

# Värmland

  
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## About Region Värmland:



Region Värmland is a public body responsible for promoting regional development in Värmland. The general aims are to create competitiveness and sustainable growth through initiating, coordinating and supporting regional development. The organisation consists of 16 municipalities and the County Council of Värmland. It's governed by 49 elected members and a board of 13 politicians.

## Energy Agency of Värmland:

The Energy Agency of Värmland is part of Region Värmland and the coordinator for ASPIRE-activities in Värmland. It has a partnership with Karlstad University, Värmland County's enterprises and the communities at large, while a close collaboration with municipal energy advisors represents an important cornerstone for its work. The agency is working together with other national and European energy agencies. Exchanging ideas and experiences to and from international partners will enhance the quality of the Energy Agency's work.

## Municipalities:

The region consists of 16 municipalities. The largest in area is Torsby and the smallest is Hammarö. Of these 16 municipalities are 14 participating in the ASPIRE project. These municipalities are:

Eda	<a href="http://www.eda.se">www.eda.se</a>
Filipstad	<a href="http://www.filipstad.se">www.filipstad.se</a>
Forshaga	<a href="http://www.forshaga.se">www.forshaga.se</a>
Grums	<a href="http://www.grums.se">www.grums.se</a>
Hagfors	<a href="http://www.hagfors.se">www.hagfors.se</a>
Hammarö	<a href="http://www.hammaro.se">www.hammaro.se</a>
Kil	<a href="http://www.kil.se">www.kil.se</a>
Kristinehamn	<a href="http://www.kristinehamn.se">www.kristinehamn.se</a>
Munkfors	<a href="http://www.munkfors.se">www.munkfors.se</a>
Sunne	<a href="http://www.sunne.se">www.sunne.se</a>



Storfors [www.storfors.se](http://www.storfors.se)  
Säffle [www.saffle.se](http://www.saffle.se)  
Torsby [www.torsby.se](http://www.torsby.se)  
Årjäng [www.arjang.se](http://www.arjang.se)

## Regional Facts & Figures:

Population : 273 500 inhabitants. Area: 19 388 km<sup>2</sup>. There is an average of 15.7 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>: lots of space!

## Some energy facts about Värmland County:

The total energy consumption of Värmland County is about 18 TWh. The proportion of renewable energy is estimated to be around 8 TWh, which equals around 44% of the total energy use. This renewable energy consists of biomass and hydroelectric power, which is generated in the county.



The ambition of Värmland County is to further increase the use of renewable energy and the rational use of energy. A wind park in Lake Vänern, which will produce 100 GWh/yr, is planned to be built and discussions about the increase of district heating on biomass are taking place in several communities.



In Värmland County there is a substantial amount of experience in small and medium-scale renewable energy projects the region wants to share with others while at the same time the region would to learn from experiences in other countries.

## Värmland's aims within the ASPIRE project:

Region Värmland, as the common organisation of the municipalities and the county council for matters concerning regional development, has stated that the ASPIRE-project can contribute to a decreasing dependency on oil-products and an increasing energy efficiency and use of sustainable energy sources within the counties communities. It considers the international cooperation as an additional value to achieve the region's environmental targets.

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