Sweden – migration

- A generous refugee policy
- Sweden had 18000 asylum seekers in 2012
- Norway had 9000 asylum seekers in 2012
- The numbers of asylum seekers has increased since july 2012
  - Somalia
  - Afghanistan
  - Syria

The Swedish Migration board expects appr. 40 000 asylum seekers 2013 and 2014

Who has the responsibility for the migrant?

- The Swedish Migration board (asylum seekers)
- The Swedish job service center (the introduction programme)
- The municipality (school, Swedish education, social assistance if needed, health care)
Södertälje

- 90,000 inhabitants
- 25 minutes south of Stockholm
- Astra Zeneca and Scania
- Hospital
- High skilled vs "low skilled" labour
Södertälje is affected by conflicts in the Middle East

- Conflicts in the Middle East where Christian people live usually means a greater influx of migrants to Södertälje
- Syrian migration since the 1970s
- Migration from Iraq since 2003
- Migration from Syria since July last year
- We expect 1200-1800 refugees during 2014

Södertälje has a local refugee policy

- Södertälje is positive to migration
- Södertälje sees migration as a possibility
- Södertälje leads by example (i.e. Labour market projects)
- Södertälje works actively to propose improvements that can help the migrant to integrate faster into the Swedish society
We have

- A large syriaq community
- A syriaq orthodox church
- Two elite football teams
- One syriaq tv channel
Refugees 2003-2013

Flyktingar och samtliga anhöriga

Flyktingmottagning i Stockholms län 2012 per 1 000 invånare.

Länsstyrelsen i Stockholms län
www.sodertalje.se
Organised reception of refugees?

- The discussion on how to improve the reception system for asylum seekers is focused on the organised reception (10000 of 40000 asylum seekers 2013)
- 20 newly arrived pupils per month
- Bad housing conditions
- 100% have relatives or other contacts in the city
- Most of the migrants move between different contacts/relatives

Challenges

- Migrants move to areas with already high unemployment
  - Ronna and Hovsjö
- Social assistance – the highest costs for social assistance per capita in Sweden
- Housing conditions
- School
Opportunities

- Södertälje has tried different methods to increase labour market integration (ex Nationell matchning)

- Södertälje has tried different methods to improve the urban development in areas of the city with high unemployment (Telge Hovsjö)

- Södertälje has participated in a project with the Swedish Public Employment Service and the Swedish Migration board to describe a migrants journey in Sweden – reduce bureaucratic inefficiency, reduce waiting time for the migrant, break the silos

- A hearing with the NGOs, the 22nd of october

35 proposals on how to improve integration

- The swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

- Tailored labour market programmes
- Organised settlement – avoid the negative social effects
- More money – another reception system

We try to influence other authorities and organisations
Saids journey

- A migrant’s integration process

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Different types of wastes

- Livingconditions/housing
- The authorities perspective
- We are to slow
- Decreased ambition over time
- The integration process is too slow for the migrant
Thank you for listening

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