



Örebro Regional Development Council

Federation Statutes

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Federation Statutes of the Örebro Regional Development Council

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Statutes of the Örebro Regional Development Council

Örebro Regional Development Council, which is a local federation of municipalities, has been founded following an agreement between the municipalities of Örebro County and Örebro County Council. The purpose of the Council is to create a common municipal representative body at the regional level.

This proposal of Federation Statutes has been drafted in accordance with the rules of the County Coordinating Bodies Act (Note: No official English title exists. Swedish title: “lagen (2002:34) om samverkansorgan i länen”) and in chapter 3, sections 20-28 in the Local Government Act (Note: Official English translation. Swedish title: “kommunallagen (1991:900”).

The Federation’s name

Section 1

The Federation’s name is Örebro Regional Development Council.

The Federation’s seat

Section 2

The Federation’s seat is in Örebro.

The Federation’s members

Section 3

Members of the Federation are the municipalities of Örebro county - Askersund, Degerfors, Hallsberg, Hällefors, Karlskoga, Kumla, Laxå, Lekeberg, Lindesberg, Ljusnarsberg, Nora and Örebro – and Örebro County Council.

The Federation’s object

Section 4

The Federation’s object and principal task is to at the greatest extent possible gather the county’s resources within regional policies to an effective, democratically run organization with object and task to increase the base for sustainable growth in the region and contribute to the best quality of life possible in the entire county.

The Federation's tasks

Section 5

1. The Federation's activities will mainly cover tasks at the regional level in the areas of trade and industry development, tourism, communications, infrastructure, the labour market, lifelong learning, social welfare, environment and social structure, international cooperation, culture, and leisure/recreation.

2. The Federation may also work in other areas for the region's development.

3. The Federation may, after a decision by an individual member, take over the member's duties, or parts of them, in the areas mentioned.

The Federation may own shares and participations in companies whose activities fall under the services to be provided under the Local Government Act.

4. The Federation is the members' body for cooperation in regional development matters and for democratic rooting of the regional development work. The Federation may handle matters which require collaboration and coordination between the members.

5. The Federation will promote the coordination of activities of organizations in Örebro working with regional development matters.

6. The Federation will organize scenes where different regional operators can meet in their work for the development of Örebro County, and introduce new discussion and meeting forms that will stimulate a creative problem solving.

7. The Federation will do competitive intelligence and watch the knowledge development in the areas the Federation is responsible for.

8. The Federation will, where it is not the obligation of others, appoint representatives of bodies where the Federation members are represented.

9. The Federation may, on the basis of regional programmes and the economic resources provided to the Federation by its members, assign tasks to other operators.

Moreover, the Federation's duties are as from 2007 to in accordance with section 3 of the County Coordinating Bodies Act:

10. draw up programmes for the county's development which the municipalities and County Federation intends to realize in cooperation with other parties,

11. coordinate development measures in the county for the realization of the programme,
12. decide on the use of certain Government funds for regional development in accordance with what is more precisely prescribed by the Government,
13. decide the prioritization of measures regarding infrastructure, etc. when county schemes for regional infrastructure are established,
14. receive and handle applications for subventions from the EC's structural funds regarding Objective 1 and Objective 2,
15. follow up on measures and results of the development work in the county,
16. provide an annual account regarding measures and results to the Government.

The Federation will fulfill other future duties the Government may impose upon the Federation as coordinating body.

The Federation Assembly

Section 6

The Federation Assembly, called the Regional Assembly, is the Federation's decision-making body. The number of members in the assembly shall be 57 with an equal number of alternate members. The member's election of member/alternate member of the Federation Assembly shall be made in the member's assembling body. The member's assembly shall also decide in what order alternate members shall be summoned. In this connection a member of the County Assembly who is prevented from being present shall always be replaced with an elected representative of the member who elected the member.

Members and alternate members are elected for a four year term of office as from January 1st the year after the election of the national assembly.

Inaugural elections will be for the period of January 1st 2006 to December 31st 2006.

The Federation Assembly may assign to the Federation Executive Committee to make decisions in place of the Assembly in a certain matter or a group of matters. Delegation may however not be done in matters prescribed in chapter 3, section 9, subsection 1 of the Local Government Act or other matters which in accordance with rules or regulations shall be decided by the Assembly.

The Federation Assembly appoints an election committee consisting of 13 members and alternate members.

Each municipality and the County Council nominate 1 member and alternate member. To fulfill the duties the members assign for the Federation to execute, the Federation Assembly may establish sub-committees, drafting committees or other political bodies.

Those with a right to vote in elections to any of the Federation members' assemblies may be appointed in the political bodies of the Federation, unless other requirements are stipulated in law.

The member's representation in the Federation Assembly

Section 7

The members shall be represented in the Federation Assembly in accordance with the following:

The municipalities elect 38 members and 38 alternate members. The County Council elects 19 members and 19 alternate members.

Among the 38 members and 38 alternate members the municipalities elect each municipality shall have 2 fundamental seats in the form of 2 members and 2 alternate members.

The remaining 14 seats shall be proportionally partitioned between the municipalities according to the amount of inhabitants having right to vote applying the modified Sainte-Laguë method.

At this distribution of seats those who at the latest regular assembly elections were in the register of electors shall be considered having a right to vote.

The Federation Executive Committee = the Regional Executive Committee

Section 8

The Federation Assembly appoints, for a term of office as in section 6 above, an Executive Committee with 11 members and 11 alternate members.

The alternate members may be present at the Federation Executive Committee's meetings and also has the right to participate in deliberations but not in the

decision-making unless they are on duty. The alternate members may have their opinion entered in the minutes.

A party which is represented in the Federation Assembly but not in the Federation Executive Committee shall be guaranteed an observational seat in the Executive Committee and be given the right to – through its representative – participate in deliberations and have its opinion noted in the minutes but not participate in the decision-making.

The Federation Assembly appoints one member of the Executive Committee as Chair and two members as 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairs.

The Executive Committee shall prepare the matters of the Federation Assembly and execute its decisions.

The Assembly's inaugural meeting

Section 9

Following all members' elections to the Federation Assembly, the inaugural meeting of the Assembly shall be publicly announced by the Chair of Örebro County Council Assembly. The member who during the most years has had a function of a member's assembly shall hold chair at the Federation Assembly's inaugural meeting until a chair has been elected.

The Assembly's chair and vice-chair

Section 10

At the first meeting of the Federation Assembly during the term of office, the Assembly shall among its members appoint a chair and two vice-chairs for the remaining term of office.

Auditing

Section 11

For the same term of office as for the Executive Committee, the Federation Assembly shall appoint five auditors. The auditors will, on their own, consult experts to assist in their examination to the extent needed within the economical frame decided by the Federation Assembly.

Right to raise matters

Section 12

The right to raise matters in the Federation Assembly is governed by the rules of the Local Government Act. Moreover, the Assembly and Executive Committee of a Federation member have the right to raise matters in the Federation Assembly.

Right to express an opinion

Section 13

The Chair of the County Council Executive Committee and the Chairs of the Municipal Executive Committees of the municipal members do all have the right to express opinions in the Federation Assembly and the Federation Executive Committee, even if they are not a member of the Federation Assembly or a member or alternate member of the Federation Executive Committee.

Announcements

Section 14

Announcements and information of approved minutes and other notices shall be announced on the notice-board of the the Federation.

Financial benefits to members and alternate members

Section 15

The Federation Assembly decides the basis for financial benefits to members and alternate members of the Assembly and the Executive Committee, and to the auditors and other elected representatives.

Foundations of the member's financing of the Federation's activities

Section 16

The municipalities and the County Council shall cover the expenditures for the Federation's activities which are not covered in other ways.

The covering of the expenditures of the Federation's collected activities shall be made proportionally according to each member's number of inhabitants respectively as of November 1st two years before the financial year.

Moreover the County Council gives a basic contribution of SEK 20 240 000 per year. This has a fixed nominal value of the level of the year 2006 and is not adjusted upwards.

Additional tasks which may be transferred from the Government to the Federation shall be regulated by a specially prescribed procedure.

Additional tasks which are transferred from the County Council or one or more municipalities to the Federation shall be regulated by a specially prescribed procedure.

Drawing up the budget, etc.

Section 17

The Federation shall draw up, every year, a budget which contains a plan for activities and economic management during the coming three-year period.

The Federation shall consult the members on the proposed budget and plan before the end of April each year.

The budget shall be adopted by the Federation Assembly before the end of December within the frame the members have agreed upon.

Members' control of and insight into the Federation's finances and activities

Section 18

The Federation Assembly shall report follow-ups every four months with a prognosis for the whole year which are to be presented to the members.

Member's shares of assets and liabilities

Section 19

At any given moment the Members have shares of the Federation's assets and liabilities in relation to how they have contributed to the Federation's activities.

Incurring of debts, etc.

Section 20

The Federation has no right to stand surety without the approval of the members. The Federation also may not take long-term loans without the

approval of the members. The Federation may however take short-term loans to cover temporary needs of working capital.

Member's withdrawal from the Federation

Section 21

Members have the right to withdraw from the Federation.

The term of notice is three years as from the beginning of the month the membership was withdrawn. At the time of the withdrawal, the member's economic account shall be regulated in accordance with section 22.

Dissolution of the Federation

Section 22

The Federation may be liquidated if the members agree on this or if one or more of the members resign from the Federation so that the basis for the Federation to fulfill its purposes no longer exists. When the Federation is in liquidation liabilities shall be paid and assets disposed of or partitioned according to principles in section 19.

Liquidation is executed by the Federation Executive Committee in capacity of liquidator.

When the Executive Committee has fulfilled its assignment as liquidator, the Executive Committee shall give a final account of its administration.

The account is made by an annual report covering the liquidation in whole with the partitioning of assets and payments of liabilities. To the report accounting records for the liquidation in whole shall be added. To the final account the Executive Committee's decision on which of the Federation's members should take over and maintain the documents which belong to the Federation archives shall be added.

When the annual report and accounting records are served to the Federation members the Federation is dissolved.

Disputes

Section 23

Disputes between the Federation and a Federation member shall be settled in civil court.

Elections

Section 24

In elections to the Federation Assembly, the election committee and the Federation Executive Committee, the aim shall be an even distribution according to sex and a good proportional representation of the parties of the County Council and Municipal Assemblies.

Amendments to the Federation Statutes

Section 25

Changes in and amendments to the Federation Statutes shall be approved by the Federation Assembly and adopted by the members' assembling bodies.