

Grants for developing regional support structures for workplace training

POLICY DEVELOPMENT	PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE	 SWEDEN
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Timeline

2015 Design	2016 Legislative process	2017 Legislative process
2018 Approved/Agreed	2019 Implementation	2020 Discontinued

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Background

In 2015, forecasts of skill needs up to 2030 identified the need to strengthen the work-based learning (WBL) component of VET programmes at all levels and to strengthen links between education and businesses. Financial incentives for learners/apprentices had previously been put in place and financial incentives for companies to engage in apprenticeship were also introduced.

Objectives

To strengthen the work-based learning (WBL) component of VET programmes and links between education and businesses.

Description

At the end of 2015, a National commission (Välja yrke) made proposals to the government to strengthen the involvement of social partners in providing VET. The options discussed included developing regional support structures. As a result a State grant was put in place for the development of regional support structures for WBL placements for social partners and stakeholder organisations. The total sum awarded for 2018 and for 2019 was SEK 10 million (about EUR 950 000). The grants targeted social partners and their organisations and aimed at supporting initiatives for cooperation between schools and working life. The social partners and their organisations could apply for the grants if the supportive actions planned had a regional perspective and were anchored in the region. Another prerequisite was that the actions needed to have lasting effects and increase the quality of VET. The application guidelines provided examples of possible actions. These included strategic planning and support for competence provision, the creation of platforms or meeting places for cooperation, support and dissemination of best practice as well as the development of tools and models for support structures.

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2018 Approved/Agreed

2019 Implementation

In 2019, the measure was in place and grants were distributed to social partners and their organisations to support cooperation between schools and working life.

2020 Discontinued

In 2020, the policy discontinued and has been replaced by State grants for industry validation, which are administered by the National Agency for Higher VET.

Bodies responsible

- National commission (Välja yrke)

Target group

Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Engaging VET stakeholders and strengthening partnerships in VET

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Reinforcing work-based learning, including apprenticeships

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Financial and non-financial incentives to learners, providers and companies

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Ordinance regarding government grants for developing learning in workplaces and regional support mechanisms for VET \[Förordning \(2014:375\) om statsbidrag för utveckling av lärande på arbetsplatser och regionala stödfunktioner för yrkesutbildning\]](#)

Related policy developments

2018 Completed

Financial incentives for training companies and education providers

To enhance the cooperation at regional level between upper secondary VET providers (adult education programmes included) and companies providing work places, the State grants for companies were broadened through an amendment of the the Education Act and the Ordinance of upper secondary education

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2023 Discontinued

Trade and industry schools offering training in low demand VET fields

A national commission of inquiry (Yrkesprogramsutredningen) in 2015 had already suggested establishing trade schools/industry schools for the provision of school-based training for upper secondary VET programmes in trades and industries that are too small, and have too few applicants, for VET ins

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