

Frequently asked questions

Can I apply for funding?

LEADER funding is available for communities and associations, organisations, businesses and corporations as well as authorities in the Leader area of Skånes Ess.

What can be funded by community-led local development?

Funding is available for activities and investments of broader benefit to the Leader area that contributes to business development, living conditions, education, service etc. and support the local development strategy.

How do I apply?

You apply by using the e-service *Mina sidor* with a Swedish e-ID. Please contact the Leader Office before you apply.

When is it possible to apply?

Any time during the year. The Local Action Group (LAG) prioritize the applications approximately six times a year.



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Community-Led Local Development in Southern Sweden

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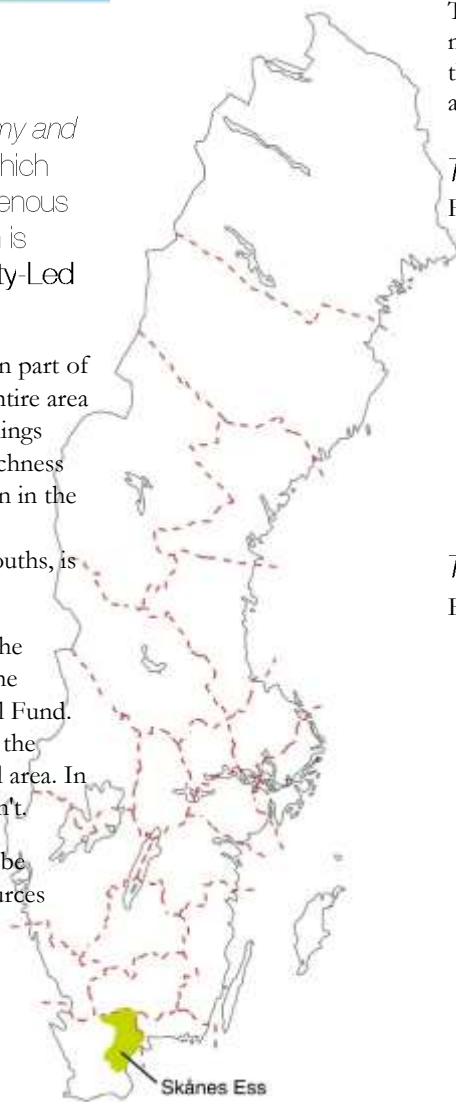
Skånes Ess and Leader

LEADER (Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Économie Rurale – meaning *Links between rural economy and development actions*) is a local development method which allows local actors to develop an area by using its endogenous development potential. In Sweden the Leader approach is implemented in four funds and there by called **Community-Led Local Development**.

The area of Skånes Ess covers four municipalities in the southern part of Sweden: Bromölla, Kristianstad, Osby and Östra Göinge. The entire area is marked by its diversity when it comes to nature. The surroundings comprise deep forests, ridges, open plains, cultivated land and richness of water. Residents live more spaciouly and closer to nature than in the rest of the region. The industrial life is dominated by small-scale businesses. The level of unemployment, in particular amongst youths, is higher in this area than the national average.

Skånes Ess implement Community-Led Local Development in the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Regional Development, the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund. The adjacent Leader area, LEADER Sydöstra Skåne, implement the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the same geographical area. In so doing the Leader areas overlap each other while the funds don't.

Our vision and target is that by the year of 2020 Skånes Ess will be a model area where sustainable usage of locally determined resources creates a quality of life for everyone.



Local development strategy Skånes Ess 2014-2020

The strategy is used to reach a strong and sustainable progress in the area of Skånes Ess as well as to guide LAG in prioritizing and selecting applications.

The foundation of the strategy is made up of numerous analyses of needs and opportunities in the area. Every granted project must support the local development strategy and fit in one of the operational focus areas.

The five objectives

Five overall objectives show the direction to realize the vision.

1. A consolidated identity-building profile
2. Enhanced innovation strengths
3. Increased possibilities of influence locally
4. New structures of collaboration for smart and sustainable growth
5. Development, usage and preservation of natural and cultural resources.

The four operational focus areas

Each focus area has specific targets measured with indicators.

- **Cross Connections** – networking and innovations
- **Social Inclusion** – meeting points and strength by diversity
- **Competitiveness** – enterprising and growth
- **Land/water** – sustainable usage of natural and cultural resources

