Swedish Competence Centres Programme — 28 University–Industry Centres With a Decade of Funding, and a Long-Term Impact Audit

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

From 1995, Sweden picked 28 of 300+ proposals for university–industry centres funded for 10 years, with about 200 companies taking part. A 2013 Technopolis study estimated SEK 5.3–11.8 billion a year in firm benefits by 2012, though one ABB case drives most of that.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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