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# **Swedish National Centre for Architecture** and Design

The task of ArkDes is to enhance knowledge about and interest in the values embodied in architecture and design and their significance for the individual and the development of society.

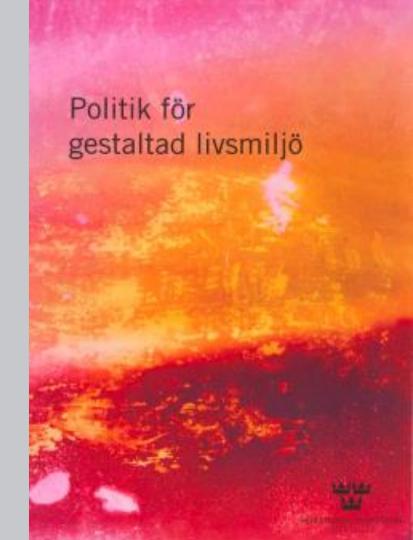
ArkDes is intended to serve as a national forum for actors in this area and conduct and support research, exhibitions and other activities promoting education and debate to strengthen the position of architecture, form and design in society.



# "Policy for Designed Living Environment"

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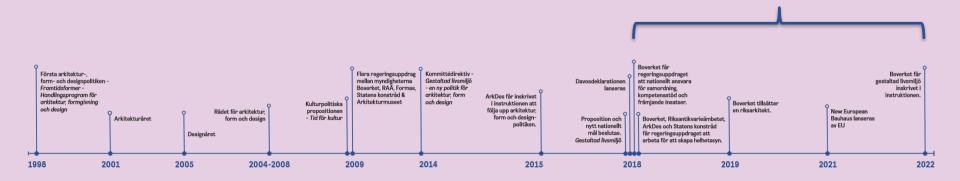
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### Background

The policy area shaped living environment has its background in **Sweden's first architecture, form and design policy:** Future forms – action program for architecture, design and design, (Prop. 1997/98:117),

The purpose was, among other things to make it clear that aesthetic values must be considered and taken care of in the design of society's public environments. The decision entailed, for example, changes in the Roads Act, the Planning and Building Act and the Construction Act of railways.





## The new policy

# Integrated approach and a comprehensive national architecture policy

- Broadened the perspective of design - quality of life as environmental, economic and socially sustainable development.
- The policy is governing for the state and guiding for regions and municipalities



# National objective

"Architecture and design will help to create a sustainable, equitable and less segregated society with carefully designed living environments in which everyone is well placed to influence the development of their shared environment."



### This will be achieved by;

- sustainability and quality are not made subservient to short-term financial considerations;
- knowledge in the fields of architecture and design is developed and disseminated;
- the public sector acts as a role model;
- aesthetic, artistic and cultural assets are preserved and developed;
- environments are designed to be accessible for all; and
- cooperation and collaboration are developed both nationally and internationally.



# Portalparagraf PBL 1 §

This Act contains provisions on the planning of land and water and on construction. The provisions aim to, regarding the freedom of the individual, promote a societal development with equal and good social living conditions and a good and long-term sustainable living environment for the people today and for future generations.

### National authories to coordinate

- National Board of Housing, Building and Planning
- ArkDes (The Swedish Centre for Architecture and Design)
- The Swedish National Heritage Board
- Public Art Agency Sweden

Coordinate and work together to **stimulate** the development of sustainable designed living environments by **developing methodologies** and **disseminating** good practice.



#### ArkDes task according to the instructions is to...

- 1. Work to achieve the goal for architecture, design and design.
- 2. Follow up and evaluate the impact of architecture policy.
- 3. If necessary, propose measures to strengthen the fulfillment of the goals.



National Board of Housing, Building and Planning task according to the instructions is to

- 1. Monitor
- 2. Support
- 3. Coordinate
- State Architect and Chair of the Government's Board for Sustainable Cities



# The National Heritage Board has been given the task of

gathering and reporting information about and positive examples of, ways in which cultural assets can be integrated and preserved in planning and building



### Public Art Agency Sweden

promote greater knowledge of the role of public art in the shaping of shared environments to enable the interaction of art, architecture and design in various newbuild or redevelopment projects.

The work will be undertaken in partnership with other agencies affected.



### Joint activities

- Annual conference & spotlight of the year
- Internal and external training
- Research announcement
- Follow-up report
- Council for Sustainable Cities
- External contacts and networks
- Communication



### **Stakeholders**

As government agencies managing property;

- The Swedish Fortifications Agency
- The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- The Swedish Maritime Administration
- The National Property Board of Sweden
- The state-owned electricity authority
- The Swedish Transport Administration

All have a particular responsibility in their respective contexts. The work of these agencies is therefore to be monitored

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### **Council or Sustainable Cities**

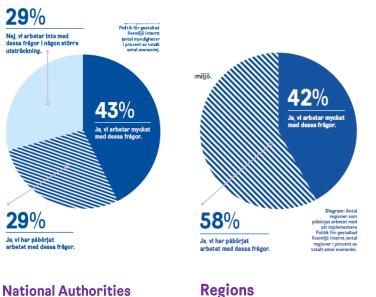
- a forum of national agencies that are strategically important for long-term work on sustainable urban development



Governing for the state
Guiding for regions and municipalities

#### **Implementation**

- Build and spread knowledge
- Build networks
- Policymaking, regulation
- Finance



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### **Stimulate**

- Developing methodologies
- Disseminating good practice
- Aim to work towards greater exploitation of the quality dimensions of architecture and design



### Visions in the north

Purpose: Develop visions for how rapid social development can take place in a way that creates sustainable, inclusive and beautiful urban environments.

**Collaborating authorities:** Board of Housing, Building and Planning, Vinnova, Energy Agency, Formas and ArkDes

Collaborating municipalities: Boden, Luleå, Umeå, Gällivare, Skellefteå, Kiruna

**Process:** 11 multidisciplinary teams were tasked with developing vision sketches for six municipalities in northern Sweden. The teams worked partly on site and based on the cases formulated by the municipalities.

Connection to the policy: Sustainability, quality, participation, etc.

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### A holistic view

Knowledge

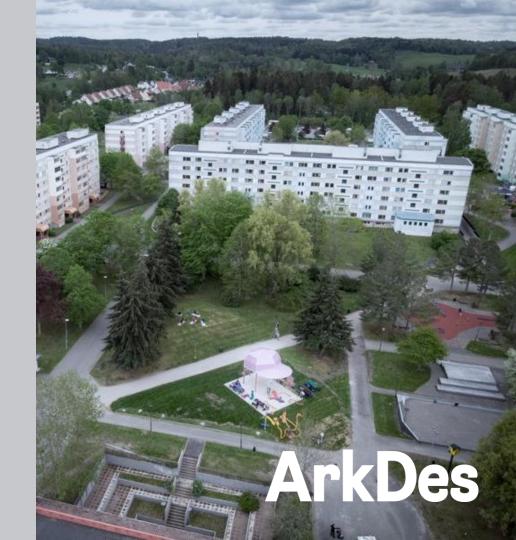
Tools

Power

Commitment

Will

Leadership



## Social learning

Given the restructuring of society that is now required to create a sustainable environment, change processes need to become more central and thus more emphasis is needed on meetings and social learning where different people meet, discuss and develop transformative knowledge and new visions. For people to participate in such change-oriented processes, however, it is also necessary that they are heard and that they are given actual opportunities to influence society's change"

Susanne Urban, lecturer in housing and urban sociology



# Design as method

"Design can be directly or indirectly used to understand how social cohesion or segregation develops in a society, and design methodologies can, by working with and co-creating together with user groups in society, directly or indirectly create conditions for better social cohesion."

Henric Benesch, lecturer in design



## The comprehensive level- not objects

"How we structure and arrange the public space has extensive consequences for which people, groups, activities become part of a whole, an environment that promotes cohesion rather than counteracting it.

Meeting places are not something that can be planned as individual objects, but they are the result of how we shape the built environment on a more comprehensive level and what relationships and what population density we make"

Ann Legeby, professor in applied urban planning



## **Impact**

A cultural transformation!

Quality in architecture, form and design is about creating value, not only for the customer and the user, but also for the surrounding society and future generations





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