



CITY OF SOLNA

Networks, town twinning and partnerships

The City of Solna has many international contacts from a number of networks, town twinning programmes and other partnerships. The networks that the City participates in focus on matters that are important to the operation and development of the City. Solna also has extensive experience from running and participating in EU projects for the development of its own operation.

Networks

Growth Cities Network

Growth Cities Network is a European network of growth cities that was started by the City of Solna. The aim is to exchange good examples of successful local initiatives involving sustainable growth and jobs, and to compile this information as a 'Manual for Sustainable Growth'.

Besides Solna, Amersfoort in the Netherlands, Celje in Slovenia, Valmiera in Latvia and the Budapest XIII district in Hungary form part of the network. The objective is to increase the network by a further three to five members.

ENSA - European Network of Social Authorities

The European Network of Social Authorities has five thematic sub-networks: children, young people, the elderly, people with disability and social inclusion. ENSA is a forum for exchanging knowledge and experience and developing joint EU projects.

The network is coordinated by the Veneto Region in Italy and encompasses around 20 European regions and cities. The City of Solna is primarily active within the disability network.

EFFEKTNET

Effektnet is a network for people in Sweden who are interested in EU projects. The association arranges five conferences for members each year, one of which is international. The association offers a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience, and support for EU project managers through information and competence development.

EFUS - European Forum for Urban Safety

The work of the EFUS involves strengthening the role of cities and local authorities in national and European safety and security work, and 300 local authorities are currently members of the forum. The aim is to build up links between cities and local authorities in Europe through information exchanges, cooperation and training.

Town twinning

Solna is twinned with four towns: Gladsaxe (Denmark), Ski (Norway), Pirkkala (Finland) and Valmiera (Latvia). In addition to this, the City has two cooperating cities, Kalamaria (Greece) and Warszawa-Bemowo (Poland), and one sister city, Burbank (California).

Partnerships

The Stockholm Regional European Committee (SEU)

SEU is a co-operative body, members of which include the City of Stockholm, Stockholm County Council and the Stockholm County Association of Local Authorities. SEU has offices in Brussels, Warsaw, St. Petersburg and Stockholm. Their assignment is to support members in their European work. SEU also coordinates the region's work within the EU programme 'POWER and PEOPLE'.

European regions and cities

Solna cooperates with a large number of European regions and cities. Part of this work involves individual projects or exchanges, while another part involves long-term relationships within several different areas.