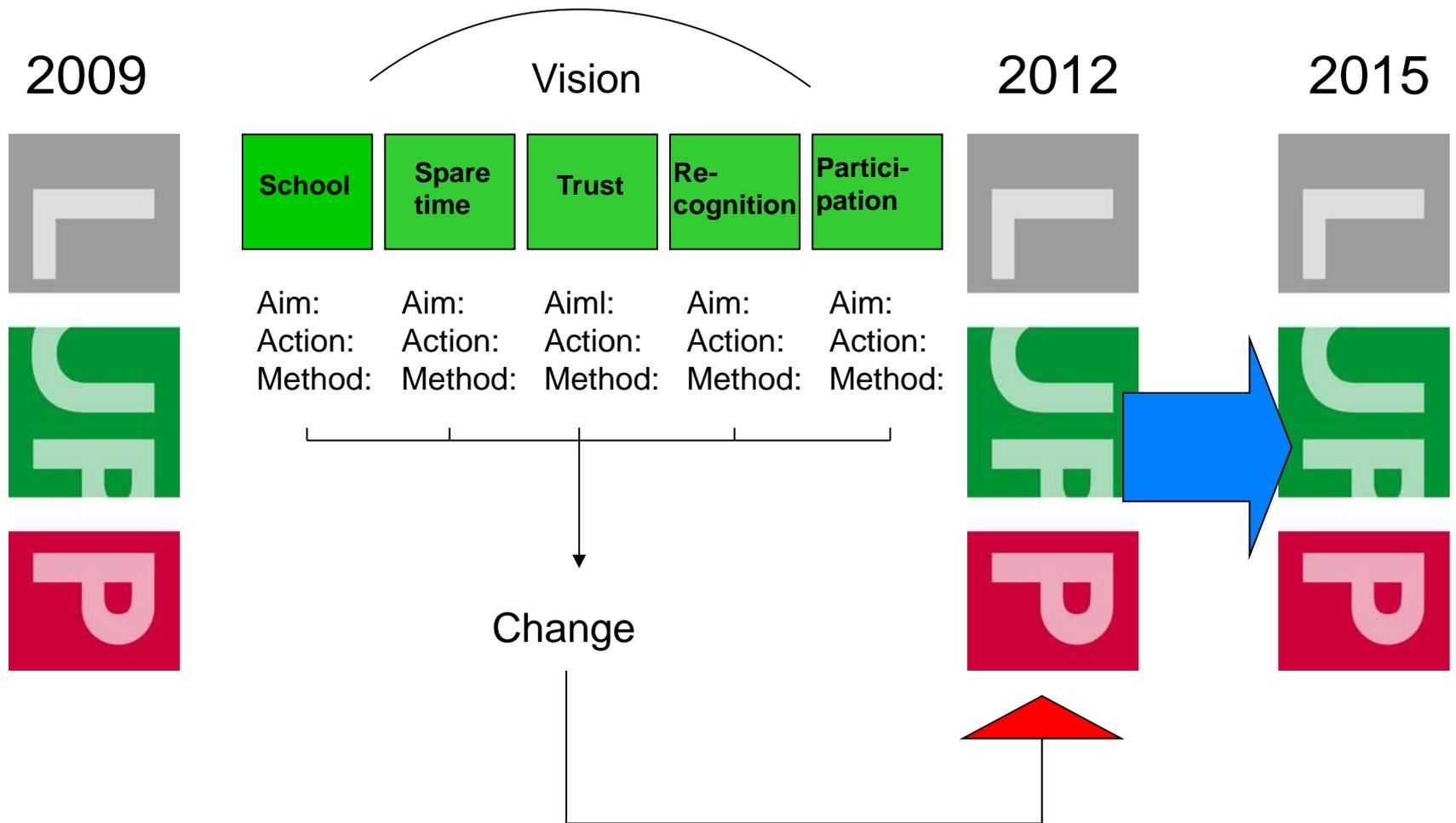
Folkmängd i Kalmar län 2010-12-31 samt andel sysselsatta män och kvinnor av totala folkmängden



A non-balanced population structure



From LUPP to Action



- Carrying out the Lupp survey is a process that takes **several months**, from preparatory work to final report.
- The survey **is adapted** for three different age groups: 13–15 years, 16–18 years, 19–25 years.
- To undertake a study of this nature involves a **desire to change things**, which **requires political engagement** and an interest in the development of youth policy. Support for this work among the politicians and officials concerned is therefore essential.
- Each municipality is responsible for processing the data and analysing the survey results.
- The municipality is responsible for making the **final report** or a summary of it available to all those who completed the questionnaire (the report should also be presented to political decision-makers and municipal administrators, and disseminated through seminars and the local media).
- The data should not be forgotten just because they have been compiled and analysed in a printed report. It is important that the results are used and referred to continuously in the municipalities whenever decisions that affect young people are taken.

IV. THE SYPERB

Basic information: Strategic Youth Policy in the EuroRegion Baltic

Statut: Submitted to the Swedish Institute (SI) on 20th of May 2013,

Registration number: 09402/2013

Applicant Organisation: The Regional Council in Kalmar County

Budget: 439 950 sek

Expected decision: at the end of June, before the summer time,

Starting and ending date for the project: 2013-08-01/2014-07-31

Sector representation: Public sector

Collaborating countries eligible for funding formally included in the project: Sweden, Poland, Lithuania, Russia,

Collaborating countries non-eligible for funding included in the project : Denmark

The project activities will take place: both Sweden and abroad,

Estimated number of persons participating in project activities: 30

V. NEEDS ANALYSIS

For the gain of young people

In all parts of the world, young people, living in countries at different stages of development and in different socio-economic situations, aspire to live full lives in their societies. Certain elements would help in this process and to defining these elements and what challenges each municipalities stands in front of when it comes to children and youth is a good way to start. THE LUPP is the tool to get it analysed. This research will be a starting point for the process of integrating young people, create youth-policies, and build a better society.

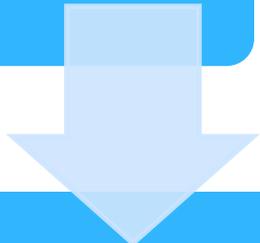
For the gain of the Baltic Sea Region

Within all regions of the ERB significant similarity is that young people are considered to be a resource and an asset. The main problem of the regions in the ERB is that they are located far away from the main parts of the country, their peripheral character causes that young people are less interested in staying in these places. Therefore, from our perspective the Lupp investigation in the ERB area can help Member States to exchange good practices, provide better knowledge of youth issues, and bring young Europeans and their organisations together to debate and formulate policies on issues affecting them, enabling them to stay in these regions.

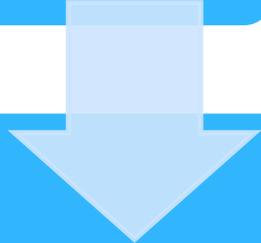
Taking joint action in the region of Baltic Sea, we become an example of a possible cross-border cooperation in order to implement the EU Youth Strategy.

VI. AIM OF THE SYPERB PROJECT

The short term aim: is to complete an application form to the EU funding programme. We would like to compile our knowledge and develop methods to strengthen for a better cooperation.



The medium term aim: is to carry out the Lupp survey in the Euroregion Baltic and in the same time we would like to investigate if the Lupp might be used in the future as an effective input to the Youth Policy on a wider scale.



The long term aims: is a tight co-operation within ERB members in the Baltic Sea region on youth issues and youth as a resource in development in the region. The co-operation is knowledge based, on a common platform of statistics (LUPP) and active on all levels: policymaking/political level, department/organizational level and in youth exchange. This will, in turn, create more opportunities for youth in education and employment.

VII. COMPOSITION OF PARTNERSHIP

- The composition of the partnership right now is not totally clear. This meeting in Karlskrona and SYPERB project will help us to decide with whom we shall cooperate.
- The Regional Council in Kalmar County is the applicant organisation and will be fully involved during this project.
- In this stage of the project we focus on **one or two** municipalities and the target group will be our partners from the **Euroregion Baltic (+the Youth Board)**.
- Each participating municipality will be in the future responsible for processing the data and analysing the survey results. For this project we also want to focus on the cooperation with **researchers from the Universities** and that is why they will be attached to this project.

VIII. ACTIVITIES

Activities during the SYPERB project:

- We are planning **three meetings lunch-to-lunch** with the interested municipalities and other stakeholders; in the seed money project we have money to cover the costs for travels, accommodation and meals.

First meeting in Kalmar

During this meeting we will present a general description of the survey as a method, as well as the aspects to be considered before, during and after the implementation of a survey.

Second meeting in Gdansk

We will try to find the answers for the most important questions which will lead us a little closer to the main project. **For example:** *How comprehensive should the survey be? The scope of the survey, i.e. partly how many people to include, what kind of age group and partly the number of areas or issues, depends on the purpose of the survey and the time and resources available for the survey.*

Third meeting in Klaipeda

It will be technical preparations. On this stage of our project we want to **fill in an application form** based on our jointly created, final vision of the main project.

VIII. ACTIVITIES PART2

Online meetings

- During the entire project, we are planning to arrange online meetings with our potential partners. The main aim of these meetings is to evaluate the process, discuss the next steps for further cooperation and to estimate the progress of preparation and to sustain the circulation of information within the partnership in this project.

Information visits regarding to future funding

To achieve the main aim of this project, we want to find appropriate funding programme. That is way we are looking into two possibilities.

- First of all we will address the South Baltic Sea programme. Two people will travel to a meeting in Gdansk, for a dialogue with the JTS for the programme and to investigate the possibility of a positive diagnosis of our future project.
- Another visit will be held at the JTS headquarters of ESF programme in Stockholm, Vilnius and Warsaw, with the same aim as for the meeting in Gdansk.

IX. EXPECTED RESULT...

- **Show that young people are important for us** and that their future is a crucial issue for the members of the Euroregion Baltic.
- **We expect to submit an application to the one of the EU funding programme**, during the period when the application will be written, the regional councils will cooperate in conjunction with lunch-to-lunch meetings and online meetings to strengthen contacts between municipalities at the ERB and to develop contacts with universities and politicians.
- **In the long term:** Obtain a current situation description of how young people feel about their everyday life and to create a strategic partnerships on youth issues through the promotion of cross-country cooperation. Being an example in the EU how to implement the EU Youth Strategy by using the Lupp.
- **To create long-term sustainability:** By the cooperation all ERB regions can attain added values in terms of sustainable development and growth, with due to attention to social aspects in line with EU and national demands. It is necessary to involve the people who are actually going to live in the future – the youth of today. Through involving the decision makers of tomorrow, sustainability within ERB and its priorities will be stronger.

THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION!

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