

“Fossil Fuel Free Skåne 2020” Strategy

Good practice example for cooperative strategy development

 Skåne, Sweden

 Region Skåne and Energy Suppliers

 Since 2009

Background

Region Skåne is responsible for health care and public transport, business development, cultural, infrastructure, social planning and environmental and climate-related issues in the geographical region of Skåne. In 2009, Region Skåne established a 2010-2020 Environmental Programme, which was updated in 2017. The Programme promotes climate neutral, climate friendly and healthy environments, sustainable use of resources and a resilient environmental profile for the region.

Key Challenge

The achievement of long-term climate goals and the creation of a successful sustainable region requires a shift to new energy production and consumption models based on a mix of renewable energy sources. This shift is only possible through strong and goal-oriented cooperation and collaboration between public authorities as well as public and private energy suppliers.

Initiative

In the frame of the Environmental Programme, Region Skåne in 2009 developed a “Fossil Fuel Free Strategy” for 2020. It seeks to eliminate the use of fossil fuels in all buildings belonging to Region Skåne and in all operations related to district heating and district cooling. The fossil fuel free strategy also includes Region Skåne’s internal transport and all public transport including busses, trains and trams.

To achieve the ambitious “fossil fuel free” goal by 2020, Region Skåne started to cooperate with different public and private energy suppliers of Region Skåne. From 2012 onwards, the Region signed official declarations of intent with major local energy suppliers such as Öresundskraft. The declarations signalled the start for companies to work with Region Skåne towards fossil free energy solutions for the region. Because of the initiative, today -



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99.6% of district heating, cooling and bought electricity comes from renewable energy sources. The results of the Strategy are monitored by an accredited third party, and are annually reported to Region Skåne.

Success Factors

Region Skåne’s commitment to long-term climate actions has catalysed municipalities and private companies to adopt ambitious fossil fuel free goals. The signing of the first official declaration of intent started a chain of other declarations. These were signed between Region Skåne and its other energy suppliers, and also between municipalities across the geographical region of Skåne, with their local energy and utility companies. Clear political goals and support in the implementation of the Environmental Programme and Strategy has been the key factors of success enabling this progress.

Further Information

[Region Skåne’s Environmental Programme](#) (in Swedish),
[Region Skåne’s Environmental Report 2018](#) (in Swedish),
and [“Fossil Fuel Free Skåne 2020”](#) presentation (in English).