



MALMÖ, Sweden

The Yrkes-SFI Programme

Key facts

The “Yrkes-SFI” is an adult learning programme that incorporates vocational education and training with language courses in Swedish, which is delivered in cooperation between all 33 municipalities in the Skåne region of Sweden, including the municipality of Malmö. This case is an example of how to put in place targeted programmes and that can strengthen the skill levels of immigrants according to the needs of the local economy.

Timeframe and funding	The programme is funded partly by transfers from the national government and partly by local government/city-level budgets.
City population	344,166
Governing body	The City Council of Malmö
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Main objectives

The key objective of the programme is:

- To provide students with technical vocational language skills as well as vocational training and certificates that, combined will enable them to take up employment and become self-sufficient after having finished the training.

Content and mode of delivery



The programme consists of three different tracks: 1) Labour market education combined with language training; 2) Upper secondary vocational courses combined with language training and 3) An academic track that provides vocational education for participants with higher education from their home country (this track can be combined with polytechnic education and higher education).

The overall target group of the programme is immigrants who are entitled to follow courses in Swedish, including those immigrants who have professional skills from another country that they would like to make use of in Sweden and those immigrants who are interested in learning a new profession. The different tracks gives students an opportunity to learn more about how the labour market and specific professions work in Sweden, and to complete a specific education at college or upper secondary school level. The courses start at different levels in Swedish and are provided free of charge for all students.

Stakeholders



The programme has been developed in collaboration between:

- The national Swedish Public Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen),
- The 33 municipalities and
- The local education providers.

In addition, local employers are involved in the delivery of the programme as the students carry out apprenticeships during their training programmes.

Key challenges, success factors & transferability



According to the city, the establishment of a sustainable regional cooperation between the 33 municipalities has been the main implementation challenge of the programme. However, once this cooperation was in place, it has – in combination with the cooperation with the national government and local employers – also been the key success factor of the programme.

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