

The Coordination Association – a well-established collaborative project aimed at the individual and society

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Developed collaboration for individual
and society.

The Coordination Association Skellefteå was established in 2005. The Association is an independent legal entity jointly set up by the Social Insurance Agency, the Employment Service, Skellefteå municipality and the County Council of Västerbotten. Its task is to ensure financial coordination in the area of rehabilitation.

The Association was created to be able to meet a growing need for coordinated efforts to help those many people who are outside the labour market. By way of working together, the authorities wish to achieve both a more efficient use of resources and the creation of new methods of collaboration. By working together, they can improve the transfer of skills between each other and create common arenas where they can both gain an overall view and assume collective responsibility based on the needs of the individual.

The aim of collaboration

The aim of collaboration is that unemployed people aged between 16 and 64 years will succeed with the aid of these actors to improve or regain their ability to enter gainful employment and support themselves.

The so called "work-first principle" will be seen to be put into practice. This means that the programmes funded by the Association will in some way help get the unemployed into work.

A mutual fund

The collaborating authorities contribute money to a mutual fund. This fund is then used for meeting the need for rehabilitation on the part of the unemployed, promoting collaboration and at the same time achieving more efficient use of resources.

In 2011, the Coordination Association Skellefteå received by way of members' contributions a total of SEK 5.8 million (just under EUR 650,000, as per the June 2011 exchange rate).

The Association Board, which consists of one member and one alternate from each authority, decides how the funds are then distributed. The requirements for receiving funding are that at least two of the member authorities of the Coordination Association collaborate on the same programme, and that these programmes lie within the areas of responsibility of these authorities.

The Coordination Association may, for example, fund coordinated rehabilitation, monitoring, needs analysis and training. The Association may also fund the project or part fund it in conjunction with other actors. It is usual for the Coordination Association to part fund local projects which have applied for funding from the European Social Fund. As of 2006, over 30 projects have been funded at a cost of just over EUR 4 million.

Results

Each year around 500 people take part in activities which are wholly or part funded by the Coordination Association. Almost half of the total of 1,000 or so individuals who received support during 2010 and 2011 by way of programmes funded by the Coordination Association went on into training or work. The programmes were highly rated by the participants in their assessment of how able they were to influence them and to what extent they improved their situation in life.

