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NORGE-SVERIGE

Cross-border cooperation to facilitate
economic activity and growth in
Norway and Sweden



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GRENSETJÄNSTEN NORWAY-SWEDEN

Historically, there has always been a great deal of cross-border activity between Norway and Sweden. There has always been a bustling trade and a substantial cross-border movement of workforce throughout the years. Sweden is one of Norway's most important trading partners and vice versa. The border between Norway and Sweden is the longest in Europe. It stretches over 1610 kilometres from north to south. Additionally, it is also the border of both the EU and NATO. Even though Norway is not a member of the EU, it is a member of the EEA.

Grensetjänsten Norway-Sweden is a cross-border cooperation between Norway and Sweden and are based at the Morokulien Infocenter, situated right on the border. The service is financed by several national authorities in Norway, Sweden and the Nordic region. Employment services, social insurance services, tax authorities, customs, employee organisations and employer organisations are just some of the parties that are active in Grensetjänsten.

Grensetjänsten primary task is to receive and respond to questions from people and businesses who conduct some form of cross-border activity. Cooperation commenced in 1997 with the founding of the joint Norwegian/Swedish public employment service at Morokulien. Today, Grensetjänsten is a well-functioning information centre with qualified staff. The Service has developed from being an information office on local/regional basis to providing a service to all of Norway and Sweden. With the increasing number of questions reaching Grensetjänsten, the need for cross-border information keeps on growing.

THE BORDER COUNCIL

An arena for coordination and cooperation between authorities and organizations in Norway and Sweden.

ARKO	Nordic Council	The Norwegian Government
Border Committee Innlandet-Dalarna	Nordic Council of Ministers	The Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV)
Border Committee Värmland - Østfold	Norwegian Customs	The Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority
Brønnøysund Register Center	Region Dalarna	The Norwegian Parliament
Business Sweden	Region Värmland	The Norwegian Police
County Administrative Board of Dalarna	Region Västra Götaland	The Norwegian Tax Administration
County Administrative Board of Västra Götaland	Royal Norwegian Embassy in Stockholm	The Norwegian-Swedish Chamber of Commerce
County Administrative Board Värmland	SMB Norge	The Swedish Federation of Unemployment Insurance Funds
County Governor of Innlandet	Svinesund Committee	The Swedish Parliament
County Governor of Oslo and Viken	Swedish Customs	The Swedish Pensions Agency
Embassy of Sweden, Oslo	Swedish Federation of Business Owners	The Swedish Police
Greater Copenhagen	Swedish Public Employment Service	The Swedish Social Insurance Agency
Gränstjänst Sweden-Finland-Norway	The Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO)	The Swedish Tax Agency
Info Norden	The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise	The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)
Innlandet County Municipality	The Freedom of movement Council	The Swedish Unemployment Insurance Board
MidtSkandia	The Government of Sweden	The Wermland Chamber of Commerce
Municipality of Eda	The Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)	Øresunddirekt
Municipality of Eidskog		

GRENSETJÄNSTEN NORWAY-SWEDEN WORKS ACROSS 4 KEY AREAS

INFORMATION

The most important thing for people and companies who conduct any form of business cross-border is getting the right information. With the expertise of the staff and the access to a great range of contacts, Grensetjänsten can provide detailed information based on the customers' needs.

BORDER OBSTACLES AND SIMPLIFICATIONS

Another function of Grensetjänsten is to resolve any obstacles or problems related to cross-border mobility. To resolve these problems and to enable the best possible dialogue between Norwegian and Swedish authorities, Grensetjänsten has established simplification groups for both business and private matters. In addition to that, our Border Council has existed for many years between Sweden and Norway, where problems and simplifications are reported and prioritized. In the Nordic region, we work together with other regional information services and Info Norden on simplifications and border barriers, which we then report to the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Freedom of movement Council. Some obstacles can be solved directly by the authorities, others require political processes.

LABOUR MARKET

Grensetjänsten provide information, advice and guidance concerning the labour markets in Norway and Sweden to employees, job seekers and employers.

COORDINATION

Grensetjänsten is an important coordinator between the authorities in each country and have different activities for the customers within social insurance, taxation and other fields. In addition, Grensetjänsten is an active forum where authorities and organisations from both countries are able to cooperate.

NORDIC ASSIGNMENT

The border service is an active player in the joint Nordic border obstacle work, where other information services and border committees are included. The Nordic Council of Ministers coordinates this work and functions as a secretariat for the Freedom of movement Council. This council is a politically appointed body, which has received the Nordic governments mission, to increase the free mobility of the Nordic countries, for individuals and businesses.





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