

Swedish Climate Investment Programmes – framework and successful projects

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The Climate Investment Programme (Klimp), which provides funding for local climate investment programmes, gives the financial resources to invest in climate-friendly technology in energy, transport and other sectors. The experience gained locally in Sweden can be shared and put to use, not only in Sweden, but also in the EU and elsewhere.

The first Klimp grants were allocated in December 2003. When the four-year programmes have been completed, the results and experience derived will provide a valuable contribution to ongoing work in the climate field.

Only the best measures under each programme receive grants, the main sectors concerned being transport/traffic and energy. Klimp programmes must also include measures focusing on public education and information to generate interest in, and broad popular support for, efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions. It is hoped that Klimp will strengthen cooperation between municipalities and various actors at local, regional and national level. The idea is also that Klimp funding should further the establishment of networks and dissemination of know-how and information.