



A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE SHARING ECONOMY IN CITIES

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Announcing the funding of a national program for sharing cities! Starting in August 2017 and running to December 2020, the program aims to put Sweden on the map as a country that actively and critically works with the sharing economy in cities. The objectives of the program are to:

- 1. Develop world-leading test-beds for the sharing economy in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmö and Umeå.
- 2. Develop a national node to significantly improve national and international cooperation and promote an exchange of experience on sharing cities.



Through test-beds in four cities, sharing services and digital solutions will be developed. The opportunities and risks of the sharing economy will be tested and evaluated. The test-beds will be supported by a national node for coordination, national learning and international exchange. The program will be conducted in collaboration with business, the public sector, civil society and academia. The aim is to strengthen Sweden's work for global sustainability goals, and to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness by developing new services and companies for domestic and export markets.









The sharing services that will be developed in the test-beds will relate to **1**) **utilization of spaces** (premises, housing, green infrastructure, shared public space etc.) and **2**) **utilization of goods and services** (tools, clothing, toys, handicrafts, etc.). Transport and mobility are included to a certain extent.

Sharing services should contribute to reduced energy and climate impact and sustainable development, but also promote social sustainability in the city. The sharing services should be innovative and contribute to a wide range of different types of services within the program.



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