



▶ **The Swedish Cluster Landscape – National perspectives**

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Cluster development

An important part of regional smart specialization strategies

- Regional innovation and cluster strategies.
- Approx. 40-50 regional cluster initiatives with national connections.
- The national level stresses the importance of the innovation system without specifying stakeholders.
- There is no national strategy for cluster development.
- The national strategies is based on program level and agency level.

National "cluster" programs

Different relevant programs

- Sweden's innovation agency (Vinnova)
 - Vinnväxt program
 - Innovation hubs
 - National approach / National relevance
- Sweden's growth agency (Tillväxtverket)
 - S3-pilot and The national EU-program
 - Business oriented clusters
 - Regional approach / Regional relevance
 - Cross cluster collaboration

S3-pilot

Prioritized clusters in regional S3-strategies

- *Skilled Cluster Leaders and Cluster management with international relations, competence and great capacity to contribute to the development of successful companies in Sweden's regions*
- ESCA certification at bronze level 2018. Areas of improvement;
 - Lifelong learning for the cluster management
 - Internationalization
 - Dependency on public funding
- Clusters of Sweden – Possibilities for the Swedish cluster landscape
 - Build capacity and international connections / cluster collaboration
 - New focus area for Swedish clusters; skills and skills supply?

 **Thank you!**

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