

# Sustainable Procurement in Sweden's Regions

## - Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030

Since 2010, Sweden's regions have carried out joint collaboration on sustainable procurement, based on an agreement among all regions. Our program statement and strategy point the way toward our shared 2030 vision: **Welfare through world-leading sustainable procurement.**

Our strategic plan involves the procurement and sustainability organizations participating in the collaboration.

**Our vision:** Welfare through world-leading sustainable procurement.

**Our mission:** To promote sustainable procurement practices to identify, assess, prevent and mitigate negative impacts on people, the environment and society throughout the life cycle of goods and services.

**Our commitments:** Through our supplier code of conduct we commit to ensuring respect for human rights, workers' rights, environmental responsibility and business ethics.

**Our focus:** We direct our work toward selected procurement categories within health and medical care, where the regions have strong opportunities to influence and contribute to sustainable development in line with Agenda 2030, particularly target 12.7.

## Our strategic goals and how we work to achieve them

### **1. GOAL: ENSURE ACCESS TO CURRENT AND RELEVANT ASSESSMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS**

To support strategic decisions, we need to systematically identify, assess and prioritize risks in our supply chains. This enables proactive work and preventive measures.

### **2. GOAL: IMPLEMENT COORDINATED AND EFFECTIVE SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS IN PROCUREMENTS**

By introducing harmonized requirements, we strengthen our purchasing power and market influence while creating greater predictability for suppliers. Continuous development of these requirements is crucial to steer our procurements in a sustainable direction.

### **3. GOAL: REVIEW AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Regular follow-up of sustainability requirements is necessary to ensure that the regions receive what they demand, to avoid distorting competition and to achieve goals. Effective incident management also minimizes negative impact and strengthens our ability to influence our supply chains.

### **4. GOAL: PROMOTE AN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION TO ENABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MISSION**

A clear division of responsibilities between the secretariat and the regions and systematic processes for risk management, requirement development and contract follow-up are key to effective work and to achieving our goals.

### **5. GOAL: EDUCATE AND STRENGTHEN COMPETENCE**

Regional coordinators, area coordinators, suppliers and auditors need to continuously strengthen their knowledge of sustainability requirements and working methods to secure successful implementation of the mission.

### **6. GOAL: INCREASE THE REGIONS' INFLUENCE THROUGH EXTERNAL COLLABORATION**

By actively participating in national and international partnerships, and working strategically with joint activities, we can promote sustainable development and take a leading role.

### **7. GOAL: COMMUNICATE THE VALUE AND BENEFITS OF THE COLLABORATION**

To strengthen engagement and participation we need to communicate clearly and strategically the positive results and the shared value of our collaboration. By sharing information with procurement managers, sustainability managers, the network, suppliers

and partners we can increase understanding of progress, create participation and build trust for continued joint work.