

Region Östergötland

Focus on youth unemployment



Östergötland

- Fourth most populated region in Sweden
- Biggest cities are Linköping and Norrköping
- **Region Östergötland**
 - Main area is health and dental care
 - Since 2015 responsible for regional development
 - Skills and matching it with labour market needs





Education and youth unemployment

- 1 out of 8 is not qualified for upper secondary school in Sweden
- 1 out of 4 doesn't complete their upper secondary education in 4 years
- Non-completed upper secondary school is strongly connected to unemployment and the need for economic and social support
- Mismatch on the labour market



Context of Region Östergötland's work

- Local responsibility - what role for regions?
- Elementary school is obligatory, upper secondary school is not – responsibilities differs
- High density of migrants
- Upper secondary school in Sweden is generally very theoretical



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- Transregional ESF-funded project coordinated by Region Östergötland
- Main objectives is early prevention of young people in danger of dropping out of upper secondary school
- 31 local projects
- Scientific support
- Some success factor are having personal coaches and to be aware of early signs of absence



Plug-In 2.0

- ESF-funded transregional project, follow-up from Plug-In 1
- Main objectives are to reduce the amount of pupils dropping out of upper secondary school and increase the amount qualified to attend upper secondary school
- Success factors are good and equal treatment, cooperation, flexibility and always having the individual in the center
- Good examples include holistic approach to change the attitude of the personnel and information efforts regarding labour market to migrants



Thank you!

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