

**Women`s Resource Centre's, WRC -  
A key-tool for Women`s active  
participation in Regional Development  
and Growth!**

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# **Legislative Good Example Sweden**

## **State Finance of Swedish WRCs:**

**According to a parliamentary agreement public funding is granted for financing activities across National, Regional and Local areas for WRCs (Integral part of Regional Policy for Growth since 2002)**

The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth – is assigned by government to run Gender specific WRC programmes –this is grounded in Swedish Gender Equality Legislation

**For the programming period 2010-2012** Government allocated €3.3 million each year basic funding and co-finance for ERDF and other EU programmes

**Tasks WRC s, in Regional Development for Growth inc.** Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Labour market; Accessibility; Transnational/Cross Border Co-operation & Rural Development

# **Legislative Good Example Sweden**

## **State Finance of Swedish WRCs:**

**For this programming period 2013-2015,**

The Government is allocating 36 million per year to WRC for basic funding and co-finance for ERDF and other EU program projects

### **Women in Democracy support**

- \* Winnet Sweden has financial support from the Swedish Government (The Ministry of Gender Equality) to be a Umbrella NGO organisation- non-profit for 120 WRC s, to be the driving force and to secure women`s participation in Democracy and Regional Development and Growth in 21 regions, **for 2013, 650 000 SEK**

# Mission and Purpose Women's Resource Centres

- Increase the number of women participating in economic life on a national, regional and a local level
- Create new permanent jobs by developing women's business and enterprise –encouraging increased production of goods and services
- Increase women's influence within the labour market and society
- To support more equal distribution of economic resources between women and men for gender equal growth

# Functions and approaches of WRC

- **To empower women** who seek support, they are *not* “*taken care of*” but rather get guidance towards self-help.
- **Direct services** to women inc. training, mentoring, enterprise support, education, finance etc
- **To mediate contacts with women’s networks** (inc. Business & finance, enterprise authorities, international contacts, media etc)
- **Networking on different levels:** national, local, regional and transnational to promote the combination of gender mainstreaming and positive actions

# Quadruple Helix Partnership Plattform

- **Representation Accademia, Policy and descion makers, Business and Civil Society WRC , national, regional and local and transnational level`s to secure Womens participation in Regional Development for Economic Growth!**
  - ✓ Partnership
  - ✓ Co-operation
  - ✓ Network
  - ✓ Thematic areas
  - ✓ Regional Innovation
  - ✓ Through: identified good practices from EU 27 MS, within the chosen themes, to be transferred
  - ✓ analysed good practises and elaborated action plans
  - ✓ Winnet Center of Excellence; Interactive Research & benchmarking reports as input to workshops

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