

## Mellan Rum 2.0

The Göteborg Region Association of Local Authorities (GR) is a co-operative organization uniting thirteen municipalities in western Sweden. The task of the association is to promote co-operation over municipal borders and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experience within the region. The common objective in the Gothenburg-region is to develop more efficient and durable employment strategies.

Arbetsförmedlingen is a national government agency that exists throughout the entire country, with 320 local employment offices, which are grouped into eleven market areas.

Arbetsförmedlingen is the largest placement service for work in Sweden. By creating meeting places for employers and jobseekers, Arbetsförmedlingen contribute to a well-functioning labour market and an increase in employment in the long term.

**Mellan Rum 2.0** is a pre study funded by the European Social Fund. The pre study has been initiated by GR and Arbetsförmedlingen. Mellan rum 2.0 is aiming to create a durable structure for sustainable cooperation between municipalities and employment services, seeking to better meet the needs of those who need support of both principals. Mellan Rum 2.0 seeks to identify structural obstacles that risk preventing long term unemployed individuals of entering the labor market. Two central key words in the project are *durable* and *sustainable*.

Mellan rum 2.0 emphasizes transnational partnerships in future project applications, and is therefore reaching out for potential municipal partners in Europe to share their experiences of coordinated unemployment strategies.

### Central questions for future transnational partnerships

- How does your municipality provide efficient labor market services?
- Is there currently an organization in place for local cooperation between principals concerning long term unemployment, how is it organized in your municipality?
- How does your municipality handle the dilemma of long term unemployed crossing between the boundaries of responsible principals?



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