# Smart sustainable cities and digital transformation: experience of Sweden



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#### **Smart cities wheel**





• A smart city is a place where traditional networks and services are made more efficient with the use of digital solutions for the benefit of its inhabitants and business.

 A smart city goes beyond the use of digital technologies for better resource use and less emissions. It means smarter urban transport networks, upgraded water supply and waste disposal facilities and more efficient ways to light and heat buildings. It also means a more interactive and responsive city administration, safer public spaces and meeting the needs of an ageing population.

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-regional-and-urban-development/topics/cities-and-urban-development/city-initiatives/smart-cities\_en

## Smart city



# Smart sustainable city characteristics



 The use of networked infrastructure to improve economic and political efficiency and enable social, cultural and urban development
An underlying emphasis on business-oriented urban development
A strong focus on the goal of realizing the social inclusion of different kinds of urban residents in public services

4. A stress on the significant role of high-tech and creative industries in long-term growth

- 5. Profound attention to the function of social and relational capital in urban development
- 6. Social and environmental sustainability as a major strategic component of urban development

Source: Caragliu et al., 2011

## Model of Smart city



# SMART CITY includes 6 key spheres city development

- smart economy,
- smart mobility,
- smart living,
- smart people,
- smart governance,
- smart environment.

Source: http://www.smart-cities.eu/index.php?cid=5&ver=4

#### City profiles: STOCKHOLM (SE), MALMÖ (SE), DÜSSELDORF (DE)



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#### European smartcities version 4.0 (2015)



The "**smart city**" model in Sweden includes the following 5 areas:

#### climate,

- energy and environment,
- mobility,
- digitalization,
- urban planning
- social sustainability.

https://smartcitysweden.com

## Model of Smart city in Sweden



## Country indicators





Source: International Renewable Energy Agency

# Installed electricity generation capacity by type of power, MW



Intramural R&D expenditure by sector and as a percentage of GDP, 2007-2021, fixed prices 2021, SEK millions



Intramural R&D expenditure by sector and type of R&D, 2021



■ Basic research ■ Applied research ■ Experimental development

Source: https://www.scb.se/en/finding-statistics/statistics-by-subject-area/education-and-research/research/research-and-development-in-sweden/pong/statistical-news/research-and-development-in-sweden-2021/

#### Expenditures for R&D in Sweden



#### Interaction between patients and Health care provider













#### E-shopping, custom service

#### Customers on-line, not in line

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## **E-parking in Sweden**



- Reducing local air pollution
- Improving traffic management
- Improving parking
- Improving life quality
- Improved data accessibility



#### **Robotics at LiU**



#### https://liu.se





## DESI rank 4 - DESI score 65.2



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## Jones Beach and Wantagh Parkway



## Challenges of digitalization in EU



In developing EU countries, in relation to the average income of the population, Gigabit Internet is **18 times** more expensive than in developing countries.

Source: Eurostat, 2022a



The gap within the EU in digital technology use is even greater compared to Internet access. In 2022, only **50%** of the EU population had digital skills. Not addressing such problems will aggravates inequalities in economic development, access to health services, education, etc., which will adversely affect the implementation of the EU goals in the Sustainable Development Agenda.

### **Digital exclusion**

It's not today's technology that causes digital exclusion.

Technology is a bridge, not a barrier. Instead, today's exclusion is due to the lack of urgency by those who drive the digitalization agenda of Swedish society and those who are responsible for the development and delivery of those digital services.

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Source: https://www.tietoevry.com/en/blog/2020/05/one-million-swedes-affected-by-the-digital-divide/





## Do you have any recipe to the digital future?

Who bears the responsibility?







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