

## The Innovation Barometer Questionnaire – Census Survey

The questionnaire is sent to all municipalities, regions, county councils and state authorities. Here, we'll use Mittköping Municipality as an example.

The questionnaire is aimed at Mittköping Municipality. When you have finished answering the questionnaire, you will have the opportunity to email the questionnaire, including your answers, to an email address of your choice. You can take a break from answering the questions, and come back later by clicking on the questionnaire link in the email again. You'll need to wait for 15 minutes between these occasions. All answers that you've given before are saved when you click on the 'Next' button and move to the next page. Please note that you may get different follow-up questions depending on your previous answers.

### Introduction

There are different ways to define innovation. Here, what we mean by innovation is a new or significantly changed way of improving the activities and results of the workplace. An innovation can be a:

- new or significantly changed process or way of organising work
- new or significantly changed way of communicating
- new or significantly changed product
- new or significantly changed service

### 1. Does the municipality have an innovation strategy?

*By innovation strategy, we mean a governing document for work with innovation. This can be politically adopted, or decided on by civil servants. It should include the whole organisation or cover most of the operations.*

- Yes (go to Q2)
- No (go to Q4)
- Don't know (go to Q10)

### 2. How was the innovation strategy adopted?

- Political decision
- On a civil servant level
- Don't know

### 3. When was the innovation strategy adopted?

Droplist; Before 2015, 2015...2018

**4. You have said that the municipality does not have an innovation strategy. Do you work actively with innovation in the municipality?**

- Yes (go to Q5)
- No (go to Q10)

**5. To what extent have the below factors contributed to you working with innovation in the municipality?**

Not at all      Fairly small      Fairly big      Very big      Don't know

Needs and expectations of those we are here for  
Societal challenges that require us to work in a different way  
Demands for money-saving and streamlining  
The desire to be an attractive employer  
Ideas and initiatives from employees and managers in the municipality  
Demands and expectations from political management  
New legislation and rules

*Free text question*

**5.1 Is there any other factor that has contributed to you working with innovation in the municipality?**

**6. What focus does innovation work in the municipality have?**

*You may indicate several options*

- Developing tools for innovation
- Strengthening employees' knowledge concerning innovations
- Developing management that promotes innovation
- Developing the municipality's meeting points and collaborations for innovation, and cooperation with other parties
- Strengthening the municipality's role as an innovative customer
- International exchange of solutions, methods, competencies, etc.
- Other (please describe, free text)
- Don't know

**7. Does the municipality have a central function that coordinates work with innovation? Here, we are referring to overall work**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**8. How is overall work with innovation in the municipality financed?**

*You may indicate several options*

- Own centrally controlled budget
- Financing via the operations' budgets
- Externally financed
- Don't know

**9. You have said that the work is completely or partially externally financed. Who has contributed to the financing of overall innovation work?**

*You may indicate several options*

- Private means
- Public, Swedish support systems/grants/funds
- Foreign funds (e.g. the EU, Scandinavia, etc.)
- Other (please state source)
- Don't know

**10. To what extent have the below factors made the development of innovations easier in the municipality over the past two years?**

Not at all      Fairly small      Fairly big      Very big      Don't know

Access to financing for new innovations

Access to competence, such as expert knowledge

Time to work with innovations

Collaboration within the organisation with the purpose of developing innovations

Collaboration with parties outside the organisation with the purpose of developing innovations

Methods, tools or processes intended to support work with innovation

A clear idea or goal that describes what the work with innovation should lead to

Express support from top management or politicians

A culture that promotes experimentation and risk-taking

A culture that is characterised by trust

*Free text question:*

**11. Is there any other factor that has facilitated the development of innovations?**

*Free text question:*

**12. In the municipality, what do you think has been the biggest challenge for the development of innovations over the past two years?**

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire! If you have any further comments or views, we are happy to receive them here:

Please state the email address that you want your filled-out questionnaire to be sent to.

Send the answers.