

# THE DIGITAL DIVIDE.

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# BACKGROUND.

- Byanätsforum is a network and an advocacy for rural broadband cooperatives.
- There are approximately 1,000 rural broadband cooperatives in SE.
- 400 of them are members in Byanätsforum.
- Started in 2015 by the SE governments Broadband Forum.
- In 2018 it shifted to Rural Sweden, Coompanion and LRF.



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# WHAT IS A RURAL BROADBAND CO-OP?

- When no one else wants to build, communities are doing it by themselves.
- In Sweden the most common entity is Cooperative Society (Ekonomisk Förening).
- Villagers that comes together – paying and working.
- From a handful of households to hundreds or even more than a thousand.
- All over Sweden.
- Most have received funding but not all.



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# FIRST DIVIDE.

- Knowledge
  - How to make use of digital tools.
  - People with disabilities, elderly, immigrants.



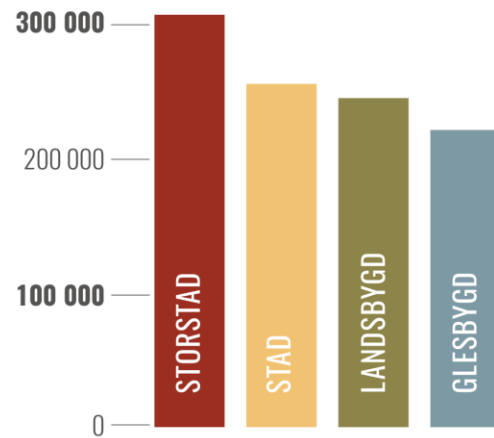
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# SECOND DIVIDE.

- **Economy**

- Pay more.
- Doing more of the job.
- Public Finance aspects.



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SVERIGE 2016 <sup>11</sup>



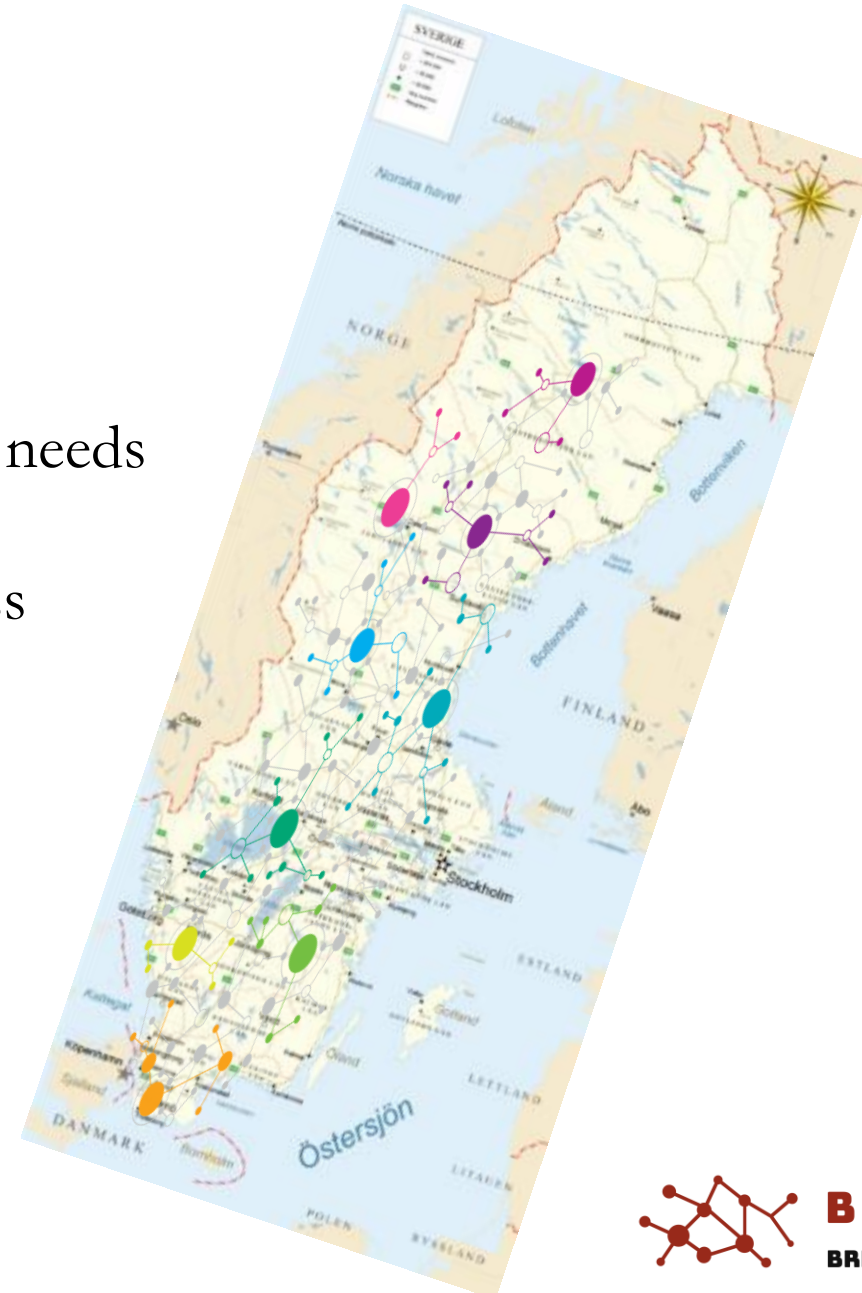
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# THIRD DIVIDE.

- **Infrastructure**

- The Internet Backbone (stamnätet) needs to reach out further.
- More easily get access to fibre access points and ducts.



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