

Programme:	Europe for Citizens Programme - 3.2.2 Measure Networks of Towns
Deadline:	1st of September 2016
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Organisation:	<p>Linköping is with its 150 000 inhabitants one of the most populous and fastest growing municipalities in Sweden. It's industrial heritage derives from the aviation industry and together with science parks, the university and the hospital the city is today an important hub for research and development in a number of disciplines.</p> <p>Linköping is situated in the eastern part of Sweden, it offers a wide range of cultural and leisure activities such as an open-air museum, art galleries, arenas and a concerts hall.</p> <p>Swedish municipalities are unique in the scope of their competencies and their constitutional power of taxation. In Sweden, local authorities traditionally have a strong role in society with a high degree of self-government and responsibility for different sectors and activities. Each of the 290 municipalities in Sweden is responsible for providing a significant proportion of public services like schools, emergency services and city planning. They also have a considerable degree of autonomy and have independent powers of taxation. According to law, the municipalities are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare and pre-school • Primary and secondary schools • Social services • Elderly care • Support to people with disabilities • Health and environmental issues • Emergency services • Urban planning • Sanitation (waste, sewage)

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	Other responsibilities may be voluntarily undertaken, such as culture and leisure activities including libraries and business/enterprise development.
Area of interest	<p>Linköping is interested to participate as partner in a project proposal under the Europe for Citizens Programme - 3.2.2 Measure Networks of Towns (deadline 1st September 2016).</p> <p>Background</p> <p>In Linköping, the development and building of a “Cultural Community centre”* is in progress and a lot of efforts are put into creating a vital and transparent dialogue with different target groups and future users. The centre is developed in a segregated urban area and as such it will aim to create a platform for citizen engagement and support inclusion of the specific target groups (i.e. youth, women and third country immigrants). It will also offer an interface between the inhabitants and other parts of the city.</p> <p>When ready, a library will form the hub of the Centre and offer an open venue for meetings and activities for the citizens. In an updated centre the idea is to include the users in the creation of activities and services offered. Through this, the municipality will support the sense of mutual ownership and increase the relevance of the activities. In the long run this will also contribute to an attractive area and help to promote quality of living.</p> <p>Area of interest</p> <p>Linköping is interested to exchange experiences and knowledge on how to use citizens’ participation and engagement to promote social inclusion and integration, especially in relation to their current development and operation of the previous described Cultural Community Centre. There are also an expectation the partners would share an interest to incorporate and explore the urban dimension of this issue.</p> <p><i>Possible questions to be examined in a project are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do other organizations in Europe work with similar Centres where culture could be used as a tool and platform for inclusion and integration? • How can local authorities support the development of services and offer activities in participation with target groups and users? • How could a meeting place be an attraction for people outside the area where the Centre is established in order to support an inter-cultural dialogue and a wider integration? <p>If you are interested to cooperate with Linköping and has an offer for a project please do not hesitate to contact us. The city is also willing to consider to be host of a workshop/conference in an accepted project.</p>

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	*Cultural Community Centre is used in lack of a better translation (Allaktivitetshus in Swedish). However, in short it should be understood as a meeting place for the community, where culture is used a tool for empowerment, engagement and participation in broad scope of activities that are developed and offered in cooperation with the city and its citizens.
Project period:	March 1, 2017 – September 31, 2018/March 1 2018 (18 or 24 months)

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