

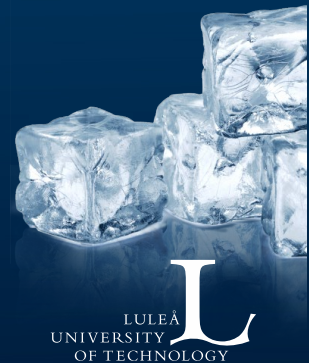


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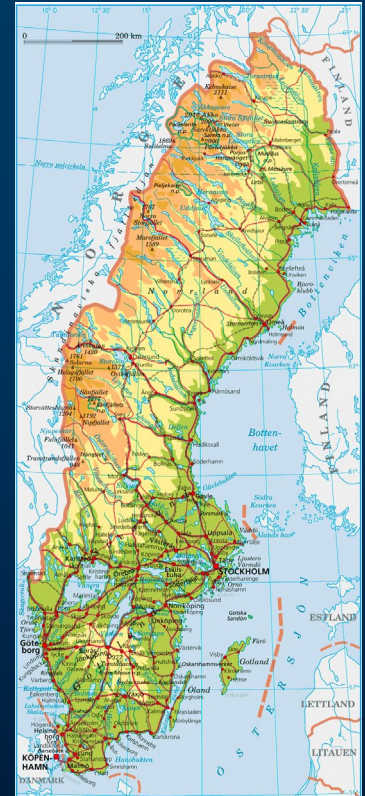


LIFE BEFORE SWARMA

**THE SWEDISH NETWORK FOR
ACADEMIC EU-ADMINISTRATORS**

THE NETWORK – WHAT IS IT?

- The network consists of EU-administrators from universities from all over Sweden, 25 higher education organisations
- The term EU-administrator is here used as a collective term for several professions and titles
- Restricted group; no participants from for example funding bodies or private companies
- Non-formal, build on interest and voluntary work = no administration, no funding
- Representatives from the network in reference groups/programme shadow committees etc





THE 1ST MEETING FOR EU-ADMINISTRATORS UPPSALA, 7 – 9 FEBRUARY 1994

Academia represented by Uppsala, Chalmers, KTH, Linköping, Stockholm, Luleå, SLU, University College Örebro and KB (National Library) and some public authorities

Purpose: to exchange experiences and competence to the benefit of all



THE 2ND EU-ADMINISTRATORS NETWORK MEETING GOTHENBURG, 17 NOVEMBER 1995



Gothenburg, November 17, 1995

THE SWEDISH NETWORK FOR EU-ADMINISTRATORS

Annual meetings since 1996. Some year in the beginning two times a year, of which one maybe abroad, most often in Brussels

The network has also arranged training courses for our own development and often inviting other national stakeholders to our annual meetings

In 1995 EARMA was established. An European Network for EU-administrators

UNITE mailing list, moderated by Bert Bohlander at Technical University Delft became a model for the Swedish mailing list, through which we communicate and socialize on a daily bases

The mailing list is today the core of our network and activity





NETWORK MEETINGS – FOR KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION, DISCUSSIONS

- Approx. 80-100 participants from the network at the meetings, last F2F meeting in 2019 Stockholm University attracted 160 participants
- Rotates between member organisations, try to get a geographical diversity so that sometimes you do not need to travel that far...
- The host organisation makes the practical arrangements and participants cover their own expenses, pay a conference fee to cover costs for the host
- As preparation for network meetings: suggestions on the mailing list for topics to and on who to invite as speaker

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- Really important also to meet one another in person – especially for knowledge exchange in an informal way. Always lunch – lunch meeting to have time for a social event in the evening
- The symbol for the host of the meeting to have it temporary and pass it for the next meeting host; the glass troll (goblin?)!





SUCCESS FACTORS FOR THE NETWORK

We do it the informal way...

- The lack of administration that goes with a network not dependent on funding is liberating
- The huge collected knowledge and competence within the network, provided by its members, is the best asset we could ask for
- The transparency and openness within the network is necessary for our communication and the active participation by members
- The network has lasted for long, and will live on for one reason in particular – the members need it!

SWARMA CREATION



SWARMA

SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Since the late 1990s, there has been a national network of research administrators working with EU funding (EU FoU) at Swedish higher education institutions



Since about 2010 another network of research administrators working with Swedish funding.

Both of these networks have largely been based on email lists

The two networks largely overlapped and in December 2018 it was decided to merge the networks.



In October 2019, through a voting procedure at Swedish higher education institutions, we have **decided to structure our network and forms of collaboration.**



This is partly because our profession has grown and **continues to grow**, partly because the need for specialist knowledge in different areas has increased and that there are no external forum to drive our professional and competence development.

We have also noticed in contact with colleagues from other countries that in most comparable countries there are **clearer forms and structures** for the type of interaction; cooperation and training that we have tried to pursue within the framework of our networks



- Today the mailing list contains 325 members.
- Still using mailing lists
- Still no membership fees
- Website is hosted by LiU
- Costs for participation in activities by each university
- Next online meeting is on the 10-11 November, 2021 organised by Karlstad University. Elections for new Steering group members.

Steering group for SWARMA

Eva-Lisa Ahnström, Blekinge Institute of Technology
Evelina Brännvall, Luleå University of Technology
Kristina Orbán Meunier, Chalmers
Malin Persson, Örebro University
Martin Lund, Malmö University
Michael Lögdlund, Linköping University
Tabea Dierker, University of Skövde
Ylva Hultman, KTH

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RECOGNITION OF THE PROFESSION IN SWEDEN



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- 🗄️ Databases
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main@SWARMA.group
 En grupp för forskningsrådgivare vid sve
Group Information
 👤 325 Members
 🗃️ 163 Topics, Last Post: Nov 3
 🕒 Started on 11/04/19

Group Email Addresses
 Post: main@SWARMA.groups.io
 Subscribe: [main+subscribe@SWARMA.⚡](mailto:main+subscribe@SWARMA.groups.io)
 Unsubscribe: [main+unsubscribe@SWARMA.⚡](mailto:main+unsubscribe@SWARMA.groups.io)
 Group Owner: [main+owner@SWARMA.⚡](mailto:main+owner@SWARMA.groups.io)
 Help: main+help@SWARMA.groups.io

- Top Hashtags** [See All]
- #the-edison 1
 - #cat-reminders 1
 - #poll 1
 - #cat-edison 1

Message History

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021	3	9	13	13	7	17	5	2	12	9	2	
2020	9	24	11	12	6	5	1	17	5	38	25	8

Subscription
 You are subscribed to this group.

Main Group

SWARMA | main
 En grupp för forskningsrådgivare vid svenska universitet och högskolor
 Created: 11/04/19
 326 Members, 163 Topics, Archive is visible to members only, Restricted, Last Post: Nov 3

Subgroups You Belong To

SWARMA | EUfinansiering
 För alla som jobbar med EU finansiering (ansökningar och projektledning) inom SWARMA.
 Created: 11/04/19
 166 Members, 321 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Nov 2

SWARMA | Etik
 För alla som jobbar med etikfrågor inom SWARMA.
 Created: 11/04/19
 55 Members, 57 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Oct 25

Styrgrupp
 Forum för styrgruppens medlemmar
 Created: 01/22/20
 6 Members, 162 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Restricted, Last Post: Nov 3

SWARMA | SverksInfrastruktur
 För alla som jobbar med svenska finansier (ansökningar och projektledning) inom SWARMA.
 Created: 11/04/19
 107 Members, 29 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Sep 24

SWARMA | referensgrupper
 Subgrupp för SWARMA-representanter i referensgrupper för Horisont Europa
 Created: 06/15/20
 31 Members, 36 Topics, Public Archives, Last Post: Nov 2



Group Settings

- 🗄️ All members can post to the group.
- ✓ Posts to this group do not require approval from the moderators.
- 📧 Messages are set to reply to group.
- 🔒 Subscriptions to this group require approval from the moderators
- 🚫 Not listed in the Groups.io directory.
- 🔒 Archive is visible to members only.
- 📖 Wiki is visible to members only.
- 👤 Members can edit their messages.
- 📧 Members can set their subscriptions to no email.

Subgroups You Can Join

- SWARMA | Ekonomer
 För de som jobbar med ekonomfrågor inom SWARMA.
 Created: 11/04/19
 74 Members, 89 Topics, Public Archives, Last Post: Nov 1
- KKStiftelsen
 För alla som jobbar mot KK Stiftelsen (ansökningar och projektledning) inom SWARMA.
 Created: Sep 14
 17 Members, 3 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Oct 28
- USfinansiering
 Nätverk för de som jobbar med US finansiering (ansökningar och projektledning)
 Created: 12/12/19
 39 Members, 18 Topics, Archives Viewable By Parent Group, Last Post: Sep 28
- SWARMA | forskningsinfrastruktur
 Subgrupp för oss som arbetar med forskningsinfrastruktur. Gruppen är ett forum för avstämningar
 Created: 08/21/20
 22 Members, 6 Topics, Public Archives, Last Post: 11/27/20
- SWARMA | kvalitet
 Subgrupp för oss som arbetar med kvalitetsfrågor inom forskning. Gruppen är ett forum för inform
 Created: 08/26/20
 29 Members, 21 Topics, Public Archives, Last Post: Oct 18



LULEÅ
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OF TECHNOLOGY

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?