

Regional trajectories to the knowledge economy – Nordic-European comparisons (REKENE)

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The project addresses the problem that despite many initiatives to promote and stimulate innovation, Norden is still lagging behind the target of the Lisbon and Gothenburg summits. Developing a knowledge-based economy is vital to be competitive in the global economy. Regions are crucial in this process. Our project operates at the regional level combining in-depth work in firms and in their regional context of public actors, HE institutions, networks of firms and other actors.

The project aims at contributing to understanding of a key sector in each region and contributes to interaction between key regional actors. Better understanding of how knowledge is developed within businesses, how it is transferred, and the role of the regional context of different actors can contribute to increased regional competitiveness.

The project's main objective is to understand the role and development of knowledge in the regional economies of Nordic and European regions in order to inform policies and policy makers, and develop recommendations on regional innovation policy development in Norden.

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