

Joint initiatives for social sustainability – health and wellbeing as a resource for our children



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My presentation in three points

- A more comprehensive approach on school failures is needed, combining early interventions with preventive measures.
- Health in all policies demands new alliances and a shared responsibility.
- Inviting stakeholders to exchange experiences

Västra Götaland

25% of Sweden's trade

- Major transport hub in Scandinavia
- European top position in R&D investments
- Strong clusters:
 - Urban future
 - The marine environment and the maritime sector
 - Transport solutions
 - Green chemistry and bio based products
 - Life science





- The main responsibilities for Region Västra Götaland are:
 - Health care
 - Regional development

- From a public health perspective:
 - The health is generally good
 - The health gap is increasing

What's going on in Region Västra Götaland

- EU2020 → VG2020 → Our everyday work
- Two tracks for reducing school failures:
 - Early interventions that fosters cognitive functions
 - Developing/spreading methods to prevent drop outs
- Many stakeholders
 - Health care, regional development, local authorities, civil society etc



How to invest in complex challenges?

- We need arguments for comprehensive approaches that includes many stakeholders:
 - Council conclusions on early childhood education and care: providing all our children with the best start for the world of tomorrow
 - Council conclusions on reducing early school leaving and promoting success in school
- Measure effect of initiative or rely on evidence based knowledge and measure implementation?

Thank you and welcome to
exchange experiences!



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