Arbetsförmedlingen
Supported Employment in a Swedish context

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Arbetsförmedlingen – an overview

• Arbetsförmedlingen is a central government authority under the Ministry of Employment
• We have 280 local employment offices
  An average of 14,000 employees in 2015
• 860 specialists and 810 SIUS – consultants employed on average in 2015
Our tasks

Our remit is dictated by the Swedish Government and the Riksdag (parliament).

We shall improve the labour market by:
• Matching jobseekers with employers
• Prioritising those who are far removed from the labour market
• Contributing to a constantly increasing the rate of employment in the long term

Occupational rehabilitation is a primary task
Supported Employment in a Swedish context

- Labour market policy, not social policy
- Financed via a special funding allocation
- Arbetsförmedlingen is Europe's largest employer for SE activities
Supported employment at Arbetsförmedlingen – an overview

- All employment offices have access to supported employment/SIUS
- Out of Arbetsförmedlingen’s total budget of SEK 77 billion, approximately SEK 13 billion goes towards wage subsidies and other interventions for people with disabilities, SEK 460 million of which goes to SIUS activities.
- 900 SIUS consultants were employed in October 2016, constituting approximately 6% of the total number of Arbetsförmedlingen’s employees.
- 9 720 jobseekers with disabilities received support in 2015 via an SIUS consultant. By comparison, 184 000 people with disabilities were registered at Arbetsförmedlingen at the end of 2015.
The five methodical steps

• Vocational profile/client engagement

• Job-finding process

• Job analysis

• On and off the job support

• Long term follow-up
Results and future development of the method

• Approx. 60 % of those who benefited from SIUS interventions in 2015 gained regular employment

• It is a qualitative and not a quantitative intervention, the aim of which is to develop the capacity to work

• Government commission to evaluate the efficacy of the interventions for young people receiving disability pensions, the results of which are to be reported in 2017