

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Snabbspår
Name of the instrument - English translation	"Fast track" entrance to the labour market
Scheme ID	352
Country	 Sweden
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Cost-related support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	This scheme is aimed at persons with foreign education who need to supplement their education in Sweden in order to be able to work in the profession the person is trained in. The eligible group includes unemployed recent migrants who got their resident permit within the last 3 years and who have a qualification or work experience in a shortage occupation. They have to be or have been enrolled in the introduction programme and have signed an individual introduction plan. Recent immigrants with experience or training in one of 40 shortage occupations in 14 industries are offered support including validation, further education, in-service training, and work placement in order to promote a fast entrance into the Swedish labour market. Along with the described support beneficiaries are also entitled to support for living costs. 100% of study costs related to an educational plan can be funded.
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Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Further instrument

Legal basis	Förordning (2015:848) om statsbidrag för särskilda främjande- och utvecklingsinsatser i syfte att påskynda nyanlända invandrares etablering på arbetsmarknaden
Objective(s) and target(s)	The fast track is a chain of efforts to ensure the supply of skills to the shortage occupations by shortening the time in unemployment for newly arrived individuals with relevant skills.
Year of implementation	2015
Operation/management	The PES has a leading and coordinating role within the Fast-track framework. It takes initiative to establish agreements in branches with a shortage on skilled employees. Furthermore, the PES is responsible for identifying and matching candidates for the fast tracks, handle applications and decide on the allocation of funds for further activities. The social partners and further stakeholders (e.g. social services, higher education associations etc.) sign sectoral agreements and support the implementation in their field of practice.
Eligible group(s)	Eligible for participation in the framework are unemployed recent migrants who got their resident permit within the last 3 years and who have a qualification or work experience in a shortage occupation. They have to be or have been enrolled in the introduction programme and have signed an individual introduction plan.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Usually, a combination of some of the following activities are used tailored to the individual case: validation, work placements, language training, vocational training and formal education (for some professions).
Source of financing and collection mechanism	The Swedish PES (Arbetsförmedling) as key stakeholder in this framework is using national funds for implementation. As far as activities of other stakeholders are concerned the PES issues regular calls that invite stakeholders to apply for co-funding of specific activities in the framework.
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	100% of study costs related to an educational plan
Eligible costs	Participation in the activities defined in the individual introduction plan are free of charge for the individual.
Volumes of funding	2018: SEK 55 000 000 (approx. EUR 5 331 000)
Beneficiaries/take up	The framework started under the expected level of participants. By the end of 2018, the third year of implementation, approx. 8 000 people had entered the measure, 70% of them were men. In 2018, the bi-annual report of the PES on the implementation stated that the target group - recent migrants with need of support to enter the labour market, had considerably decreased and a decreasing number of beneficiaries were expected for the future.

Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Arbetsförmedlingen - Swedish Public Employment Service
Most relevant webpage - in English	https://arbetsformedlingen.se/other-languages/english-engelska/extra-st...
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://arbetsformedlingen.se/for-arbetsgivare/rekryteringstjanster/sna...
Recent changes	<p>No recent amendment</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>No changes</p>
Sources	<p>https://arbetsformedlingen.se/for-arbetsgivare/rekryteringstjanster/sna...</p> <p>Arbetsförmedlingen (2019): Arbetsförmedlingens nulägesbedömning av arbetet med snabbspår. Af-2019/0003 9888</p> <p>Arbetsförmedlingen (2018): Arbetsförmedlingens nulägesbedömning av arbetet med snabbspår. Juni 2018. Af-2018/0024 5128</p> <p>Arbetsförmedlingen (2018): Arbetsförmedlingens nulägesbedömning av arbetet med snabbspår. December 2017. Af-2017/0057012</p>