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Three major challenges across all regions:

- Background of long term economic, industrial and technological change
- Major population and demographic change
- Challenge of tackling recession and the global economic crisis

Population and workforce change

Common aspirations to develop knowledge economies and to boost skills in workforce and to increase employment rates (and skills) of:

- Older residents (50+)
- Women (and parents)
- Migrants
- Knowledge Workers

Tackling supply and demand sides:

- Boosting education and training
- Improving skills utilisation
- Addressing firm/organisation culture and working practices
- Co-creation of public services (vouchers for training, childcare etc)
- Tackling social and cultural attitudes

Bold Economic vision - using crisis to effect long term change

- Sweden – Knowledge Lift
- England - NINJA/RDAs
- Knowledge cities and regions (North Carolina, Stockholm, Barcelona, Trieste etc)
- Childcare – UK, Australia, New Zealand, Austria
- User driven services (Trento, Tuscany, Marche, Podlaskie)