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The National Association of Swedish Eco-Municipalities

"Sekom"

Where are we?



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What is Sekom?

Sveriges Ekokommuner (Sekom) is the oldest sustainability network for municipalities in the world



We are working for a balanced ecosystem as a basis for sustainable economic and social development

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Swedish Municipalities have large possibilities to work on sustainability

- 290 self-governed units with their own taxation, only a small amount of the direct taxation is national
- Runs most of public service from schools to elderly care. Monopoly on physical planning and land use.

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The four sustainability principles

In a sustainable society nature is not subject to systematically increasing…

1. .. concentrations of substances from the earths crust



2. .. concentrations ofsubstances produced by society



3. .. degradation by physical means

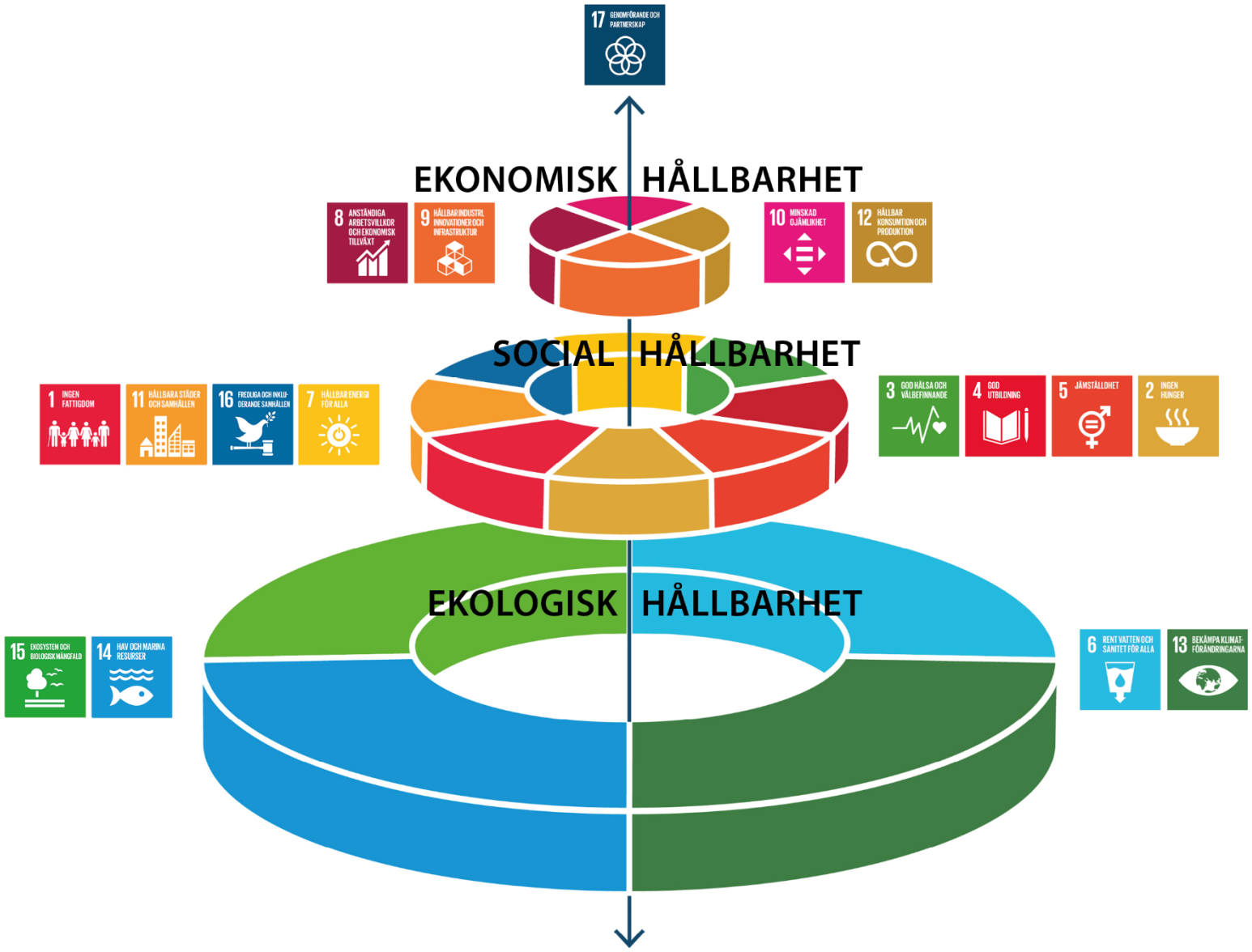


4. And in that society there are no structural obstacles to peoples health, influence, competence, impartiality and meaning.



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Sustainable Development Goals



Our Vision

Sekom shall be a leading network for a sustainable Sweden



Short facts on Sekom

- The first Eco-Municipality in Sweden, Övertorneå, was declared in 1983

- The networking started in mid eighties and the National Association of Swedish Eco-Municipalities (Sekom) was founded in 1995.

- 90 municipalities (of 290) and 2 county councils are members

- Largest Member: Stockholm (912 000 inhabitants)

- Smallest member: Sorsele (2 600 inhabitants)

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We are proud of our 110 members

90 Ecomunicipalities

and

2 Ecoregions



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Organisation

- A board of 12 leading politicians from the members lead the association. Chaired by Kjell Bergkvist from Sundsvall municipality.
- 8 skilled officials from the members support the board in a staff committee.
- Head office in Karlskrona municipality.
- Communications office in Borås municipality.
- More info on the web site, www.sekom.se

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The way we are networking and learning from each other

- 12 green indicators reported annually
- Conferences and seminars, web meetings, newsletter
- Annual meeting
- Joint summer meeting with the board & staff committee
- Sustainable Sweden Tour partner
- Two regional networks (Halland and Västernorrland)
- Growing international partnership

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12 Green Indicators reported annually by the members

The municipality as geographic area

1. **CO_2 from fossil fuels sold in the municipality (ton/inhabitant)**
2. **Number of journeys with public transportation (journeys/inhabitant)**
3. **Renewable fuel in public transportation (%)**
4. **Farmland with support for ecological farming (%)**
5. **Forestry with environmental certification (%)**
6. **Land and water areas with nature protection (% of municipality area)**
7. **Collected waste (kg/inhabitant), including recycled**
8. **Heavy metals in sludge: lead, cadmium, mercury (mg/kg)**

The municipality as organization

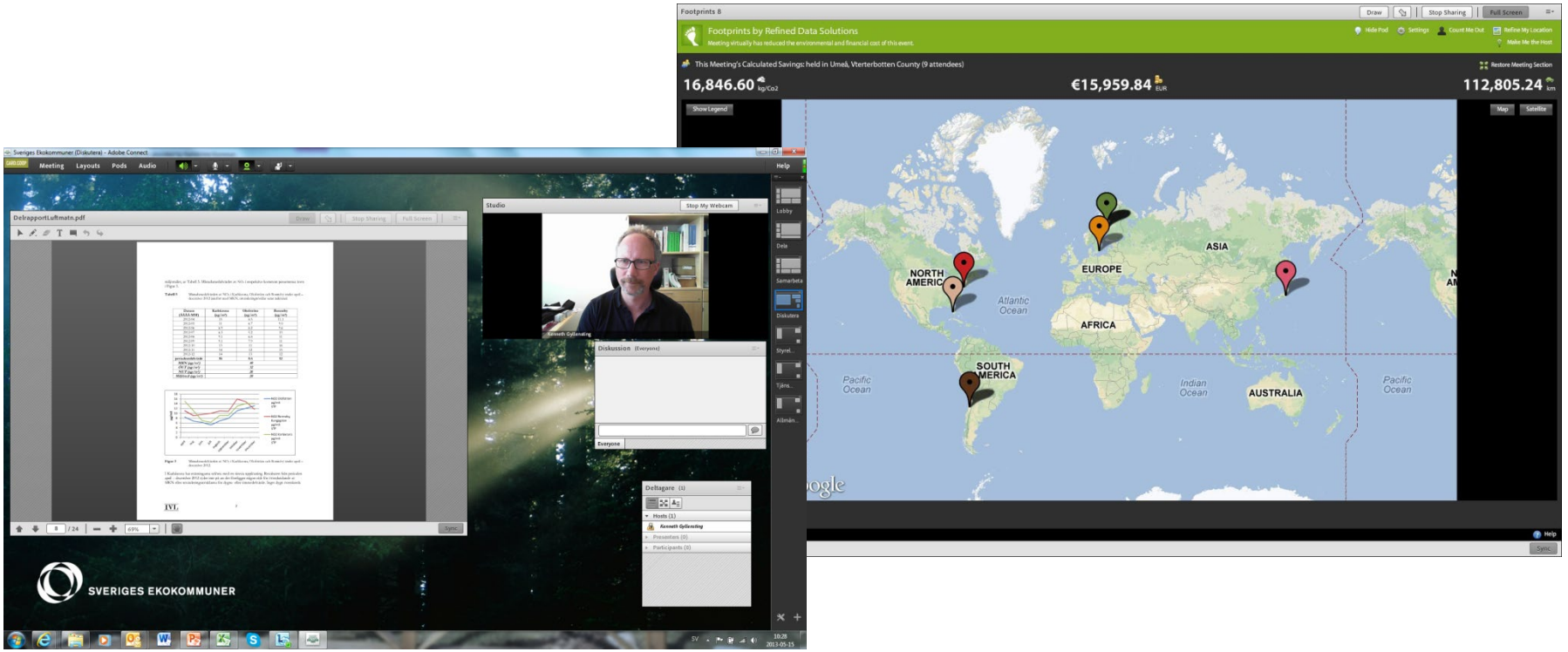
9. **Amount renewable and re-used energy in municipality buildings (%)**
10. **a. Transport energy for missions with car (kWh/annual employee)**
    b. CO_2 from missions with car (ton/annual employee)
11. **Purchase of organic food (%)**
12. **Environmentally certified schools and preschools (%)**

First International Ecomunicipality Conference

Helsingborg, Sweden – May, 2008



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The Board



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