

Together against online purchased drugs

Drug- and drugrelated crime prevention in
northern Sweden

developed through the European Drug
Prevention Quality Standards since 2014

We will talk about:

- National context and the role of the coordinator for crime prevention and ANDTS (alcohol, narcotics, doping, tobacco, gaming)
- Background for our project
- What did we do within our project
- How did we use EDPQS (and we use it today as well)
- What did we gain from using EDPQS



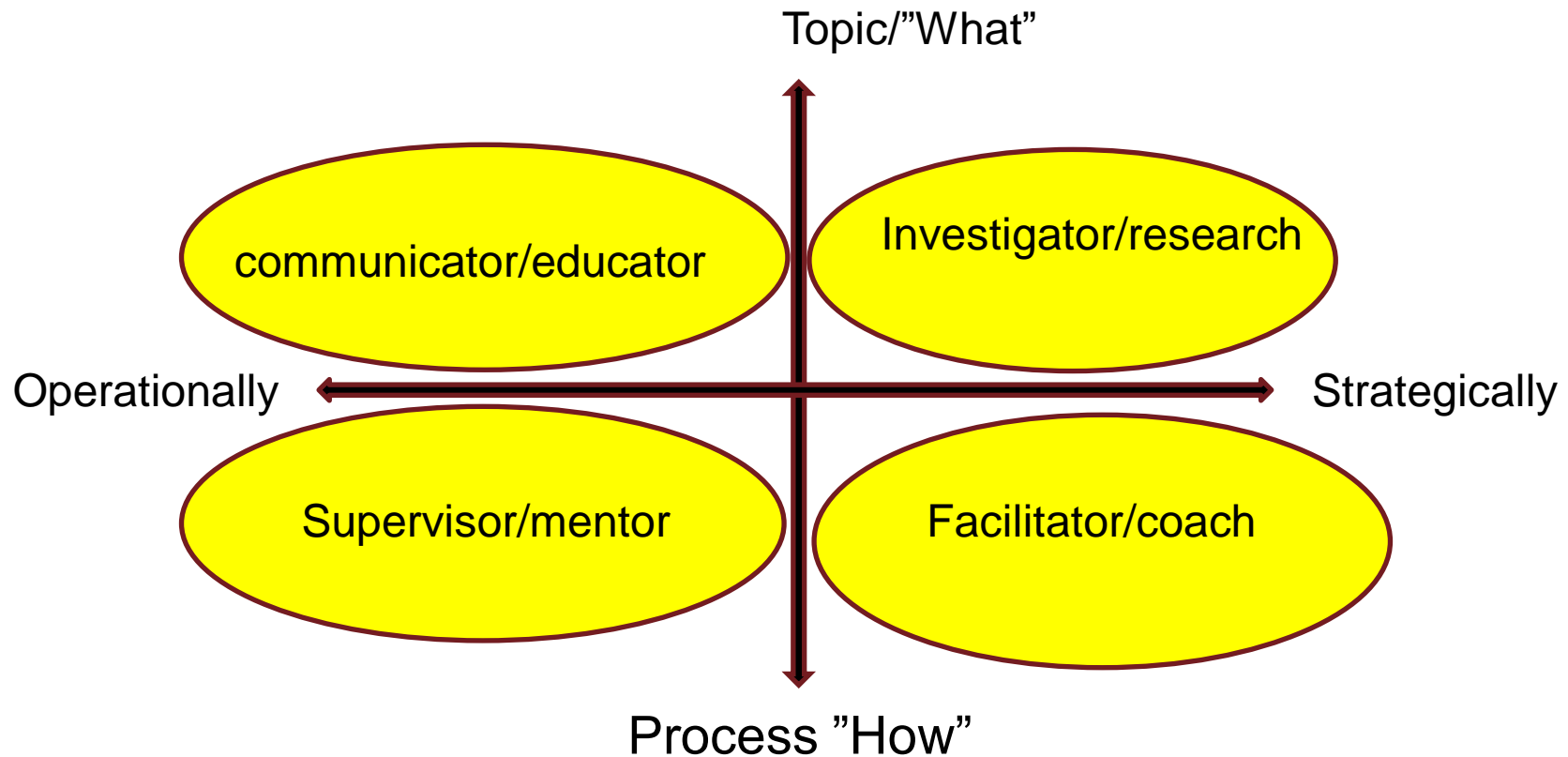
Local and regional authorities responsible for practical implementation

- 21 health care regions
- 21 county administrative boards
- 290 municipalities
- Our county administrative boards cover 52 % of the area in Sweden.
- Jämtland is slightly bigger than Denmark. Västernorrland, approx the size of Slovenia, Andorra and Malta combined. Västerbotten slightly smaller than Croatia. And Norrbotten county – bigger than Portugal and Luxemburg together.

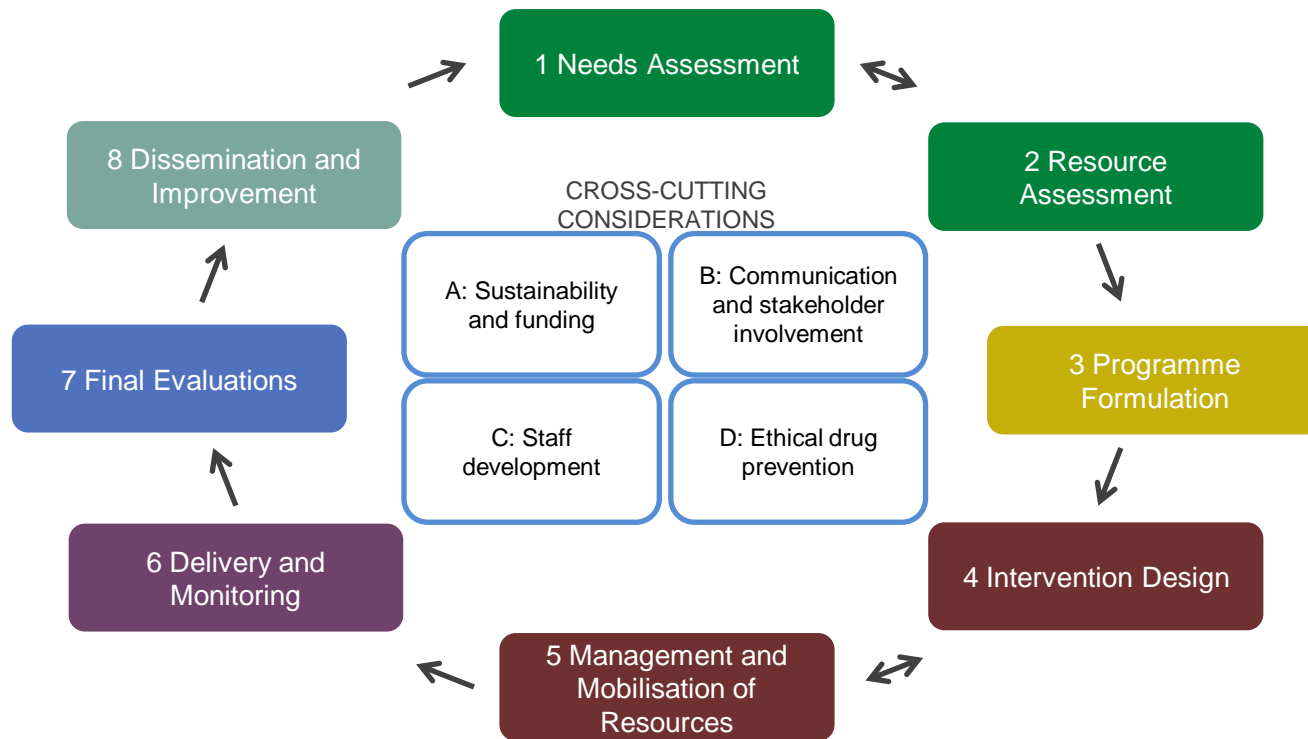
The mission for crime prevention at the county administrative boards since 2018

- Support the development of knowledge- and problem-based local and regional crime prevention work
- Contribute to the development of cooperation and exchange of experience between relevant actors at local and regional level to prevent crime
- Support skills development and joint cross-sectoral training initiatives in the field of crime prevention
- Support and initiate cross-municipal crime prevention measures.

The different roles of coordinator/processleader



The drug prevention project cycle as core structure of the standards



Why are there as much drugs among teenagers in rural areas and small schools, as in bigger schools in bigger cities?

(Cannabisinvestigation 2014, Norrbotten County)

Because the Swedish postal service works everywhere. If you have a mail box, you get deliveries

Internet access is mostly excellent and the population is very used to online shopping due to rural living

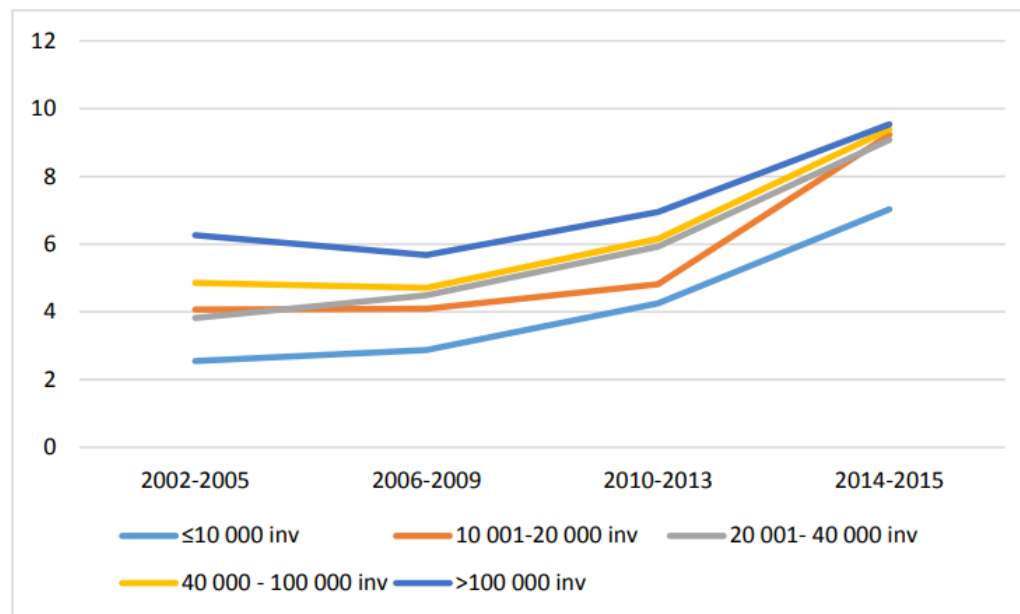




Mail and parcels can be picked up at Coop and similar grocery stores, if too big to fit in the mail box



Drug related deaths per 100 000 inhabitants older than 15 years within municipalities of different sizes 2002-2015



Figur 8a. Antal narkotikarelaterade dödsfall per 100 000 invånare 15 år och äldre enligt Socialstyrelsens s.k. narkotikaindex i fem grupper baserat på kommunens befolkningensmängd 2016 (≤10 000 inv., 10 001–20 000 inv., 20 001–40 000 inv., 40 001–100 000 inv., och >100 000 inv.).

Goal **project**: security for employees + complicate accessibility of drugs

2013 Survey among employess (risksituations, working lonely, no routines, feeling of dealing drugs involuntary e t c)

2014 Project starts (fundamental components of the method: education, dialogue and cooperation, visability)

2015 After interpreting the postal law by help of lawyers, we come to an end: the employess couldn't contact the police if they suspected a mail was containing drugs (integrityreasons according to EU-legislation)

2016 Implementing the method from new circumstances. Project was finished in the end of 2016

Goal **ordinary work**: security staff + opinion formation for changing the postal law

2016 – 2019 Policeresources decreases for working with the method, a few municipalities is working with all components of method.

Letter to departments, meeting with officials of departments, minister of justice, annual conference/meetingplace,

2020 The government decide to investigate a new law that give the employees possibility to contact police if they suspect a mail contain drugs (Ulrika from us participate in national committé)

2021 Survey with old participants in the project showed needs, and interest in working with a similar method

2022 New law underway that give the personell possibility to contact the police when they suspect drugs in mail or parcels.

We are preparing for a modified method that could help the implementation of the new law

How did we work with EDPQS

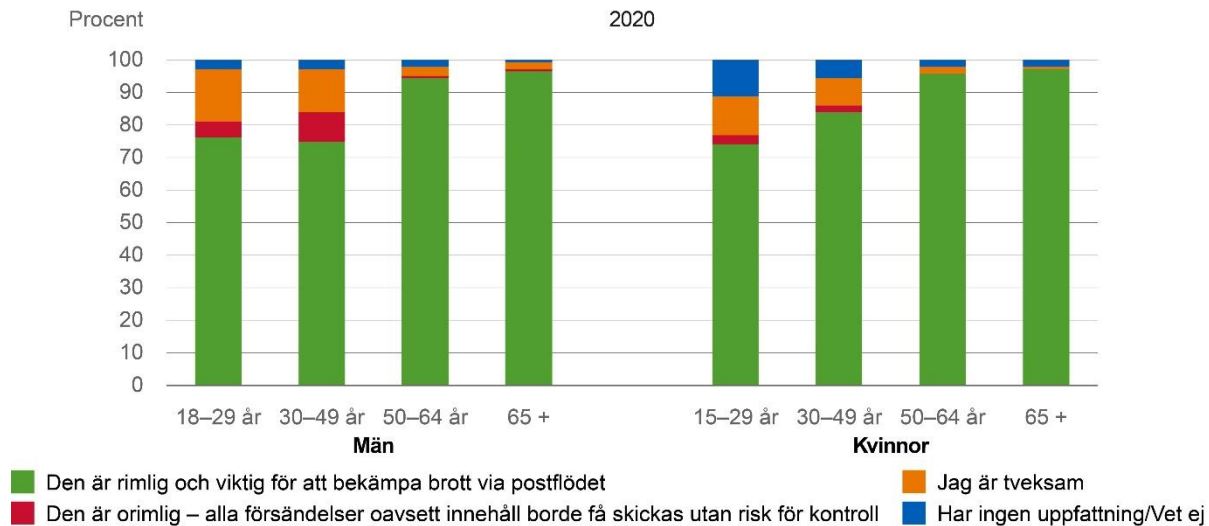
- We all had some fundamental education in EDPQS
- Meeting with EDPQS-consultant a few times during the projecttime
- Excelsheets that we filled in before meeting
- Reflection through EDPQS (when meetings went in circles)

Factors to success

- Involve the key players and main target group in the process of developing the method and change of law – important to motivate them and feel commitment to work
- We conducted two nationwide surveys

National polls 2015 and 2020 to investigate and show levels of public support for updated legislation

Idag pågår en utredning för att ändra postlagen, för att ge tull och polis bättre möjligheter att kontrollera försändelser som kan innehålla narkotika i postflödet. Hur ser du på en sådan lagändring?



The national poll becomes a news on the national broadcast



Mats Burman, Länsstyrelsen i Norrbotten, vill att postlagen ändras för att få stopp på droghandeln via postflödet. Foto: Mattias Larsson, SVT/TT

Starkt stöd för hårdare lagar mot nättdroger – vill låta polisen gå igenom privat post

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E-education and film about how to use QS in Sweden by the National Public Health Agency– we´re the example



The QS implementations effects

- Quality of the implementation and maintenance of the method
- The four considerations add value to the work
- We have gained the trust of our target groups and co-actors
- Six years after the project we are still working with the model and soon we can implement!