Living and Working
IN SWEDEN

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Facts about Sweden

- Sweden is the third largest country in EU
- 9.5 million inhabitants
- 85% live in the south
- Currency: Svenska kronor (Swedish Crown)
  SEK 100 = EUR 10.22 (12th May)
- EU-member state since 1995
Our dear neighbours!
Labour Market Statistics

Unemployment rate

- General approx. 7.8%
- Engineers approx. 1%

Mars 2015
Engineering shortages – Top 5

- Mechanical engineers (Catia V5)
- Electrical power engineers
- Electronics engineers
- Mechatronics engineers
IT shortages – Top 5

- Software developers C#, .Net
- Software developers C/C++
- Software developers Embedded systems
- Software system architects
- Software test engineers
Language skills

Most jobs require good level of Swedish.

English is enough for some companies within engineering and IT - but often expected that you learn Swedish.

Few jobs for low skilled workers with no Swedish.

Study Swedish on-line and in Portugal: [http://studyinsweden.se](http://studyinsweden.se) Search: learn-Swedish
Working in Sweden

All EU/EEA or Swiss citizens have the right to work in Sweden.

Citizens of a non-EU country need a work permit – Sweden’s policy fairly open

www.migrationsverket.se

Bring your passport, if you move to Sweden!
Salaries - Engineers in Sweden

Average monthly salaries, gross 2014

*Master’s Degree*  *Bachelor Degree*

**Private**
- 49,700 SEK (5078 Euro)
- 39,700 SEK (4008 Euro)

**Public**
- 43,100 SEK (4314 Euro)
- 36,000 SEK (3699 Euro)

Source: [www.sverigesingenjorer.se](http://www.sverigesingenjorer.se)
Finding a job

• Public Employment Services
  [www.arbetsformedlingen.se](http://www.arbetsformedlingen.se)
  - Links to other major job websites
  - Useful information in English
  - Search field in Platsbanken:
    Fill in key word/position in English

• EURES
Finding a job

- Jobs advertised in English
  www.nyteknik.se/jobb
  www.jobsinstockholm.com
  www.thelocal.se/jobs
  www.expats.nu
  www.iagora.com
  www.workey.se
  www.swedishwire.com/jobs
Finding a job

- Social Media
  Facebook Eures Sweden

LinkedIn:
EURES Sweden Tech group
- Minimum 3 years work experience within ICT or Engineering
- Preferably a Masters Degree within ICT or Engineering
- English – Fluent written and spoken
- LinkedIn profile in English
Job applications

- Applying via web site, online or e-mail
- Typewritten in Swedish or English
- CV (1-2 pages) Cover letter (1 page)
- Speculative applications recommended

Easy to read, bullet points, key words

Think about matching the employers requirements.

Why should the employer be interested in you?
Why are you interested in the vacancy/company?
Job applications – Get advice and tips

www.kth.se
KTH in English > Searchword: Get started with your CV/Resume
CV, Cover Letter, Interview

https://student.portal.chalmers.se/en
Careers and Jobs
Getting started job hunting
Recognition of foreign qualifications


List of competent authorities for regulated professions.
Swedish workplace culture

• Flat organisations

• Team work and consensus

• ”Du” – first name basis – informality!

• Gender equality

• Strong and active trade unions
Sweden and Swedes

- Coffee and coffee breaks
- Tend to avoid conflict
- Shoes off indoors (in people’s homes)
- Light summer nights and dark winters
Your First EURES Job

Financial Support from the European Commission

- Job interview
- Relocation
- Recognition of qualifications
- Language courses

Portugal partner country for a project administered by Eures Sweden – open period until December 2017

Age group: 18 – 35 year EU citizen
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More information: www.yourfirsteuresjob.se

Application:
Job interview - You must apply **before** the date of the job interview!
Relocation – You must apply **before** you leave your country and before the starting date of the new job.
Tack! Thank you!
Obrigada!

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