

Regional analysis- and forecastsystem (RAPS)

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POLICY INSTRUMENT

 Sweden

Description

Country



Sweden

Focus area

KEY TRAINING POLICY MEASURE

RAPS is a tool for regional planning regarding, e.g., the development of the labour market. It is not explicitly related to VET-systems, but it serves as information to regional decisionmakers, and this can involve VET-governance or job matching.

Link

<https://tillvaxtverket.se/statistik/regional-utveckling/regionalt-analys-och-pr...>

Implementation level

NATIONAL

Legal base

Executive order (förordning)

Starting period

RAPS became operational back in 2000

Perspective

Yes. One of the parts in RAPS is a system based on a forecasting database of (among other things) the labour market.

Policy area

EMPLOYMENT

OTHER

Also information on tendencies within the population i.e., demographics and regional economic development etc.

Funding

FUNDED BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Skill mismatch

Skill mismatch target

OTHER

The initiative does not explicitly focus on skills mismatches since the statistics and forecast of the labour market is only one part of the tool (it does also focus on other areas important for regional development).

Skills matching focus

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Methods

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SKILLS FORECASTING

RAPS is, as mentioned, a tool for regional planning regarding for example the development of the labour market. With RAPS it is possible to come up with forecasts regarding among other things the labour market.

Use of skills intelligence

OTHER

The LMI provided can be used in regional analyses showing the regional development within the labour market. For example, it is possible to use the LMI to look into the current situation as well as historical flashbacks and forward-looking forecasts and scenarios.

Stakeholders

Main responsible body

NATIONAL AGENCY

The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Tillväxtverket)

Other involved organisations

RESEARCH CENTRES, UNIVERSITIES

Research centres use RAPS as an analytical tool to study developments in

regional employment etc.

OTHER

The development of RAPS takes place between several different actors, including The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Statistics Sweden (SCB) and other partners. These actors mainly use RAPS as an analytical tool for their own analyses.

Beneficiaries

OTHER

RAPS serves as information to regional decisionmakers. This is due to the fact that it is a tool for regional planning of selected areas important for regional development. Furthermore, RAPS is used by regional associations, county administrative boards, municipalities, government agencies, private consulting companies as well as universities.

Sustainability

Success factors

RAPS informs many analyses about the present and future regional development in Sweden, which can be seen as a success criteria, although this is not explicitly stated anywhere.

Barriers

RAPS provides many guides, descriptions and disclaimers, which could point to RAPS being technically challenging to use. There is a potential to improve user-friendliness of RAPS.

Monitoring and evaluation

There is no evaluation or monitoring of RAPS available.

Updates

YES

Tillväxtverket occasionally updates the models in RASP. It affects the way RAPS can be used to e.g., skill forecasting.

Effectiveness

There is no evidence on assessment of the effectiveness of the instrument.

Sustainability

RAPS' system perspective on the region in combination with the richness of detail in RAPS statistics makes the forecasting tool a valuable instrument for regional analysis. Furthermore, the tool is used by several actors such as regional associations, county administrative boards, municipalities, government agencies, private consulting companies as well as universities indicating that it creates a certain kind of value for important institutions in society. Altogether, this points to the fact that RAPS is a sustainable policy instrument and, therefore, it is most likely to continue to be around

over the next couple of years.

Other instruments in Sweden

- [Regional Skills Platforms](#)
Regionala kompetensplattformar
- [The Occupational Compass](#)
Yrkeskompassen
- [The occupations and occupational areas](#)
Yrken och yrkesområden