

**Women Resource Center, a Key Tool for  
Women's active participation in Gender  
Equal and Sustainable Growth!**

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# Womens Resource Centres

Some History.....

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Resource Centres, WRC is to:

Increase the number of women participating in  
economic life on a national, regional and a local level

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Empower and mobilise women to participate on  
the labour market, in entrepreneurship, ICT and  
Innovation or other **with a strategic and Rural  
Development perspective**

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Be a neutral meeting place for networking  
groups of women

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Fundamental is that they should develop on the  
basis of local needs and conditions and women  
demands

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## **Briefly about the State financial resources of the Swedish WRC**

- According to a parliamentary decision public funding can be granted for financing activities within local and regional WRCs (Regional Policy for Growth)

The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth – (Tillväxtverket) has the Swedish Governments assignment to run the Swedish WRC program

Winnet Sweden, a NGO – NON profit organization, for WRCs

### **For this programming period 2013-2015,**

The Government is allocating 36 million per year to WRC for basic funding and co-finance for ERDF and other EU program projects

### **Women in Democracy support**

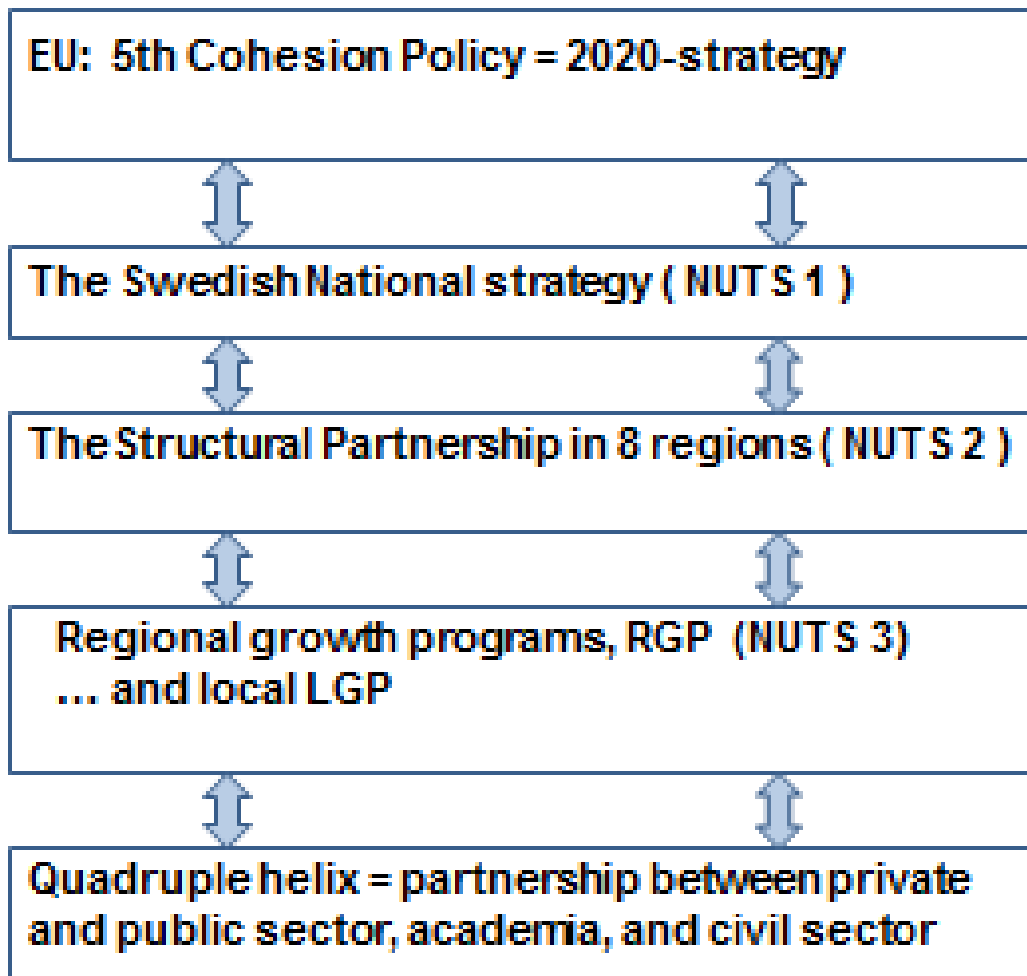
\* Winnet Sweden has financial support from the Swedish Government (The Ministry of Gender Equality) to be a Umbrella NGO organisation- non-profit for 120 WRC s, to be the driving force and to secure women`s participation in Democracy and Regional Development and Growth in 21 regions, **for 2013, 650 000 SEK**

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## Governance



Winnet Swedens  
central thread in  
the work:

Co-operation

Partnership

Network

Thematic areas

Regional  
innovation



- Winnet Europe, the European Association of Women Resource Centres, was established 2006 as a result of Interreg III C project, W.IN.NET

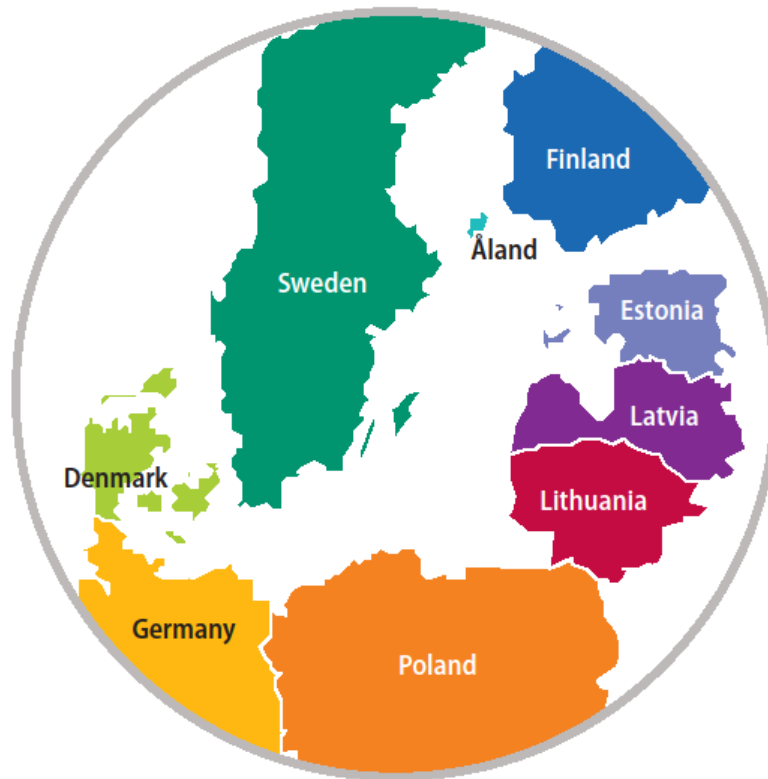
Winnet Europe's member is active in:

- Entrepreneurship – Innovation,
- Labour market – gendersegregation
- ICT and infrastructure of transport
- Rural Development, and cross border co-operation

A lot of transnational co-operation in Winnet Europe



# Baltic Sea Region Partnership Platform for Gender & Economic Growth



Winnet Center of Excellence

Seed finance project January 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013 coordinated by Winnet Sweden



# Winnet Centre of Excellence<sup>®</sup>

The international network of researchers in the Baltic Sea Region for the purpose of doing and promoting research, teaching and policy making (on Gender, Innovation and Growth)

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Quadruple Helix Partnership Plattform

- **Representation Accademia, Policy and decision makers, Business and Civil Society WRC , national, regional and local and transnational level`s to secure Womens participation in Regional Development for Economic Growth!**
- ✓ Partnership
- ✓ Co-operation
- ✓ Network
- ✓ Thematic areas
- ✓ Regional Innovation
- ✓ Through: identified good practices from EU 28 MS, within the chosen themes, to be transferred
- ✓ analysed good practises and elaborated action plans
- ✓ Winnet Centre of Excellence; Interactive Action oriented Research & benchmarking reports as input to workshops

# Handbook for Women's Resource Centres



Empowerment, the individual's own power, belief in knowledge, and the power to influence their own situation in society, are the key characteristics of the work that goes on in Resource Centres for Women.

The Handbook is designed to aid the establishment of Women's Resource Centres.

Use it! We wish you success!

1. *Introduction*
2. *Why and how WRCs can contribute to change*
3. *WRC, the historical background and their role and mission today*
4. *The work of a Women's Resource Centre*
5. *Starting up, organising and guaranteeing sustainability in a Women's Resource Centre*
6. *Working in project form*
7. *Working methods and tools for use in a WRC*

The Handbook for Women's Resource Centres is published on the website [www.winnet.se](http://www.winnet.se) and [www.winnet-europe.org](http://www.winnet-europe.org)

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