

# SUSTAINABILITY

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The good life requires sustainable development, both now and for future generations.

Region Västra Götaland is one of the largest employers in the country. This means that we can make a real difference in the transition to a sustainable future. We will commit to that now, in all our decisions and services.

Our goals are ambitious, and they require us to do everything we can – for our planet and for every human being.

Together we will make a difference.



# AGENDA 2030 – UN'S GLOBAL GOALS

The UN's 17 global sustainability goals in Agenda 2030 are the most ambitious sustainability goals the world has ever committed to. Sweden is well ahead in the transition, but much work remains to be done.

As a social stakeholder, Region Västra Götaland will act as a forerunner for sustainable development in Sweden and the rest of the world.

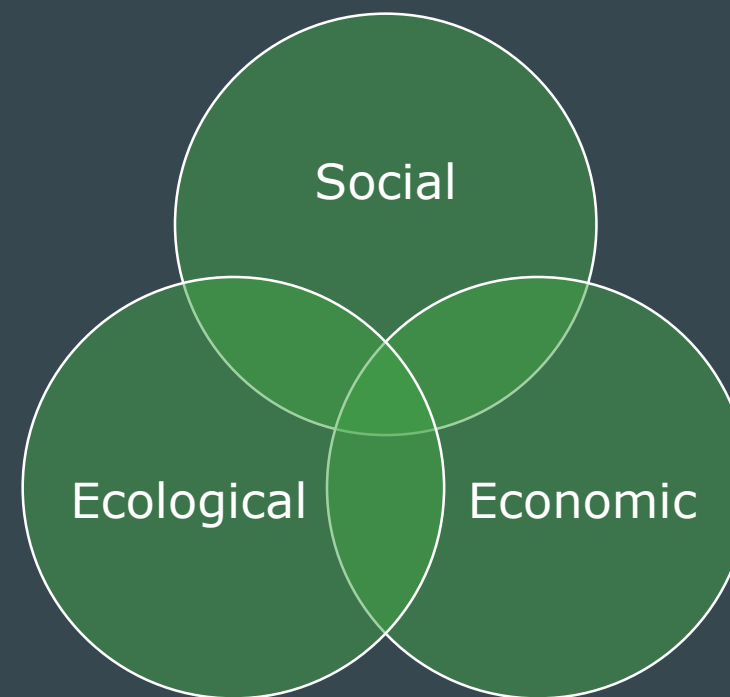


# SUSTAINABILITY – AN INDIVISIBLE WHOLE



In order to realize our vision of “The Good Life” for today and for future generations in Västra Götaland, we must strengthen all three dimensions of sustainability – the ecological, the social and the economic – all of which form an indivisible whole.

They are indivisible because they are connected to and dependent on each other.



## REGION VÄSTRA GÖTALAND SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

- Resource-efficient and non-toxic
- Low climate impact
- Biodiversity promotion
- Environmental management

- Good health and well-being
- Equality and equal rights
- Trust, security and participation

### AGENDA 2030



# SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

## – FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING

Every human has the right to the best possible health and well-being.

Equality, participation, transparency and accountability will be at the heart of our work and decisions.

No person will be left behind.

### GOALS FOR SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

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## We promote good health and well-being

### To achieve this, we will:

- Promote a healthy upbringing and the pursuit of studies.
- Promote healthy ageing and combat involuntary loneliness.
- Promote positive mental health and prevent suicides.
- Promote healthy lifestyle habits and a sustainable working life.



## We work towards equality and equal rights

### To achieve this, we will:

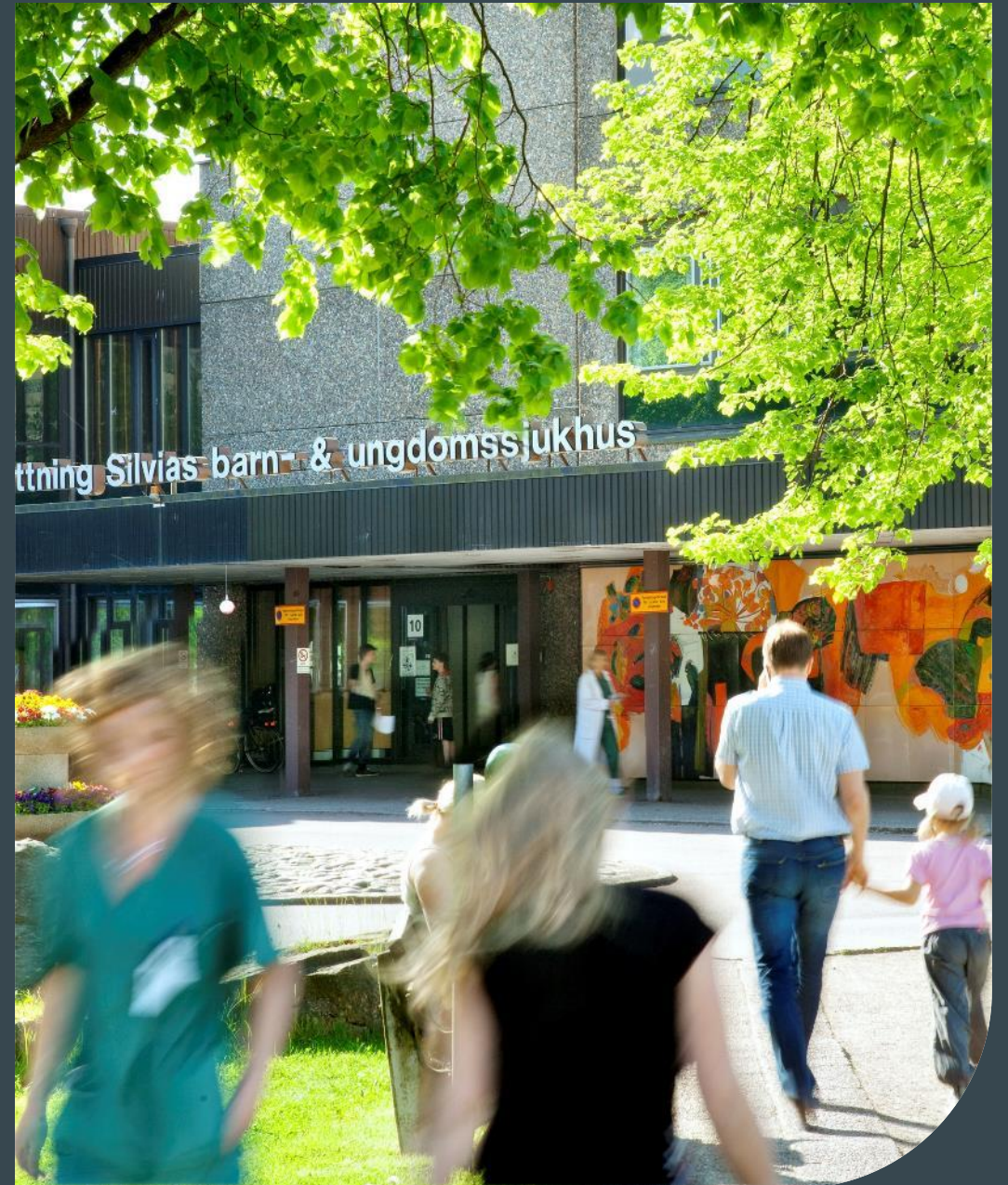
- Promote information about equality and human rights.
- Identify and analyze unfair differences.
- Drive for accessible and inclusive activities.



## We create trust, security and participation

### To achieve this, we will:

- Ensure that we are an accountable and transparent organization.
- Ensure freedom from violence, threats, abuse and coercion.
- Promote co-creation and dialogue.



# ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

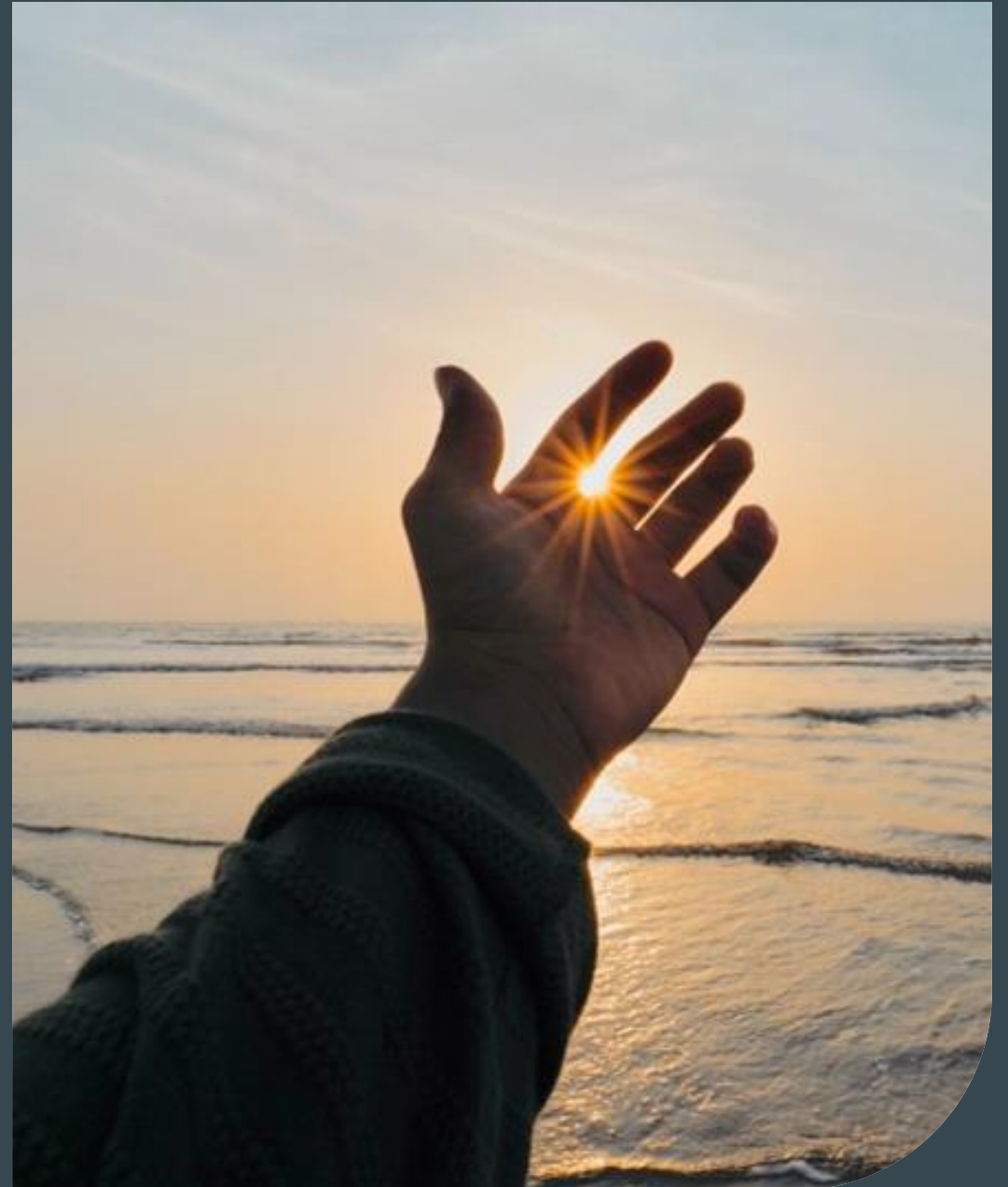
## – FOR OUR PLANET

Everything we do in Region Västra Götaland, from overall strategies to day-to-day work, makes us responsible to protect the environment.

Environmental impacts – global and local alike – should always matter.

### GOALS FOR ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

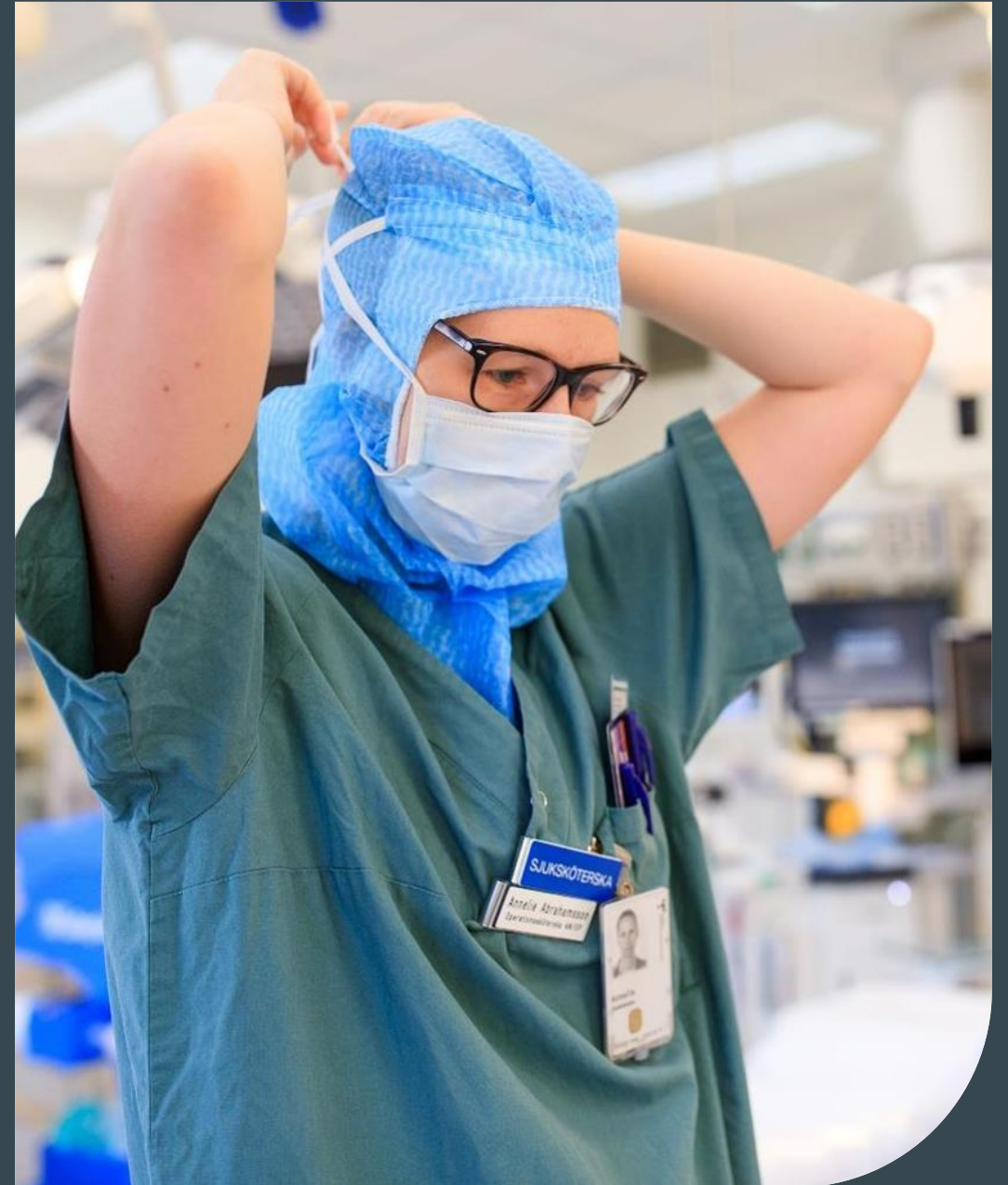
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## Our work is resource-efficient and non-toxic

### To achieve this, we will:

- Use more bio-based and recycled materials and reusable products.
- Reduce dangerous substances in chemicals and materials.
- Halve our energy consumption.
- Use more self-generated solar energy.
- Use circular construction materials with lesser environmental impacts.
- Reduce the environmental impact from pharmaceuticals.



## We transition to having a low climate impact

### To achieve this, we will:

- Halve the climate impact from textile, plastic and metal products.
- Halve the climate impact from construction.
- Establish sustainable financial activities.
- Reduce the climate impact from food.
- Establish fossil-free transports and sustainable travel.



## We promote biodiversity and ecosystems

### To achieve this, we will:

- Promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystem services in our outdoor environments.
- Use more organic and locally produced food in our kitchens.
- Purchase products and materials that use land sustainably and that do not affect biodiversity negatively.

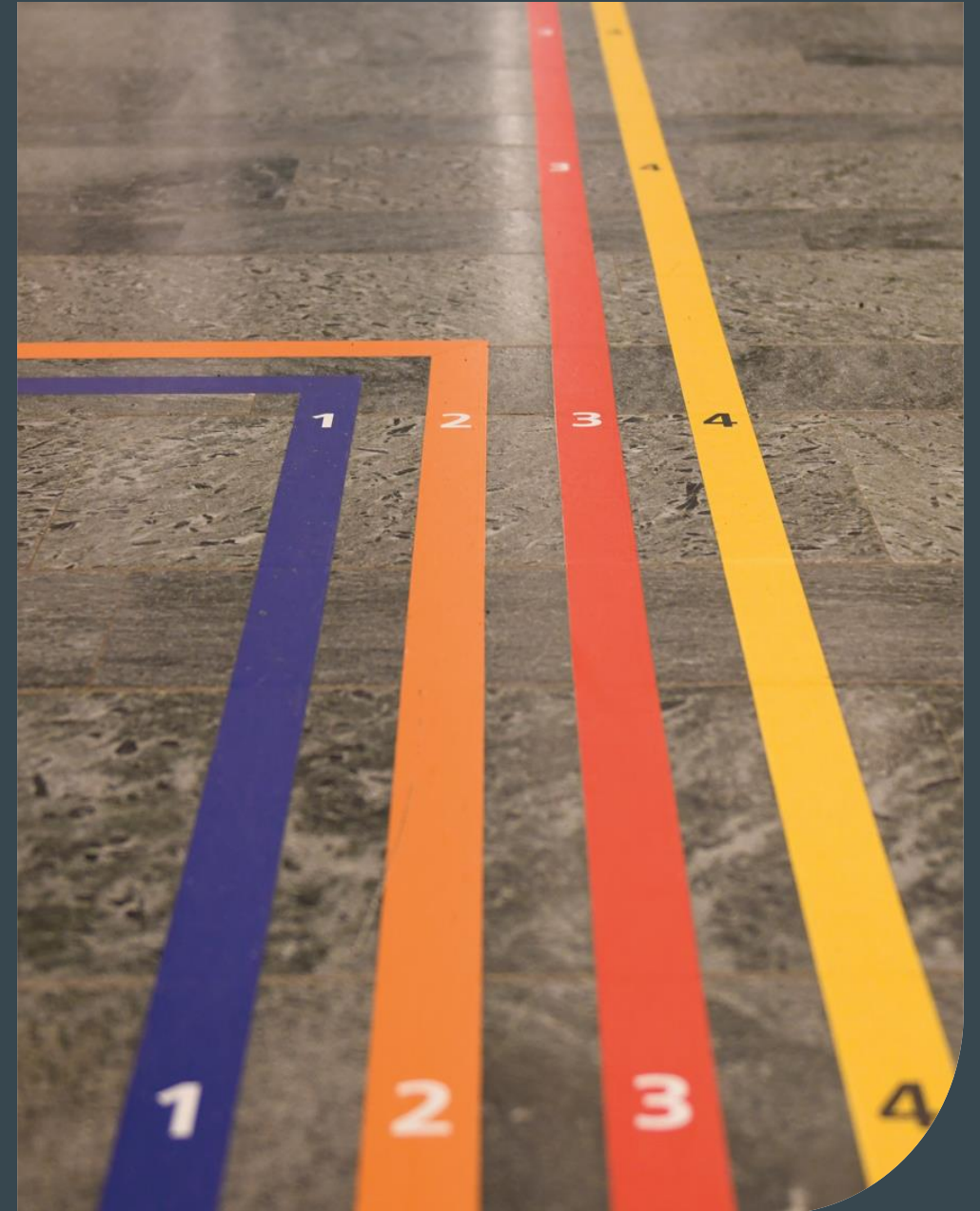


## Environmental management

An efficient management of our environmental goals requires a clear leadership and systematic work that is continuously improved. We therefore work with environmental management according to ISO 14001.

By 2025:

- Departments and companies with high environmental impact or -complexity will have completed ISO 14001 certification.
- Smaller departments and companies, including all units in certain departments, will have at least obtained an environmental diploma.



# ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Region Västra Götaland will have a sustainable economic development by means of good financial management, balanced long-term finances, responsible investments and sustainable procurements.





## PRINCIPLES FOR HOW WE WORK WITH THE GOALS

- Weigh in sustainability in all decision-making, from strategies to daily decisions.
- Integrate the goals into the routine processes for budget, operational planning and follow-up.
- Work in a trusting way based on the principles of equality, participation, transparency and accountability.
- Involve coworkers and those we serve throughout the entire process.



# EVERYONE HAS A RESPONSIBILITY

All services in Region Västra Götaland will participate in the transition to a sustainable future.

The responsibility for implementing Region Västra Götaland's sustainability goals rests with the respective administrations and company managements, but also with each employee's contribution in their role.



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