



Swedish regions for a  
**bioeconomy**



Sweden is putting its best feet forward  
in a unique bioeconomy collaboration

# Why bioeconomy?

Growth in the bioeconomy needs to be largely based on specific regional conditions. Through sustainable use of bioresources, EU regions can help solve global challenges such as a growing population, over-exploitation of resources, environmental pollution and climate change. The potential of Swedish regions to contribute to the bioeconomy needs greater emphasis.

## COMMITTED REGIONS

The regions have been the main initiators for increased cooperation. The objective is to involve every Swedish region wanting to meet its energy and climate goals by means of the bioeconomy, thereby supporting regional development.

## THE GOAL IS TO

- strengthen regional and public awareness of the bioeconomy as a way to support regional development efforts and thus strengthen relevant industries.
- through collaboration, be heard and participate in the political processes underway in both Sweden and the EU.
- help Swedish companies within the bioeconomy achieve greater potential for continued profitability, a faster pace of innovation and increased investments.

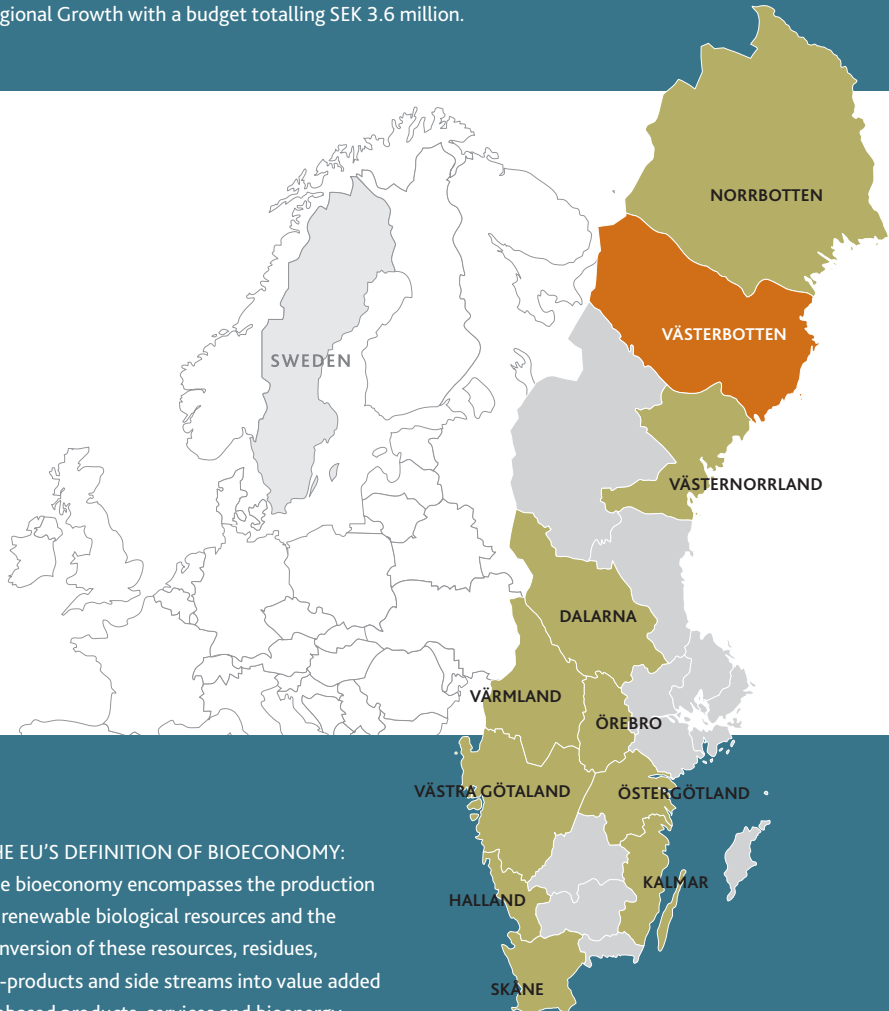
## BETTER RESULTS THROUGH COLLABORATION

Decisions that promote development of the bioeconomy require knowledge of each region's potential. This knowledge exists, but must be communicated both in Sweden at large and throughout the EU. Many of Sweden's regions are already monitoring bioeconomic policies and stimulating development locally.

We can increase our effectiveness considerably through collaboration. Current issues in the EU, such as upcoming regulations affecting how forests and other bio resources can be used, are something we need to pay more attention to. Collaboration is also important for developing regional food strategies.

## SWEDISH REGIONS FOR A BIOECONOMY

The project known as “Sweden’s regional communication platform for bioeconomic development” was launched in the summer of 2017 and continues until 2020. It is financed by the regions and the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth with a budget totalling SEK 3.6 million.



## THE EU'S DEFINITION OF BIOECONOMY:

The bioeconomy encompasses the production of renewable biological resources and the conversion of these resources, residues, by-products and side streams into value added biobased products, services and bioenergy.



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