

Open Space during the Swedish Rural Parliament 2014



Conference documentation Short version/summary

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1 Introduction

The Swedish Rural Parliament 2014 (SRP) took place from 16th to 18th of May in Göransson Arena, Sandviken. 700 participants took part. On Saturday, an open space conference took place. The Participants represented county councils, member organisations and sponsors from all around Sweden.

The introduction to this document presents background and aim and describes the working process. Chapter 2 explains how we will continue with the results. It also includes the 34 initiatives taken at the end of the day. The 64 discussion documentations produced during the day can be found in chapter 3. Reflections from the evaluation are attached.

This is a quickly compiled summarized version of the whole documentation. We hope it gives you an overview of the results.

1.1 Background, aim and topic

All Sweden shall live's (ASsl) aim and purpose is local development for sustainable rural areas in a sustainable society. We strive to strengthen identities and create a feeling of belonging as well as support the local village action groups in their work.

The aim of the SRP is to give involved people on the regional and national level the possibility to participate and influence political strategies, which are thrashed out and decided upon by our politicians on the national level. Via an open space process important local, regional and national questions have been worked out. They will serve as a backdrop for the political discussion on Sunday and for creating a rural development program.

The topic of the conference was: **A vibrant countryside in Sweden. How do we make it possible?**

1.2 Working process (Open Space-method)

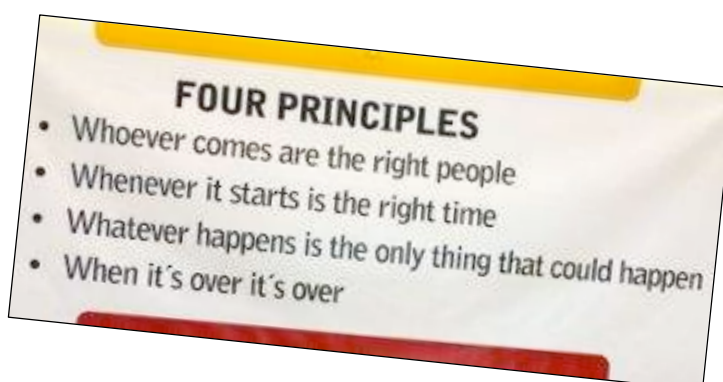
The open space conference started in the morning with the participants sitting in 7 circles with the same center inside Göransson Arena. After a short introduction, the participants were invited to come up with questions and ideas they found most interesting.

No pre-formulated questions existed. Instead there was a schedule, which gave structure to the process as well as guiding principles for working together.

The walls were filled with ideas and proposals to work together during the day. Every participant then selected which discussion they wanted to be part of during the three sessions.

Documenters were available for every group and produced all in all 64 discussion reports.

The four principles and the law of mobility ("use your feet") are guiding principles in an "Open Space". They make clear everyones responsibility to follow their passion and use the available time in a beneficial way. The



law of mobility says that you can go where you want and when you want, meaning that every moment can teach you something or make you a teacher.

Later during the day a prioritization was carried through in order to show the participants' opinion on what were the most important questions for a vibrant countryside in Sweden. The results are being edited by the board of ASsl. The topics are clustered and their respective votes combined. The results were used as a basis for the Sunday's political discussion. It also serves as a basis for a rural development program to be created by ASsl during autumn 2014.

Later, everybody had the opportunity to take initiatives for continued work during and after the SRP. All in all, 34 initiatives were taken and even more participants signed for continuing the cooperation.

It was possible to give feedback on individual experiences and lessons during the day. In the closure session everybody was invited to have a say (see attachment 2).

The open space conference was moderated by Thomas Herrmann, Open Space Consulting.

You can find more info's and practical tips about the method here: www.openspaceconsulting.com.

1.3 Results of the prioritization process

During the last part of the conference, everybody was invited to vote for the questions they found most important for a vibrant countryside in Sweden.

After the closure session, ASsl's board evaluated the material in order structure and cluster the topics, which came up. Following you find these meta-topics and their respective votes.

Topic	Votes
Transition	SUM: 130
Diversity	SUM: 129
Integration	SUM: 129
Local Economy	SUM: 111
Fiber/Broadband/Telephony	SUM: 107
Service	SUM: 101
Agriculture/local processing	SUM: 81
Youth	SUM: 62
Impediments by state and municipality	SUM: 51
Development of schools	

	SUM:	48
Create employment through social enterprises		
	SUM:	42
Tourism		
	SUM:	32
Funds		
	SUM:	32
Culture		
	SUM:	23
Questions to be prioritized/Evaluation		
	SUM:	27
European cooperation		
	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES:	981

1.4 Initiatives

34 initiatives were taken. They can be found in the comprehensive documentation, which will be published after the SRP.

1.5 How will the work proceed?

The board of ASsl will have a first evaluative meeting already 4th of June. They will continue analysing the results and plan the next steps, amongst others regarding the creation of a rural development program.

A more comprehensive evaluation will be conducted during autumn 2014. That's when we start to evaluate the results and effects of development activities. Feedback will be given both in connection to the autumn meeting and the meetings of chairmen.

All material produced today contains a huge amount of ideas which can come to use in the future. You got to know new people and built new networks. Let's keep this in mind when we continue working for a vibrant countryside in Sweden.

2 Reports

2.1 Topic: Mobile telephone system

Initiative taken by: Sven-Erik Bucht

Number of participants: 10

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Mobile telephone system is very important for the Swedish countryside. It is to be seen as a matter of democracy.

- ✓ A wider national responsibility needs to be taken by the authorities and there should be demands on the market to complete the coverage for mobile phone systems.

- ✓ People living in the country side are prepared to contribute to make it possible.

2.2 Topic: Tourism

Initiative taken by: Håkan Lindholm, Hela sverige ska leva

Number of participants: 32

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Hela Sverige Ska Leva should be the bridge between established tourist facilities to take use of competence from people with different backgrounds.

- ✓ Tie together different networks and form a forum for exchange of knowledge

- ✓ Be proud and value what we have in Sweden

2.3 Topic: Stop centralizing the schools

Initiative taken by: Sandra Eriksson, Kalix

Number of participants: .12-15

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The small school has positive effects for the society
- ✓ Distance teaching
- ✓ Who has the overall responsibility for the school and its importance for the country side

2.4 Topic: Co-operated agriculture

Initiative taken by: Annie Bergman

Participants: 14

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ A lot of possibilities to match making between producers and consumers in different ways. This should be more developed.
- ✓ Modernize the agriculture on the market side.
- ✓ A broad variety of people in order to have a living and vibrant country side.

2.5 Topic: social enterprises, session 1

Initiative taken by: Lotta Johansson, Pia Torstensson och Ricardo.

Participants: 24

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ What's written about social enterprises in the political parties programmes?
- ✓ Which parties is willing to work for the EU-strategy about social enterprising?
- ✓ Show that social enterprises is social and economic growth

2.6 Topic: Culture makes difference

Initiative taken by: Inger Kraft Etzler

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The organizers of the cultural event should be organized. Very often they are the weak part of the chain.
- ✓ Culture is important both to the country side and the suburbs. Culture should be available to everybody, especially to the new Swedes. The cultural school has an important role in the community. Interaction between different parties is essential for the financing.
- ✓ Is it possible the culture has low priority because it is ladies and young people who are involved in the cultural events?

2.7 Topic: European Rural parliament

Initiative: Vanessa Hallhead

Participants: 14

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ Mapping Europe, our questions, our differences and similarities.
- ✓ In our own countries create connections towards our MPs, politicians and other key players.
- ✓ Participatory policy making and democracy, working together though differently and from different positions with different approach towards the same issues with representative voices.

2.8 Topic: How can we create a functioning public transportation?

Initiative taken by: Maja Söderberg

Participants: 25

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Arenas where public and private sector can meet, co-operate and create a dialogue.
- ✓ Public procurement of local traffic, local food etc. must open up (social criterias) and not only be chosen by lowest price. We have to value social aspects (stores, school)
- ✓ Public transportation shall go from where it's needed and where people live. It's a better chance of jobs and growing tourism on the country side if there's a functioning public transportation.

2.9 Topic: Mutually owned small scale energy

Initiative taken by: Eva Overmeer

Number of participants: 17

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The local groups need clarification regarding the financing possibilities for energy topics and mutually owned energy solutions in the long range
- ✓ There is a huge engagement for energy matters and sustainable solutions for the future

According to an investigation, not decided yet, there is a risk that small scale water produced energy will disappear because of new rules, that will increase the costs. Could the result be that small scale produced water energy will die and we have an environmental problem instead

2.10 Topic: Incitement for people to take their jobs home

Initiative taken by: Ann Holst

Number of participants: 11

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ A severe mental change. We need to realize that we have stepped out of the industrial age and entered the blue collar age.
- ✓ An analysis of the possibilities to work from home in a rural area. The right to choose where you work from
- ✓ Economical incitements, for example lower employee cost for someone who chooses to work from home in the countryside

2.11 Topic: How do we create positive attitudes in the villages, small and big

Initiative taken by: Ingela Melinder

Number of participants: 29

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Give possibilities for local participations when creating local plans. Alternative solutions, cooperation between different associations. Create interest from young people by listening to their ideas. Make people have fun.
- ✓ Drop the "victim mentality" be proud. Be aware of which words you use.
- ✓ Highlight positive events (social media, facebook)
- ✓ Spread of information

2.12 Topic: Omställning (klimat, miljö, ekonomi etc.)

Initiative taken by: Ann-Louise Hagström

Participants: Ann-Louise Hagström, Carl-Eric Engström, Pippa Salolammi, Johanna Grundström, Sofia Lindblad, Marlene Carlsson, Peter Backa, Victor Wilches, Hanna Hallén, Anna ..., Erika Sörengård, Rune Sörengård, Viveka Höglund, Jan Forsmark, Elia (?)..., Emma Wogel, Johanna Wahlén(?)

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ **Be aware** that you can do a lot yourself and connect to others
- ✓ Have the courage to think in a different way.
- ✓ Influence politicians and create strong leaders for change of the situation

2.13 Topic: Communication, Fibre and broadband

Initiative taken by: Noone present

Number of participants: ca: 12

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ A matter of infrastructure where there is a big difference between city and countryside.
- ✓ The responsibility for fibre should not be at the inhabitants in a village, but at the community. The technical and economical responsibility should be with the community.
- ✓ Infrastructure is a national matter
- ✓ The economy is a serious matter. What is the cheapest way of performing this.

2.14 Topic: Legislation on the country side: adaption of legal framework and enforcement of (ex) PBL

Initiative taken by: Åke Örjes

Participants: 10

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The group want to create a network and a strategy to influence the legislation. A list of contacts creates and will be e-mailed to the participants of the group.
- ✓ The group will suggest to HSSL to establish a function/forum for this question and soon make an action.
- ✓ The group want the question to be raised during the next annual meeting for HSSL.

2.15 Topic: Development plans with a longer perspective of time – 30 years

Initiative taken by: Cecilia Andersson

Participants: 4-6

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ It's important with visions
- ✓ We must think in a longer and wider perspective
- ✓ We must re-make the system to create long termed processes with time to grow.

2.16 Topic: Does HSSL work with the right topics?

Initiative taken by: Hans Lundmark

Participants: 11. Hans Lundmark, Anette Jansson, Theres Bengard, Leo persson, Johanna Wallin, Nils-Gunnar Nilsson, Helen Fahlen, Lars Persson, Inger Fogelberg, Anne Helgesson, Hanna Hallén

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Change of attitudes
- ✓ Sharpen the organization of HSSL – our area, our topics; what’s the result of LBRD?
- ✓ We must promote HSSL (website, information)
- ✓ Who are we? Representativeness

2.17 Topic: Youngsters in rural areas. Attitudes towards youngsters, city as standard/norm.

Initiative taken by: Josefin Heed

Participants: 15

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Change of attitudes
- ✓ Organisation on terms of the youngsters. Invite young people to become included and take a step back as an adult. Adults must see themselves as support, not as rulers
- ✓ Question standards/norms. What’s good, what’s bad? Why do we choose them?

2.18 Topic: Erase public (state and municipality) obstacles for local development

Initiative taken by: Dan Eriksson

Participants: 4

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Change the rules of one of our national funds, Arvsfonden. Open up to make it possible for more people and organisations to send in an application
- ✓ Change the rules of public procurement and possibilities for innovative procurement or partnership
- ✓ Change the trend: more trust to the civil society, not more control

2.19 Topic: Increased interaction between Swedes and new Swedes in rural areas.

Initiative taken by: Linnea Nord, Skolungdom.

Participants: 16-18

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The process takes too much time. It's not human to expel families (after 8 years for example) That's a time when you are able to establish in the new country, have children and so on. Fasten up the decisions!
- ✓ All sort of communication must be reviewed. Communication in rural areas with more buses in order to attract more people from foreign countries to live in rural areas. The communication between immigration office and the immigrants. There's a lack of information within the forms that's sent out in a language (Swedish) that these people can't understand. There's also racism between different groups of immigrants. Does the immigration office take care of this? Some groups can't stand each other so don't place them in the same village.
- ✓ The school needs more resources to be able to take care of the immigrants. Today there's a lack of competence in order to treat traumatic experiences and interpret the language. Take help from the parents in school?

2.20 Topic: Build new houses

Initiative taken by: Claes Bergqvist

Participants: Claes Bergqvist, Per-Inge Planefors, Larz Johansson, Gunnar Casserstedt, Stefan Carlsson, Lars Erik Nordin, Bertil Degelund, Åke Berglund, Beng Rönnkvist, Kjell Fågelberg, en kvinna Elisabeth (Okänt namn), en man (Okänt namn). Tillkom en man Ola, sitter i riksdagen(Okänt namn) 10:15. 13 st.

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Higher amount of credit guarantee is needed (1600 sek/m²). Today it collides with building standards
- ✓ Change of rules: Availability to beach areas. Tax deduction for repair work! Simplify rules for building construction
- ✓ Suitable housing for elderly in rural areas when they need a change of living

2.21 Topic: In order to have a sustainabel food production, we need to increase the local cultivation of eco-food.

Initiative taken by: Karin West Phal

Participants: 8st + rapportör

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Procurement is important. It's possible if we want to.
- ✓ Information towards consumers
- ✓ Swedish cultivation is important, as well as use of all our land in Sweden where food can be cultivated.

2.22 Topic: How attract people from the city to move to the country side?

Initiative taken by: Anne Närhi ,Kicki Persson från Resurs Uppland

Participants: 10.

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Tax reduction (reduction from travel expences, change of property tax)
- ✓ Use what you have locally
- ✓ Communication, broadband and roads

2.23 Topic: Folk music, All of Sweden shall play

Initiative taken by: Anders Ågren

Participants: 9

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ The culture school must be free of charge and open for everyone – it should be more co-operation between the culture school and other actors, for example educational associations. Dare to co-operate!
- ✓ We could need more initiatives in order to get more financial support to culture associations. Perhaps through "hembygdsföreningar"- they have locals and financial tools, or houses of culture on the country side. Co-operation on the country side!
- ✓ It's important that folk music not becomes connected to nationalism and racism.

2.24 Topic: Integration (The country side: a solution?)

Initiative taken by: Inger Kraft Etzler

Participants deltagare: 18

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ It's central to have a dialogue between the local level and other levels in order to have a functioning integration.
- ✓ Immigration, if correctly handled, can be a great help on the way towards a vibrant country side in Sweden
- ✓ No one can walk alone, co-operation and solidarity will be central to solve problems that we meet, in relation to immigration as well in relation to the country side

2.25 Topic: Leadership for a change of attitudes

Initiative taken by: Johanna Wallin

Participants: 4-7-10

The three most important conclusion:

- ✓ Time of reflection and understanding is needed in order to make a change.
- ✓ We must handle and change attitudes on 3 levels: personal, organizational and society.
- ✓ We need leadership education that talk about questions concerning attitudes, roles, culture, standards/norms and the way of jumping into conclusions. We must educate leaders all over the country, in our associations and our organisations. This in order to support leaders to include and listen to members, dare to change, let people in. Then we associations can survive and grow. This shall happen on a national level.

2.26 Topic: Public health and vat spread

Initiative taken by: Kjell Gröndal

Participants: 3

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ Vat spread is not easy to calculate
- ✓ Politicians say that they are interested but they do not act.
- ✓ A slow, bureaucratic process that's hard to influence.

2.27 Topic: Youngsters in rural areas. Attitudes towards youngsters, city as standard/norm.

Initiative taken by: Josefin Heed

Participants: 15

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2.28 Topic: Bio-fuel in + out

Initiative taken by: Carl- Eric Engström

Participants: 7st, Roger Malmberg, initiativtagaren, Bertil Ahlin, Nillses, Roland Lundqvist mfl.

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ Long term planning, (at least) 4 periods of mandat (long term, politic decisions; they have to discuss together. Not compete against each other)
- ✓ Politically create markets for technics in early stades så the ones who develop the technics kan survive.
- ✓ Begin now for the sake of the enviroment!

2.29 Topic: Ungas organisering, landsbygden <3 föreningsliv

Initiative taken by: Lovisa Persson

Number of Participants: 16

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Young engagement exists, is changeable and needs more support!
- ✓ A real involvement giving **power to young people** is crucial, otherwise it is not a true inclusion.
- ✓ The norms about youth in the countryside influence involvement and the activities of rural associations a lot and must be adressed!

2.30 Topic: Fiber for everyone

Initiative taken by: Per Ohlsson

Number of Participants: 14

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ It is a great risk for village associations to get indebted if they have too little support and instructions, but a lot of demands to meet.
- ✓ Many companies are not interested in to supply fiber for those who live further away. Therefore we need to divide municipalities in a way that ensures connectivity for all.
- ✓ The system of today is unfunctional, state and municipality have to engage more!

2.31 Topic: Gender Equality

Initiative taken by: Maria Broberg

Number of Participants: 8

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Gender aspect required through all school years (from pre-school onwards)
- ✓ Invest in young people and give them the chance to test their wings and later come back to the rural area.
- ✓ A responsibility of the economy and of employers

2.32 Topic: Meeting points for development

Initiative taken by: Ola Johansson

Number of Participants: 27

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ See the possibilities where they are, dont be afraid of working together and support each other. To broaden your activities and work together beyond association boundaries i order to create local meeting places
- ✓ It is important to have organisations which can support the launch phase as well as relaunches and adaptations in a way that the facilities fit their purpose and are attractive.
- ✓ Infrastructure as in meeting and service points are important for village development and attractiveness. This attractiveness can be increased by promoting for ex. local media.

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2.34 Topic: The blue economy

Initiative taken by: Nicklas Persson

Number of Participants: 4

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Resources and opportunities are available but remain untapped.
- ✓ Problems with fundraising for further development.
- ✓ Knowledge and attitude is the link between the existing and what we want to realise. Mötesplatser för utveckling

2.35 Topic: How to solve the issue of competence supply in the low density countryside?

Initiative taken by: Åsa Sikberg

Number of Participants: 7

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Organising distance courses which are relevant for rural areas in one place (by All Sweden shall live)
- ✓ Even distribution of resources over the whole country, same conditions.
- ✓ Adjust to the needs of rural areas, not of cities.

2.36 Topic: Divided infrastructure for tourism

Initiative taken by: Årekvinnan

Number of Participants: 8

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Investments in infrastructure are needed in all Sweden, esp. such that benefits tourism.
- ✓ All Sweden shall live should work with questions about tourism and infrastructure.

2.37 Topic: How to work with unemployed people and those who feel they don't belong?

Initiative taken by: Marie-Anne Björn

Number of Participants: 12

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Create networks, work together.
- ✓ More young people in election preparations are needed.
- ✓ Thriving associations are important, everybody should feel welcome.
- ✓ To see each other by greeting, talking and being curious about each other can shape the atmosphere for the good.

2.38 Topic: Conditions and prerequisites for young people, attitudes and norms

Initiative taken by: My Fransson

Number of Participants: 18

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Attitudes of and about young people in rural areas have to be changed by us.
- ✓ „Young people are also human beings.“ Leave behind prejudices about young people and see them as human beings, and treat them as such and we will get further.
- ✓ To support the involvement of young people should to be possible without expecting this to be long-term involvement necessarily.

2.39 Topic: work and social economy (social enterprises)

Initiative taken by: Ricardo Alvarado

Participants: Ricardo Alvarado, Elisabet Lundström, Annie Helgesson, Kjell-Egon Strandh, Marie-Anne Björn (7st)

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ Prioritate and lift social enterprises so they get a higher status (the issue is that social enterprises is'nt considered as real bussiness)
- ✓ Interest towards networks and social enteprises on the country side
- ✓ HSSL start mapping which social enteprises that exists and connect them together in order form them to exchange experiences.

2.40 Topic: Culture as development

Initiative taken by: Margareta Johansson

Participants: 7

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ We have places in Sweden where we for examples can have meetings and develop our associations etc., such as "Hembygdsgårdar", "Bygdegårdar" and "Folkets Hus" (public houses in the local community)
- ✓ The culture must be a significant part of the country side programme (Landsbygdsprogrammet)
- ✓ The culture give us strenght to move and take place in the debate; to make demands.

2.41 Topic: RURIX – Rurality Index

Initiative taken by: Sigurd Melin

Participants: 9

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ A important strenght in Rurix is the transparence and the objective measuring method.
- ✓ The continuity is important and break the old tradition of boarders between municipalities or countysides.
- ✓ Perhaps RURIX can't be used everywhere. We have to decide which rural questions is most important regarding when RURIX can be used in order to create a basix rural index that can be combined with other aspects.

2.42 Topic: General stores on the country side

Initiative taken by: Karin Linkorst

Participants: 14

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ The role of public companies
- ✓ Meeting points in general stores
- ✓ Rules of public procurement

2.43 TOPIC: USE OUR "NEW SWEDS" IN THE LOCAL COUNTRY SIDE DEVELOPMENT

Initiative taken by: Jan- Erik Olofsson HSSL Östergötland

Participants: 2

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ How does our politicians work in order to make our new sweds feel and be a resource on the country side?
- ✓ We need tools to develop rural areas.
- ✓ How can national politicians prioritise immigration on the country side?

2.44 Topic: Meeting points and service points

Initiative taken by: Mathilda Mickels

Participants: ?

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ We need meeting point in every local society
- ✓ Co-operation between organisation that benefits everyone
- ✓ We need more economic incitaments for increased service on the country side

2.45 Topic: Today transportation on country sides costs hundreds of thousands sek more compared to if they are transported on good roads. More expensive in the north than in the south.

Initiative taken by: Runde Fredriksson

Participants: Runde Fredriksson, Per-Johan Emtell, Pierre Marklund, Rolf Berg, Sven-Erik Bucht, Jan Fallsvik, Malin Ohlsson

The three most important conclusions

- ✓ It's the traffic that shall control the standard on the roads, not the climate.
- ✓ State and municipality is not supposed to handle bad care of roads by decrease the speed limit
- ✓ The support to private roads must change

2.46 Topic: How can we create a well-functioning public transport in rural areas? Coordination may be a piece of the puzzle?

Initiative taken by: Maja Söderberg

Number of participants: 12

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Addressing the issue of how to improve bus travel
- ✓ Importance of cooperation between various actors: taxi, public transport companies, car sharing initiatives, etc.
- ✓ Public transport must be based on how the villagers want it - more local support, listen!

2.47 Topic: The city as a norm

Initiative taken by: Inger Fogelberg

Number of participants: 9

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The city is often unaware of the norm and the countryside has become a peripheral.
- ✓ It is difficult to find domestic economic facts that support urbanization.
- ✓ Rural areas need to market themselves and try to reverse the view of the countryside.

2.48 Topic: How do we promote subsistence and small-scale rural activities?

Initiative taken by: Maria-Therese Steen

Number of participants: 17

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The design of economy plays a major role in subsistence and small-scale activities
- ✓ Small-scale cultivation may currently be difficult, would have required different set of regulations, better opportunities to live in rural areas and people need time to be able to produce their food
- ✓ There are many different initiatives and practical solutions to use (see tip) list, such as collaboration, cooperatives, various forms of support, knowledge sharing, etc..

2.49 Topic: Pre school in the country side

Initiative taken by: Tommy Johansson

Number of participants: 5st, Tommy Johansson, Håkan Berggren, Ellica Brindstedt och Monica. På slutet kom även en herre (oklart namn).

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ That one is allowed to distinguish itself as preschool and market themselves
- ✓ The preschool must be integrated into society
- ✓ It must be allowed to cost a little more in the country side. You have the same right to service even when you live in the countryside and then maybe you need more support from the municipality

2.50 Ämne: Distance Learning

Initiative taken by: Kicki Hammarlund

Number of participants: 10

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Needed at teacher training college to prospective teachers trained in and can use the remote training and that the method may be used.
- ✓ Collaborate infrastructure of community services, all municipal uses, so that many can use the same infrastructure.
- ✓ The ability to teach more subjects. Develops remote teaching in primary schools

2.51 Topic: Reversal of tax on hydro property to the county / region / municipality where the property is located in.

Initiative taken by: Kicki Fredriksson

Number of participants: 11

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The politicians have to raise the issue to the agenda.
- ✓ The visions around the country linked to the resources there
- ✓ Are the politicians ready to restore the mistake of removing the property tax on hydro properties

2.52 Topic: Earth and the role of forestry in rural development

Initiative taken by: Sofia Lindblad

Antal deltagare: 24

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ What are our goals with forestry?
- ✓ We need to refine more in place so that the money stays
- ✓ Consider the earth and the forest as a local resource

2.53 Topic: How do we work wholeheartedly to strengthen rural areas?

Initiative taken by: Siv Eliasson

Number of participants: 8 st

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The money stays in the district? Eg hydropower which the tax would be needed in the rural municipality, may not emptied for its resources
- ✓ Town and country are intrdependent but metropolitan norm control
- ✓ Countryside Confident decisions at all levels, similar impact assessment for the countryside, why not do this?

2.54 Topic: Increased processing closer the raw material

Initiative taken by: Sören Oscarsson

Number of participants: 4

De tre viktigaste slutsatserna:

- ✓ Heavier transports a problem
- ✓ Designing new types of trailers which allows the transportation of logs and other products
- ✓ Local production of alternative fuels

2.55 Topic: Sweden needs a long-term food strategy?

Initiative taken by: Matilda Enkrans

Number of participants: 20-25

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Long-term food strategy is needed nationally, Regionally and locally.
- ✓ Collaboration, information, knowledge is needed at all levels and more in width
- ✓ Needed a clear focus on the food production we should have in Sweden, how it is based on Competitiveness and with stands climate and environment with Producers and consumers in focus

2.56 Topic: Security for local development companies and their risk-taking at public commitment

Initiative taken by: Anna Hansen-Jensen, Kerstin Hallenborg,

Number of participants: 16

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Government credit guarantees for local initiatives.
- ✓ Understanding of the business and collaboration in the longer term from the loan provider / municipalities needed.
- ✓ (Local development company must be profitable in order to continue operating, the question is what the profits are used to.)

2.57 Topic: Financial permit the consumption of locally / regionally produced food and other goods (cf. EU regulations).

Initiative taken by: Sven-Anders Sölveborn

Number of participants: 6

- ✓ Introduce national / general branding of local products peaked transported 25-30 mil (Sweden a far country, mark / symbol on the package).
- ✓ VAT Differentiation with categorization from a list of requirements so that products meet certain conditions, a more favorable tax planting outside the EU approved three tax levels (very low - moderate - high tax rate).
- ✓ a) Dissemination of knowledge about local foods and goods, quality focus.
- ✓ Avoiding false brand names (eg Swedish flag on the food or goods from abroad). enabling the consumption of locally / regionally produced food and other goods (cf. EU regulations)

2.58 Topic: Financial permit the consumption of locally / regionally produced food and other goods (cf. EU regulations).

Initiative taken by: Sven-Anders Sölveborn

Number of participants: 6

De tre viktigaste slutsatserna:

Förslag:

1. Införa nationell/generell varumärkning för närproducerade varor som högst transporterats 25 – 30 mil(Sverige ett långt land, märke/symbol på förpackningen).
 2. Momsdifferentiering med kategorisering från en kravlista så att produkter som uppfyller vissa villkor får en mer gynnsam momssättning utifrån EU:s godkända tre momsnivåer (mycket låg – måttlig – hög momssats).
 3. a) Kunskaps spridning om närproducerad mat och varor, kvalitetsfokusering.
- b) Undvika falska varubeteckningar (t.ex. svensk flagga på mat eller varor från utlandet).

Nästa steg?

Att förelägga riksorgan ovanstående förslag för att få nationellt giltiga beslut.

2.59 Topic: How to create a well functional public transportation system in the country side

Initiative taken by: Jan Fallsvik

Number of participants: 12st

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ A change in attitude towards public transportation is needed
- ✓ Take advantage of the known competence in the field of public transportation
- ✓ Implement the topic stronger into politics as it is very important

2.60 Topic: Local economy

Initiative taken by: Cissi

Number of participants: 16

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Possibility to loan without security
- ✓ Use the JAK bank for loan without interest
- ✓ Possibility to make service exchange

2.61 Topic: Goatmilk

Initiative taken by: Carl-Eric Engström

Number of participants: 4

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ The absence of harmful substances into the kid and goat milk
- ✓ It is a product that is interesting from an antiseptic and curative effect
- ✓ Thankful to be goat farmer because of their good forage turnover

2.62 Topic: To develop the work in the rural groups with digital tools

Initiative taken by: Magnus Holmberg, Länsbygderådet Dalarna

Number of participants: Unknown

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Develop study material for the digital tool
 - ✓ Build a bridge between the analog and digital system so nothing gets lost
 - ✓ The attitude towards using modern tools must be strengthened
- Topic:
Coastbound tourism

2.63 Topic: Coastbound tourism

Initiative taken by: Håkan

Number of participants: 7

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Cooperation between the various tourist operators
- ✓ Assistance to create network
- ✓ Kindness is important

2.64 Topic: The slaughter house in Skara is closing. Do we really need travelsick food?

Initiative taken by: Anette Banås, Istrop

Number of participants: 7

The three most important conclusions:

- ✓ Authorities should strictly keep to laws when negotiating for delivery of goods
- ✓ Spread the knowledge of the quality of imported food