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UTVECKLING**

Agenda 2030 antogs av världens stats- och regeringschefer vid FN:s toppmöte i september 2015. Genom Agendan åtar sig länderna att från och med 2016 fram till år 2030 leda världen mot en hållbar och rättvis framtid. I rapporter till FN:s politiska högnivåmöte om hållbar utveckling följs arbetet mot målen upp. Finland presenterade sin första rapport om genomförandet av Agenda 2030 2016, vari arbetet på Åland inte omnämndes.

Ålands landskapsregering har efter dialog med statsrådets kansli fått utrymme att i den nationella rapporten till FN:s politiska högnivåforum 2020 presentera *Utvecklings- och hållbarhetsagenda för Åland* och hur Åland genom denna bidrar till genomförandet av Agenda 2030.

Ålands landskapsregering beslöt att tillstå statsrådets kansli ett kapitel om Ålands arbete för genomförandet av Agenda 2030 för inkludering i Finlands rapport till FN:s politiska högnivåmöte 2020 i enlighet med bilaga.

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BILAGA: Rapport

FÖR KÄNNEDOM: Ålands lagting
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Paragraph for the PM introduction.

Åland is an autonomous, demilitarized and Swedish-speaking archipelago off the southwest coast of Finland. On Åland sustainable development is not a concept - it is the roadmap for going forward in all policy areas and for all parts of the society. The Parliament of Åland passes laws in areas relating to the internal affairs of the region, such as environment, transport, infrastructure, energy, health and education. Finnish state law applies in areas in which the Parliament of Åland does not have legislative powers.

ÅLAND VNR CHAPTER

Opening statement by Head of Government of Åland (bild: [hållbarhetsrådet](#))

On Åland sustainable development is not a concept - it is our roadmap for going forward in all policy areas and for all parts of the society. The realization of the Development and Sustainability Agenda for Åland is at the same time the Åland contribution, albeit small, to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We are convinced that sub-national governments have a crucial role to play in the implementation of the SDGs, through projects and programs adapted to the regions' and its people's reality. Åland's autonomy devolves legislate competence and managing authority, and in our small society the step between thought and action is short.

On behalf of all Ålanders, the Government of Åland is both happy and proud to contribute to Finland's VNR and to take our responsibility in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Veronica Thörnroos, chair of the development and sustainability council for the network [bärkraft.ax](#) and Head of Government of Åland

Overview (bild: [bärkraft loggan med visionen](#))

With the understanding that nature constitutes the foundation of human existence, the Parliament and the Government of Åland chose (in 2014) to adopt a goal of total sustainable development in Åland no later than 2051. A network, created for all citizens, organizations, authorities and companies, established the Development and Sustainability Agenda for Åland. A true bottom-up, inside out process. The agenda consists of one Vision and seven Strategic Development Goals for 2030. With purposeful action in everyone's daily life, and in the working practices of all sectors of society, Åland strive to realize the Vision of the best Åland we can imagine: Everyone can flourish in a viable society on the Islands of Peace.

Method and Reporting

The Network [bärkraft.ax](#) is the hub for the coordination of the work to realize the Agenda, and its mode of operation is transparency and people-centered. (Endnote <https://www.barkraft.ax/english>). The Development and Sustainability Council consists of leaders from various sectors and is responsible for the Network's vitality and long-term existence. A Status Report with indicators for the seven strategic development goals identifies progress, challenges and critical success factors is published annually. The status reports are presented at an annual Forum for Social Development, to which everyone is invited. Roadmaps for realizing the seven strategic development goals, containing sub-targets, prioritized measures, timeline and actors responsible for the implementation are being drafted to be

published in 2020. The Government of Åland does not own this process; it is responsible for acting proactively as a catalyst and coordinator for the realization of the Agenda. The process of drafting the regional government's budget takes into account the Development and Sustainability Agenda and gives an account of measures that contribute to its realization.

Highlights

In April 2019, the European Commission awarded Åland Islands and the Development and Sustainability Agenda for Åland the European Sustainability Award 2019. The Award Ceremony was held as part of a High-Level Conference in Brussels hosted by the then First Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans, and its Second Vice-President Jyrki Katainen. The objective of the European Sustainability Award is to champion initiatives taken for the realization of the global sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda. Winners are selected in seven categories, the Åland Islands and the Agenda for Åland were the winners of the category public bodies under 100.000 individuals.

On Åland, sustainable Development is implemented through a structure facilitating work over sector boundaries. In this way, healthcare, agriculture, fishing, education, culture, industry, infrastructure and more can coordinate their efforts despite differing circumstances. For example, by becoming visible on the larger arenas, Åland can attract capital and technology. A long-term energy and climate politics is a way to attract investors in energy and climate actions, since it also provides a security for the investors. The society scale demo platform Smart Energy Åland is an example. Åland has been identified as an ideal place to pilot the global energy transition with good wind and solar conditions, an ambitious climate- and energy strategy as well as a population dedicated to sustainability (End note <https://flexens.com/the-demo/>).

Two examples of Progress and Challenges (bild: målbild 2 och 3)

Strategic Development Goal 2: Everyone feels trust and has real possibilities to participate in society – contributes to SDGs 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 16.

Trust is an essential element in a sustainable society. In 2018, the statistics agency of Åland was tasked to perform a study on interpersonal trust. The results showed that the share of the Åland population with high interpersonal trust is 63 per cent, and that among youth it is at a higher level compared to corresponding results in Finland and Sweden. However, if the gap between the poorest and the wealthiest in society becomes too large there is a risk that trust will be eroded. The proportion of households on Åland below relative poverty line has increased and gender equality is lagging behind. Women paid 37% and men 63% of the total amount of the taxation of earned income and capital income in 2017. The distribution has been the same since 2001. Men take between 3 and 5 percent of parental leave, which affect pay levels and pensions, but also broader levels aspects that affect both work and private life. Going forward, it is of the utmost importance that the Åland society continues to realize its second strategic development goal, a society where everyone feels trust.

Strategic Development Goal 3: All water is of good quality - contributes to SDG 6 and 14.

In Åland there is a broad consensus on the importance of a good water quality; a healthy Baltic Sea, including all of its bays, deep basins and surface waters. Today, almost all coastal water is only of moderate quality, and even if all effluents were stopped immediately it would take 40–50 years before the Baltic Sea was totally restored. Reduced eutrophication, on Åland and in all countries in around the Baltic Sea, is the most important aspect to achieve a good water quality. Åland has both an obligation and right to be a voice of the Baltic Sea.