

## Cooperation and collaboration

essential to reach our goals

Successful regions are set apart by their well-established and well-regarded partnerships. Cooperation and traditional planning activity are increasingly being replaced by process and participatory models.

If we are to reach our goals, political will needs to translate into practice, and that requires coherent and consistent action over a long period. Within the Göteborg Region, the municipalities in membership are able to work together to jointly achieve targets for sustainable growth.

- We want to develop and extend the collaboration between all those involved
- We want to create more opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of experience
- We want to enhance our analytical processes and accumulation of expertise
- We want to strengthen social cohesion
- We want to coordinate and strengthen the transport system

This document is a summary of the 'Sustainable growth' document covering goals and strategies which resulted from the discussions that took place during Consultation 5; it was adopted by the Council of the Association in June 2013.

The full document and documentation from the consultations are available at [www.grkom.se/hallbartillvaxt](http://www.grkom.se/hallbartillvaxt)



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## SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

goals and strategies focusing on regional structure

Adopted by the Council of the Association in June 2013

# We want to work together towards the good life for all in the Göteborg Region (GR) and West Sweden

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The Göteborg Region will be a strong and distinct European growth region – a region that is an attractive place to live, work and visit. We want to take a collaborative and target-driven approach to our work to enhance the region's qualities and actively address the challenges of the future.

The Göteborg Region will be strong on education and culture. Technology, creativity, openness and diversity will interface with social cohesion and secure living conditions. Together, these will be important in helping to drive the development of the region and maintaining democratic values. We believe a strong economy and sustainable growth are essential to ensure continued prosperity – a good life – for everyone.

We want to work towards development that maintains a balance between economic, social and environmental considerations and that also brings into play other perspectives relating to the region such as equality, integration and internationalisation. 'Vision Västra Götaland – A good life' will be our guide.

We will contribute to the development of an economy independent of fossil fuels by 2030 and support the Västra Götaland Climate Strategy.

## We want to stimulate continued population growth whilst making the most of the opportunities presented by further enlargement of the region

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- The population of the Göteborg Region will grow by at least 10,000 inhabitants per year.
- By 2030, the local Göteborg labour market will include 1.75 million residents.

## We want to enhance the qualities that attract visitors and lead us to want to live and work in the Göteborg Region

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- We will design the urban environment and other built-up areas so as to stimulate richness in our day-to-day lives, with good housing and attractive places to meet.
- We will reinforce confidence and trust between individuals and in community services, contributing to quality of life and growth.
- We will make the most of our proximity to the coast, the sea, forests and lakes so as to make the region more attractive, and we will ensure that access to these environments is secured.
- We will protect our immediate environment from harmful influences – everyone will be guaranteed clean air and fresh water.

## We want to create a strong regional structure that is sustainable in the long term and based on the opportunities presented by the metropolitan area.

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- We will develop the Göteborg Region in line with the structural illustration to give it a strong, attractive regional core and a number of strong competitive sub-regional centres along certain clearly-defined corridors.
- By 2030 the core area will have gained an additional 45,000 residents and 60,000 jobs. At the same time period, the continuous urban area, the main corridors and the larger built-up areas of the coastal zone will have benefited from an additional 135,000 residents and 50,000 jobs.
- The long-term aim is to create a regional structure with a balanced population.

## We want to develop a long-term sustainable transport network including an attractive public transport.

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- The regional transport system will support the structural illustration for the Göteborg Region through high-capacity transport corridors.
- Journeys and transport between the corridors will be made easier and the regional transport system will include cross-country connectivity.
- In 2025 at least 40 percent of journeys in the Göteborg Region will be made using public transport.
- We will implement the West Swedish Agreement, which includes the construction of the West Link and Marieholm Tunnel.
- The Gothenburg Port Rail will be upgraded by 2020.
- The Borås Rail / Götaland Rail will be upgraded by 2028.
- We will create fast, convenient transport between the main conurbations in Scandinavia.
- The choice of destinations and travel options at Landvetter airport will make the region more internationally accessible.