

The regional collaboration project “Gender equality in the transport system”



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The regional collaboration project “Gender equality in the transport system” (Jämställda kommunikationer) started in 2004 and will run until 2007. The County Administrative Board in Stockholm is running the project in cooperation with the Office of Regional Planning and Urban Transportation, the Swedish Road Administration - Stockholm Region, National Rail Administration - Eastern Region and AB Storstockholms Lokaltrafik (Stockholm Transport). The European Social Fund co finances the project.

Aim

The aim of the project is to initiate regional coordination of the gender equality work conducted in the transport sector, and to draw up a strategy to achieve gender equality in the regional transport system.

Background

The Swedish transport policy is guided by one overall objective and six subsidiary objectives in different areas. One of the subsidiary objectives is following:

”The transport system shall be designed so that it meets the conditions and travel needs of both women and men. Women and men are to have the same opportunities to influence the initiation, design and administration of the transports system and their values are to be given the same weight.”

The transport system constitutes a fundamental condition for the labour market, the industry and the private citizens. Transports can facilitates our daily lives and increases individuals’ possibilities to participate on the labour market. The regional transport system constitutes a basic precondition for various groups of inhabitants to be able to use the advantages that Stockholm offers. It is also a vital component when it comes to accessibility both within and to/from the region and as such it plays a crucial part in the regions development.

Working areas

Gender mainstreaming

This working area is about integrating a gender equality perspective into the transport sector. It is mainly about acquiring and disseminating knowledge in the issue and about adopting a common approach in the region.

Better traffic environments

This working area is about finding ways to clarify how a gender equality perspective can be concretised into the transport planning. Much attention will be given to the existing work with e.g. traffic safety, transport quality, accessibility and security. Gender equality is about improving the quality of the entire transport system and the convenience of the transport chain from door to door. The perspective of the traveller and the citizen is important and therefore the project also works to improve the dialogue between those responsible and those who use the transport system.

Long-term planning

A distinguishing characteristic for this working area is the long-term perspective. Based on e.g. analysis of the citizens' travel patterns in Stockholm and of regional plans the project will handle a number of issues, for example the regional enlargement. Regarding travel patterns and values we will analyse existing variations between different groups of men and women, and also examine the underlying reasons. The purpose is to develop a strategy that can be useful in future planning processes and transport priorities.



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