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Introduction

- A New Economic Order based on Globalization and Localization
- The Role of Nation-State, Industry, and University
- National Innovation System
- Regional Innovation System: Key Factor for National Competitiveness and Sustainable Development

Theoretical Background

• Traditional Innovation Theory: Linear Model, Chain-Linked Model

 Modern Innovation Theory: Innovation as Technical and Social Process, Learning Economy, Cluster as Systemic Innovation, Innovative Milieu

National Innovation System

- The Agency for Innovation System (VINNOVA)
- Major Tasks: Initiatives of R & D Activities, Financial Support, Analysis of Innovation System, International Cooperation for R & D Activities
- 25 R & D Programs, over 1,700 Projects Carried out until 2003
- Main Actors and Co-operative System: Universities and Research Institutes, Firms, Government
- Results: Strong National Competitiveness (Table 1 & 2), High Investment of R & D Activities, Low Contribution to Economic Growth (Fig.1 & 2)

Table 1: World Growth Competitiveness (2003-2004)Table 2: World Business Competitiveness (2003-2004)

Country	Growth Competitive -ness 2003	Growth Competitive -ness 2002
Finland	1	1
USA	2	2
Sweden	3	3
Denmark	4	4
Taiwan	5	6
Singapore	6	7
Switzer- land	7	5
Iceland	8	12
Norway	9	8
Australia	10	10

Country	Business Competitive- ness 2003	Business Competitive- ness 2002
Finland	1	2
USA	2	1
Sweden	3	6
Denmark	4	8
Germany	5	4
UK	6	3
Switzerland	7	5
Singapore	8	9
Netherlands	9	7
France	10	15

Figure 1: Average Growth Rate of GNP in Major Nations (1990 – 1999)



Source: OECD, Science and Technology Index Scoreboard, 2001

Amount of investment in GNP (1/10%) Hall Normal Horway Hand Japan many France Hand JSA Korea weden

Figure 2: Average Investment of R & D in Relation to GNP (1990 – 1999)

Source: OECD, Science and Technology Index Scoreboard, 2001

Regional Innovation System in Sweden

- Developed mainly in Innovative Clusters
- Cluster Policy Conducted with Competitive Policy, Tax Policy, Education Policy etc.
- Innovative Cluster: A Process –Oriented Way of Working for National and Regional Development
- Eight National and Nine Regional Clusters in 2001, and 18 national and 14 regional clusters in 2005 (planning) (Table 3)

 Table 3: National and Regional Clusters in Sweden

	National Clusters	Regional Clusters		
Existing	IT/ Telecom IT/ Mobile Internet Paper and pulp industry Steel/ raw materials industry Health and medical care industries Trucks and busses Biotech Technical aids	Furniture design industry (Småland)Industrial automation (Mälardalen)Medical technology (Eastern centralSweden)Packaging (Skåne)Aerospace (Östergötland)Power industry (Eastern central Sweden)Cutting technology (Småland)LCD technology (Dalarna)Automotive test industry (Norrbotten)		
Potential	Geriatric care Children's play, learning and environment Interactive learning Bio informatics Environmental management Music industry Green energy Smart homes Vehicle safety Specialized textile and clothing industry	Audiovisual (Fyrbodal) Functional Food (Skåne) Satellites and communication (Kiruna) Woodworking business (Västerbotten) Creative and experience industries (Mälardalen)		

Source: The County Administrative Board of Södermanland, Charting Södermanland's Cluster, 1999 - 46 -

Regional Cluster Strategies and Policies

- Regional Clusters Regarded as Strategic Initiatives
- Requirement of Strong Support in Public Sectors: Promoting a growth policy, maximizing the use of research contributions, monitoring the market functions
- Policies: a systematic cluster analysis, striving for interplaying between actors, coordinating resources, assuring synergy effects

Geographical Patterns of Clusters and Policy Measures

A. Geographical patterns

- *Geographical specialization*: low movement of people, little income differences, medium growth
- *Geographical concentration*: high movement of people little income differences, high growth
- *Geographical polarization*: low movement of people, high income differences, high growth

B. Policy measures

- Education for labor force
- Regulation of local tax system
- Labor market
- Income flexibility
- Welfare system for unemployment

Regional Clusters

- Successful factors of regional clusters
- See fig.1

- B. Needs for cluster locomotive
- Coordination based on dialogue among actors
- Integration focused on horizontal structure: hierarchical order regarded as immature in a network society
- Entrepreneurs as grass-root leaders and local leaders

C. Roles of cluster locomotive

• See fig.2

Figure 1: Successful factors in regional clusters



Source: Author's own adaptation

Figure 2: Roles of cluster engine



Source: Author's own adaptation

Analysis on Clusters and Innovation System

 An analysis of linkages, specialized skills and products and strategies (a macro level) (See table 4, 5)

• An analysis of Swedish innovation system based on the 2003 innovation scoreboard in the EU (See table 6, Fig. 3)

Table 4: Analysis on Clusters on Detailed Levels

Level	Direction	Contents
Macro	Linkages between businesses	Economic structure
		Specialized pattern
Meso	Linkages within and between	Analysis on strength, weakness, and
	businesses	possibility
		Benchmarking on business level
Micro	Linkages between suppliers	Company development
	around core companies	Management of process chains
		Technological system

N a m e	Location	Core Products	S trategies	Pattern of Cluster
			-	Organization
A utom otive	N orrbotten	Offering	Promoting and	Cooperation
testing cluster		infrastructure	spreading	between cluster
-		for testing of	knowledge about	organization and a
		autom otive	automobiles and	non-profit
		and related	components as	association, the
		com ponents	w ell as	Swedish Proving
			developing the	Ground
			autom otive	Association
			testing industry	
Biotech	U m e å	Biotech/	Close contacts	No formal cluster
cluster		m edicine,	with university	organization,
		laboratory	research	dense networks
		instrum ents	environm ents	between Umeå
				University and a
				number of
				research centres
W oodworking	V ästerbotten	W oodworking	Developing an	Cluster
cluster		products	effective wood	organization
		_	in d u s tr y	
C rystal	D alarn a/	LCD-related	Strengthening the	Cooperation of the
V alle y	Borlänge	products	Crystal Valley	Swedish LCD
	_	_	brand and	Centre and
			becoming a	industry research
			global centre in	in stitu te
			display research	
TIM E	Stockholm	Telecom, IT,	Strengthening the	Cluster
		Media and	TIM E brand	organization
		Entertainm ent		-
IDEA Plant	Sörm land/	Design, arts	Achieving global	Cluster
	E skilstuna		recognition for	organization
			creativity in	-
			inform ation	
			design	

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Rock city	H ultsfred	Music related	D eveloping a	No formal cluster
		activities and	national knowledge	organization,
		digital m edia	node in areas of	cluster centred
			music and digital	around IUC
			m edia	Hultsfred and
				companies of the
				Rock city
				in itiativ e
A u d i o v i s u a l	V ästra	A u d i o v i s u a l	Strengthening the	Cluster
cluster	Götaland	and video	Fyrbodal brand and	organization (Film
0105101	Gotaland	businesses	becoming more	in W est)
		0 4 5111 6 5 5 6 5	competitive by	
			attracting	
~ .			activities	
C uttin g	Gnosjö	Plastics,	Becoming a	Cluster
Technology	region	polymers,	national centre of	organization
C entre		products in	polymers and	
		c u t t i n g	cutting technology,	
		processes	raising the level of	
			specialized skills	
			and expertise	
T h e	Småland/	A lum inium	Strengthening a	C luster
Kingdom of	Blekinge		regional brand of	organization based
alum inium	C		the Kingdom of	on mem berships
			alum inium,	
			im proving	
			specialized skills	
			and expertise	
			related to	
Telecom	K arlskrona	IT and telecom	alum in ium	Cluster
	K ariskrona	11 and telecom	Becoming a leading	
C ity			developm ent	organization based
			environm ent	on memberships
			focused on	
			telecom m unications	
M edicon	The	Pharm aceuticals	Making an	Cluster
V alle y	Ö resund	and medical	attractiv e	organization,
	region	tech n o log y	international brand	Medicon Valley
	-			A cadem y financed
				by association

Indicator	EU leaders			USA	Japan
S & E graduates/ 20-29 years	21.7(IE)	19.6(FR)	19.5(UK)	10.2	N.A.
Population with tertiary education	32.4(FI)	29.4(UK)	28.1(BE)	37.2	33.8
Population in lifelong learning	22.3(UK)	18.9(FI)	18.4(DK)	N.A.	N.A.
Employment in med/high-tech manufacturing	11.36(DE)	7.39(FI)	7.37(IT)	N.A.	N.A.
Employment in high-tech services	5.23(SE)	4.74(DK)	4.74(FI)	N.A.	N.A.
Public R & D/ GDP	1.02(FI)	0.96(SE)	0.82(NL)	0.76	0.81
Business R & D/ GDP	3.31(SE)	2.47(FI)	1.76(DE)	2.04	2.28
High-tech EPO patents/ population	136.1(FI)	100.9(SE)	68.8(NL)	57.0	44.9
High-tech USPTO patents/ population	47.3(SE)	41.6(FI)	22.7(DK)	91.9	80.0
EPO patents/ population	366.6(SE)	337.8(FI)	309.9(DK)	169.8	174.7
USPTO patents/ population	213.7(SE)	156.1(FI)	147.4(DE)	322.5	265.2
SMEs innovating in-house- manufacturing	55.1(DE)	46.2(BE)	42.5(NL)	N.A.	N.A.
SMEs innovating in-house-services	43.9(DE)	39.6(LU)	37.6(PT)	N.A.	N.A.
Innovation cooperation-manufacturing SMEs	22.0(FI)	18.9(DK)	14.1(SE)	N.A.	N.A.
Innovation cooperation-services SMEs	18.3(FI)	12.8(SE)	12.7(DK)	N.A.	N.A.

Innovation expenditures-manufacturing	6.42(SE)	4.92(BE)	4.71(DE)	N.A.	N.A.
Innovation expenditures-services	19.11(SE)	2.66(PT)	1.64(DE)	N.A.	N.A.
High-tech venture capital share	71.2(IT)	70.7(FR)	57.5(FI)	N.A.	N.A.
Early stage venture capital/ GDP	0.098(SE)	0.087(FI)	0.080(DK)	0.218	N.A.
Sales new to market products- manufacturing	27.2(FI)	18.7(IT)	16.0(PT)	N.A.	N.A.
Sales new to market products-services	17.9(EL)	13.7(ES)	12.2(FI)	N.A.	N.A.
Sales new to firm products-manufacturing	40.3(DE)	32.1(SE)	31.1(FI)	N.A.	N.A.
Sales new to firm products-services	37.1(EL)	26.4(ES)	23.7(SE)	N.A.	N.A.
Internet access/ use	0.97(SE)	0.93(DK)	0.76(FI)	0.73	0.88
ICT expenditures/ GDP	9.8(SE)	8.6(UK)	8.3(NL)	8.2	9.0
High-tech manufacturing value-added share	30.6(IE)	24.9(FI)	18.8(UK)	23.0	18.7
Volatility rates-manufacturing	16.0(UK)	14.2(ES)	13.3(PT)	N.A.	N.A.
Volatility rates-services	20.4(DK)	20.2(UK)	18.5(NL)	N.A.	N.A.
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Figure 3: Overall Innovation Capability by Summary Innovation Index (SII) Source: Commission of the European Communities, 2003



Conclusions

- A national competitiveness based on the national innovation system
- National and regional clusters closely related with industrial development (Fig. 4)
- Regional clusters and national innovation system strengthening each other in a dynamic interplay
- Improving the efficiency of R & D investment as the highest priority of government's task (Fig. 5)

Figure 4: Regional disparities in GDP per capita in 25 OECD nations Source: OECD's Territorial Development Policy Committee, Geographic concentration and territorial disparity in OECD countries, 2002



Figure 5: Response time of markets to innovative products Source: Tellis, G. J., Stremersch, S, Yin, E. (2003) The international take - off of new products: the role of economics, culture and country innovativeness, Marketing Science 22: 188-208

