



Linking indigenous Communities with Regional Development



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What is OECD

- OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- 35 member countries which 12 have indigenous people



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Why this report?

- The first OECD-report with focus on indigenous peoples!
- Participating countries – Sweden, Canada and Australia
- Project plan - OECD Working Party in Paris 2016
- Swedish Government made decision to allocate funds for implementation
- 2017 – project start in Quebec



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Purpose

- Strengthen the economic development and entrepreneurship of indigenous peoples
- link indigenous communities with strategies for regional and rural development
- fact-finding missions
- Final report - recommendations for how countries should include indigenous peoples in their programs and strategies
- Global comparative study of several countries
- Peer-reviewing



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Starting points

- Place-based approach
- The Sami are not a homogenous group that is expected to speak with one voice
- The right to land, the opportunity to influence in land use - fundamental to maintaining and developing Sami business
- Sami as an indigenous people has the right to define our own development and future



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Conclusions

The Sami are important to the economic development and quality of life in northern Sweden!

- Unique culture
- Small business, diversification,
- Sustainability, unique sami industries, history

Sami Business – based on symbiotic relationship - nature, language, culture, tradition

- Traditional knowledge, sustainable land use
- Balance between "market thinking" and other values



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Conclusions

The reindeer industry is seeing growing demand – but it is an industry under stress

- Strengths: small scale, high quality and ecological
- Obstacles to meeting demand: predators, climatchange, exploitation

Sami tourism has potential to grow - but there are few Sami-owned business

- Growing industry
- Opportunities for combination of business - diversification



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Conclusions

Small culture sector – require seed capital, grants and other supports to flourish

- Grants, start-up capital
- Expanded infrastructure, nodes

Lack of data and statistics

- Making invisible
- Difficulties in creating an overview and assessing needs and efforts but also grants



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Conclusions

Fragmentation of frameworks across multiple levels

- Lack of coherence and coordination across levels and fields
- Unclear division of responsibilities



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Recommendations

Improved collection and dissemination of data and statistics

- Synthesise current data sources and identify data limitations in their use and dissemination
- Increase research funding for Sami data collection
- Develop ethical guidelines for research on the Sami
- Enhance the role and capabilities of the Sami Parliament in statistics collection
- Expand industry codes for Sami businesses



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Recommendations

An enabling environment for Sami businesses and livelihoods

- Make regional and rural development programme design more Inclusive of the Sami
- Address regulatory and financial barriers to Sami business development
- Ensure regional and rural development programmes support clustering activities to support small businesses
- Building capacity in the Sami business sector – Strengthening the role of intermediary institutions
- Expand skills and training opportunities for Sami business development



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Recommendations

Developing a sustainable Sami-led tourism industry

Investments in Sami culture and education are investments in Sami economic development!

- Develop and strengthen funding opportunities, industry organizations and certification systems
- Building cultural and educational institutions to supply Sami values and culture
- Strengthen collaboration with existing institutions (Sámi Duodji)



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Recommendations

Better linking the Sami with regional and rural development efforts

- Improve engagement with Sami society in the context of regional and rural development
- Establish clearer mechanisms and better adapt regional frameworks for Sami conditions
- Increase awareness and knowledge of Sami conditions and business life
- Formalize and structure for cooperation between Sami institutions (the Sami Parliament) and state actors (county administrative boards, regional authorities) through consultations, cooperation agreements
- Include Sami perspectives in land use strategies/frameworks



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Recommendations

Influence - Land management and regional development

Rights to consultation on land use issues should be clarified and capacity building for Sami institutions/organisations

- Develop guidelines for consultations
- Strengthened capacity for *samebyar* and other stake holders to handle consultations
- Review of regulation and legislation
- Development of management models for joint management of resources



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Recommendations

Enhanced regional spatial planning and an integrated perspective

Develop Reindeer Management Plans:

- Integrate multiple perspectives (infrastructure, energy, exploitation, transport) for overall planning and ensure that Sami perspectives are taken into account
- Create regional plans for spatial planning such as sami and other land- and natural resource use

Recommendations

Towards a comprehensive national Sami policy

- Identify future priorities, clarify the division of responsibilities between the Sami Parliament and the government, establish mechanisms for coordination and dialogue between different levels (national, regional local)
- Establish annual strategic dialogue between Swedish government and Sami parliament for implementation and priorities for future actions
- Support sami unique cultural identity and self determination



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