



Swedish IT Policy and a new regime - what happens now?

Maria Häll & Patrik Fältström

Swedish Government IT Policy and Strategy Group

October 2, 2006

What happens?

- **National election – September 17**
- **We will have a new regime in Sweden**
- **Parliaments opening – October 3**
 - Opened by the King of Sweden at 14:07
- **New government – October 6**
 - Announced at 09:00, change at 12:00
- **Assignment of our IT policy Strategy group ends October 31**

New IT policy?

- Future proof policies
- Concrete IT-policy goals
- Sweden (back) to top position as an IT country
- Competitive and robust IT-infrastructure covering the whole country
- A fully developed and working 24/7 public sector
- Powerful push for IT i school to make everybody able to both use IT as a tool in education, and use IT in other areas than directly IT-related

How?

- **Measurable goals to achieve a fully developed 24/7 public sector**
 - What to achieve in five years
 - Action plan - responsibilities
- **Globalisation – focus on the challenges**
- **Entrepreneurship – new companies, SMEs**
- **Service development – public sector as competent customer and user of new advances e-services**
- **R&D**

Differences?

- **Home-PC reform – windup**
- **Strong national Broadband Strategy – growth, efficiency and quality of life**
 - **Efficient competition (neutrality)**
 - **Future proof IT infrastructure in the whole of Sweden**
 - **Regulation – distinct “rules of the game”**
 - **Support real competition and openness to stimulate also small players entering the market**
 - **Regulate the new broadband networks in parity to the situation today with new open business models instead of only deregulation of the incumbent**

Links:

- **Swedish IT Policy**
 - <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2156/a/20015>
- **IT Policy and Strategy Group**
 - <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2156/a/22411>
- **Summary of the Government Bill 2004/05:175, From an IT policy for society to a policy for the IT society**
 - <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2025/a/51790>
- **Development of IT infrastructure - action to increase access throughout Sweden**
 - <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2025/a/18450>
- **Maria Häll <maria.hall@industry.ministry.se>**
- **Patrik Fältström <paf@cisco.com>**