



COOMPANION

Cooperatives build a better world



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This is Coompanion

- **An enterprise supporting organization** working for more and stronger cooperative enterprises, local development, and a vibrant social economy.
- **Creates social value and local development** through cooperative entrepreneurship and other collaborative solutions.
- Owned and **governed** by a broad membership base (organizations, private companies, and public-sector entities; including 130 municipalities and a majority of Sweden's regions).
- **120 employees across 25 autonomous Coompanion regions**
- **30 years of experience – 10,000 cooperative enterprises**



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How we work

We support people who want to realize ideas together, through cooperative start-up and social economy development. We do this mainly through:

- Free advice and information to citizens
- Business development and training for social economy actors
- Method development, innovation and development projects



Contribute to solutions for societal challenges.

Food preparedness



Sustainable energy



Housing



Welfare



Rural development



***Innovative solutions for
a vibrant rural
development***



Servicecentrum - Övre Bygden

A cooperative that has worked since 1996 to provide both commercial and public services to small villages across several municipalities in the geographical area known as “Övre Bygden.”

It operates a grocery store and offers a range of services that complement the retail business and contribute to economic sustainability—such as home care services, a local service hub, child care transportation and a taxi service.





Mötesplats Stöcke

Mötesplats Stöcke is driven by residents who have taken the future into their own hands. Through a cooperative, they operate and develop Mötesplats Stöcke, a 2,500-square-meter facility featuring a sports hall, gym, coworking space, restaurant, unmanned grocery store, and more.

Everything is underpinned by sustainability, collaboration, and local benefit. The cooperative model makes it possible to pool resources, ideas, and commitment to create a place where people want to live, work, and connect.



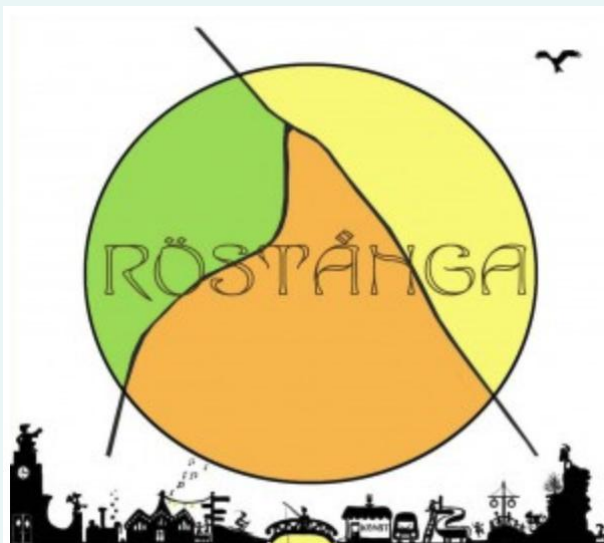


Tvärålund

They are the rural cooperative that got the train to stop, the company to relocate to the village, and the migration trends to reverse. A community cooperative in a small village of about 500 inhabitants secured funding for a new train platform. New families have moved in, house prices have risen, and it has also become easier for residents to obtain loans for renovations and extensions.

They run an activity center, new housing, elderly care facilities, a car-sharing pool, and the development of schools, childcare, and other local services for both practical needs and leisure. Finally, recently the community cooperative secured a long-term contract from a multinational business - creating surplus allocating directly to the development of the village.





Röstånga

The cooperative Röstånga Tillsammans manages rental apartments, the station building, a restaurant, a preschool/primary school, an art gallery, and other facilities that drive local development. All revenue from the operations is reinvested entirely in the local community.





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A committed, locally rooted actor



***Co-owned
solar park***



Austerland Energy

One of many new energy communities established in rural areas of Sweden.



*The store owned
collectively by the
entire community*



Ramsbergs Handel

When the last shop in Ramsberg closed down, the villagers faced a crucial choice: accept the loss of local services—or take matters into their own hands.

The result was Ramsbergs Handel, an unmanned village store jointly owned by over 300 committed members through a cooperative society.



*Together, they are
building the housing
of the future in
Gerlesborg.*



Hogslätts Vänboende

When housing prices rose and both young and old risked being priced out of Gerlesborg, a group of passionate individuals decided to create an alternative.

The result was Hogslätts Vänboende, a cooperative rental housing association where members own and manage their own homes—free from speculation and driven by a great deal of heart.





***Building it ourselves –
together.***

Egnahemsfabriken

Egnahemsfabriken has just over 200 members, and membership is open to anyone wishing to use the association's services and established infrastructure—a valuable resource for self-builders, or rather, "co-builders."

