

International Consortium for Educational Development Network Profile

Network Name URL	SWEDNET– Swedish Network for Educational Development in Higher Education http://www.swednetwork.se/
Mission / Aim / Focus	<p>Swednet's purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stimulate educational development in higher education, • promote collaboration and the exchange of educational development in higher education • strengthen identity and promoting professional development among people engaged in developmental work on the higher education area <p>Swednet affirms the diversity of various professional and scientific perspectives and different approaches in the field of education.</p>
Brief History	<p>Established as an informal interest organisation in 1997 after many years as an informal network for educational development in higher education.</p> <p>Gained formal status in 2003.</p>
Membership types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual membership 1000 SEK/year - 239 members 2023 - Newsletter, webpage, thematic days free of charge, subsidised fee for writing retreat and courses
Legal Structure	<p>A non-profit organisation</p>
Governance / Operating Structure*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The executive committee is elected for two years: and consist of 5-8 members including the chair. - No administrative support - A working group to drive the issue of a national body with the task of supporting higher education development nationally is related to the executive committee.
Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member fees - Conference fees - Government support for special activities in 2022 and 2023
Activities** Detail separately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conferences, - Thematic days, - Course for new educational developers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course in strategic educational development for educational developers - Writing retreats, - Lobbying
Publications	Swednet contributes to the funding of the open journal <i>Högre utbildning</i> https://hogreutbildning.se/index.php/hu and the pod Högskolepedagogisk spaning https://pod.space/hogskolepedagogiskspaning-1
Special initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National cooperation on educational qualification systems - Equivalent requirements for teaching qualifications at all Swedish HE institutions - Stimulate higher education research and lobbying for funding - Strategic development of e-learning in HE - Further development of inclusive and student-centered higher education
Connections/collaborations with other networks, agencies, etc	<p>Collaboration with national and international organisations such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUHF - The Association of Swedish Higher Education Institutions http://www.suhf.se/inenglish • SFS - The Swedish National Union of Students https://www.sfs.se/swedish-national-union-students-0 • ITHU - Information Technology in Higher Education http://ithu.se/ (in Swedish) • National/Nordic network for Problem-based Learning in HE http://pblnetwork.ning.com/ (in Swedish) • INCLUDE – National network for inclusion and widening participation http://www.include.nu/?page_id=1626 • Nordic-Baltic Network in Higher Education Development https://www.facebook.com/groups/152124738192599/ • SULF – The Academic Teachers’ Union https://sulf.se/en/
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