## NOW WE'RE BUILDING SWEDEN!

Green successes in government





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Since October 2014, there is, for the first time ever, a Green party in the Swedish government. And you can tell. Hundreds of decisions, large and small, will make Sweden more sustainable and more modern. We invest in the environment, education and jobs – just as we promised ahead of last year's election. These are the five green achievements we are the most proud of, so far:

#### **MORE CLIMATE-SMART HOUSING**

The government will invest 6.7 billion SEK annually in climatesmart, affordable housing for young people, energy efficiency and incentives for municipalities to build more housing.

#### AIMING FOR 100 % RENEWABLE ENERGY

The government is investing heavily in renewable energy, and at the same time making the nuclear power generators take greater responsibility for their environmental and safety costs. As a result, old and unsafe nuclear power is being phased out and we are heading towards a 100 % renewable energy system.

#### A FRESH START TO REACH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

The government is making major investments in the protection of forests and oceans, and a decrease in the use of chemicals. We strengthen efforts to reach the environmental objectives, increase the climate policy ambitions and plan to introduce a climate act to keep the climate emissions at a sustainable level.

#### A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN THE YOUNGEST PUPILS

All pupils will get an honest chance to learn to read, write and count. Extra support will be given to those who need it already in primary school and more staff will be hired so that teachers will get more time with their pupils.

#### A FEMINIST FOREIGN POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sweden will again become a global role model when it comes to feminism, the environment and human rights. We stand up for these values even when it is uncomfortable, as was shown when we stopped the agreement on military cooperation with Saudi Arabia.



### We have of course made other achievements. Such as:

- Urban environment agreements for more public transport. We are targeting more money to trams, buses and cycle lanes for travelling that connects cities in a climatesmart manner.
- **The trains should be on time.** SEK 1,2 billion more to maintain railways.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of Children will become law. The rights of all children will be respected.
- **Increased salaries for teachers.** SEK 3 billion extra per year to give teachers higher salaries.
- A School Commission to improve results. A School Commission is to develop proposals to increase the level of achievement and increase parity between schools.
- An establishment package to keep Sweden together. We are going to make it easier for those newly arrived to get a job, education or training, and housing.
- Legal migration channels into the EU. When other countries close their borders and build walls, Sweden stands up for the right to asylum and human dignity and will push the EU to introduce legal migration channels.
- Education on racism and intolerance. A major education effort should be carried out and reach all students in primary and secondary education.

- **A more equal parents' insurance.** A third earmarked month per parent, within the parental insurance system, will increase equality.
- **Increased environmental taxes.** When the taxes on fossil fuels and nuclear power is raised, it will be more profitable to be environmentally-friendly, both in the boardroom and in the living room.
- Strategy for sustainable consumption. 2016 a strategy will be presented for how to decrease the environmental impact of private consumption.
- **Culture in marginalized suburbs.** We make culture accessible for more people, among other things through special investments in arts and culture in marginalized suburbs.
- **National strategy for libraries.** We will improve libraries around the entire country through increased cooperation and quality.
- SEK 4 billion to the Green Climate Fund in the UN. We commit SEK 4 billion over the next 8 years. When Sweden leads the way and takes responsibility for international climate financing, others will follow.
- **New nature reserves.** The government has already established several new nature reserves with high nature value.

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