



# OECD Mining Regions: building a network to enhance productivity and well-being

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# Towards a regional view on mining in Sweden

Heading to a modern policy on business and sustainability, or just pretending to do so?

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# Mining in Sweden. From Unesco world heritage mines to modern mining



# From National interest and state-owned-only mines to modern mine law

- Mining regulations in Sweden in writing since 1347
- From 14 Mine-inspectors to 1.
- State interest in mining from late 1800
- From 1950s to 1990s, dominance from state-owned mining company (focus on iron ore)
- New mining legislation from 1994

# Mining in Sweden today. Facts and ranking.

- Sweden is one of the EU's leading ore and metal producers, with 18 operational mines.
- Ranking at #8 on Fraser 2016
- Mining boosts cluster, incl Atlas Copco, Sandvik and SSAB. In recent years, also IT companies such as Ericsson and Telia.
- Mining, incl cluster contributes approx 5% of Swedish GDP

# Mining in Sweden today. Conflicting interests



Hundreds gathered in Stockholm to demonstrate against mining. Photo: Johan Nilsson/Scanpix

# The usual conflicts and the Swedish level of dealing with them

- Land use (on ground or under ground) Mine permit issued by Mines Inspectorate
- To preserve or exploit?  
Cultural heritage and people in villages etc  
Natural values and areas of protection  
City and regional planning (Environmental court and Municipality board)
- Environmental permitting (Environmental court)

# Towards a regional view on mining in Sweden

- Mining district in Sweden is located far north
- The complexity of permitting point into forming special units in regional authority
- The Municipalities have a strong position in planning and as a stakeholder
- Economy and growth has a regional side only. There is no national growth or development in business - just business environment



# Towards a regional view on mining in Sweden

- Västerbotten is here to connect with other regions to explore opportunities and share ideas and values
- The regional level is well suited to connect
- The method on Smart Specialization (EU) can be the method, but any method can work
- Let us continue this initiative. In Europe next?



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