

# Rural Pact Conference

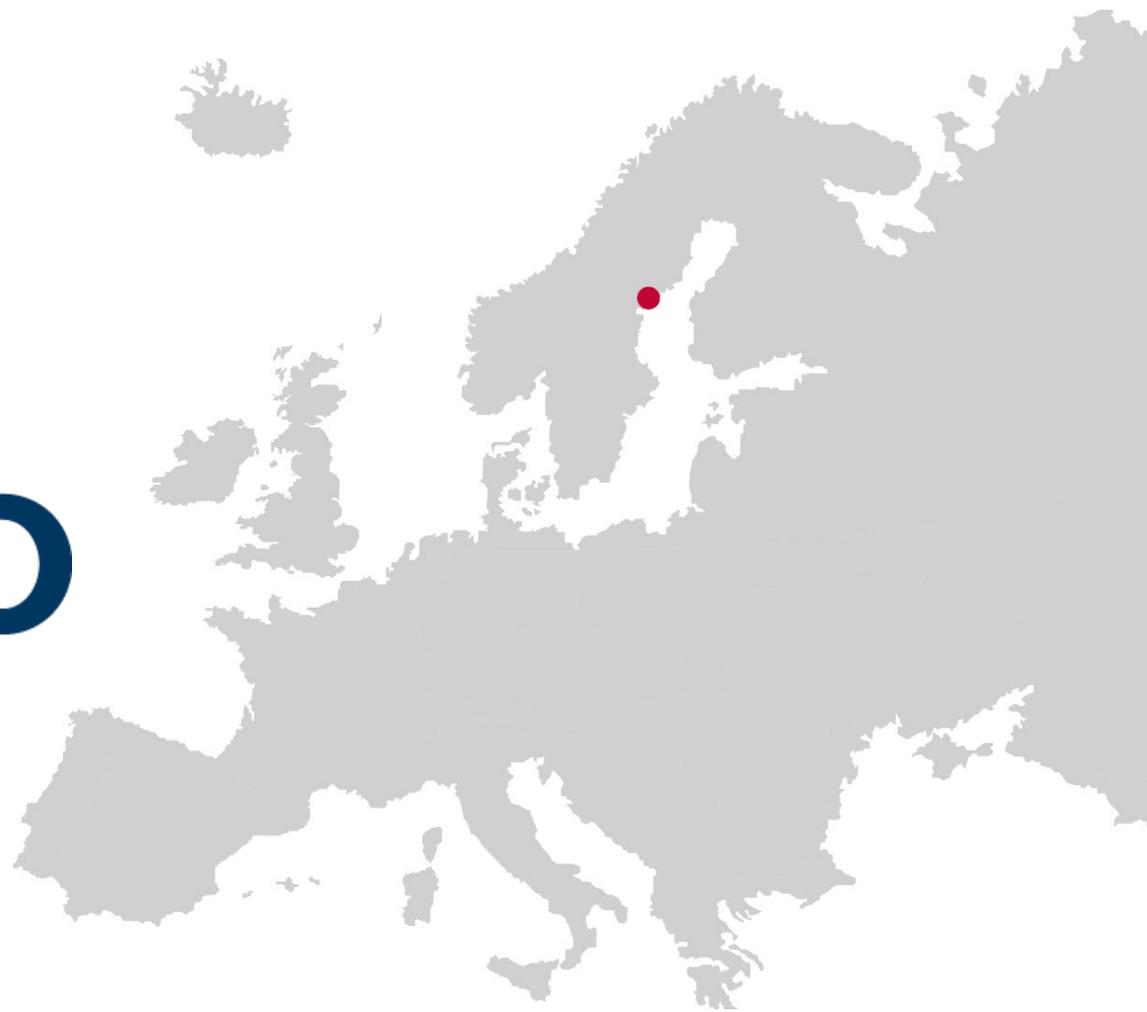
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# HÄRNÖSAND

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# Rural council

Local involvement in rural development on municipality level



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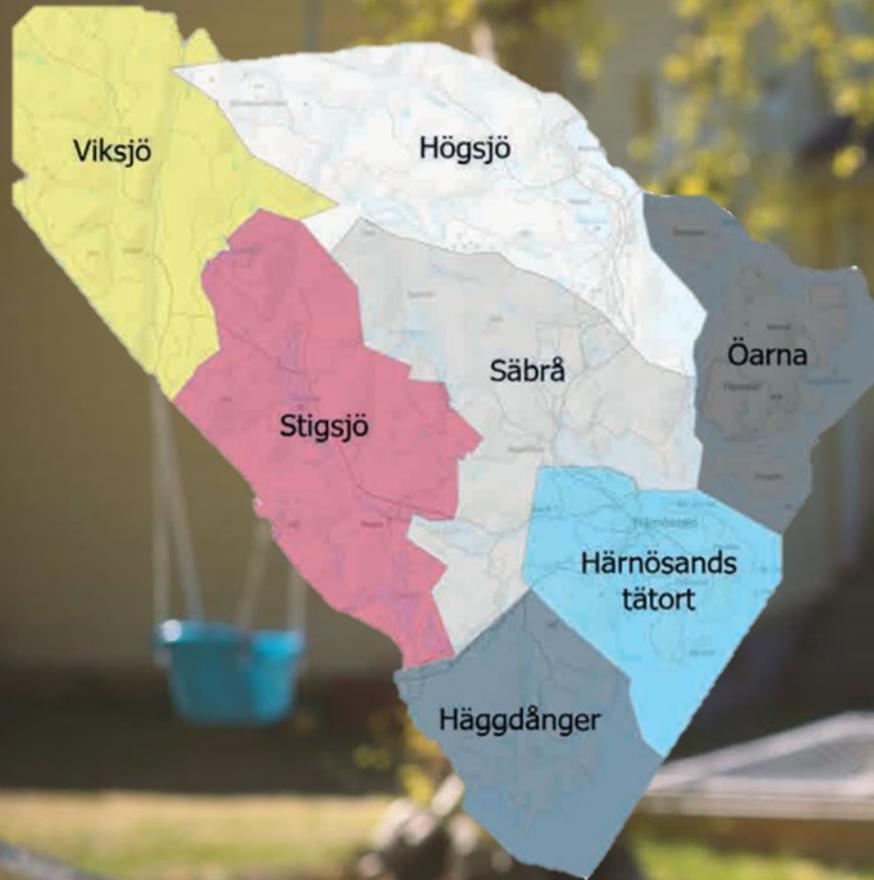
## AREA & POPULATION HIGH COAST SWEDEN

- Four municipalities, 118 000 inhabitants (**Härnösand 25 000**)
- Population density: from 4/km<sup>2</sup> to 13/km<sup>2</sup>
- 250 kilometers from north to south/ east to west  
(**Härnösand 52 kilometers N/W 34 E/W**)



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# Rural council Härnösand

Concrete involvement of civil society in decision making on municipality level and input on regional.

The rural council in Härnösand consists 11 of rural residents, each representing a non-profit organization in our six rural municipality areas, voluntary. The local department of the federation of Swedish farmers (LRF) is also represented.

The rural council is connected to the local politicians, who appoints president and vice-president.



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# Purpose and arrangement

Advisory part to the local politicians. Forum for information and knowledge exchange between rural representatives and the ones representing the municipality.

Remittance instants, reference group

Leader Höga Kusten: A Rural council member appointed the NGO representative in LAG for Härnösand.

6 meetings/year.

The NGOs part of the council receives a annual compensation.



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# What have we achieved?

A forum of information and dialog, small and big questions.  
*Municipality-The rural areas. The rural areas-municipality.*

- An easier communication, building trust
- Involvement in strategic plans, CCLD project.
- Co-financing
- A start on local action plans



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# Main challenges

- Time
- Money
- Right focus on the questions who drive development forward



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# Future

- Co-finance budget 2023 100 000 euros
- Even more local involvement in development through local economic analysis and action planes
- local driven development projects
- continuant collaboration business, governments and NGOs to develop Härnösand and the High Coast area.

# Thank you

