

Description of the social enterprise – information sheet

Kooperativet I Götene



A. Identification data	
1. Name of the enterprise	Kooperativet I Götene, formerly known as Götene Företagskooperativ.
2. Location/Address of the enterprise	Nils Tolsgården 1, 53391 Götene, Sweden
3. Website of the enterprise	Under construction
4. Legal organisational form	Economic Association
B. Good practice of the social enterprise	
Aspects that recommend the social enterprise as a good practice in the particular sector.	They have a solid foundation with support from the state and municipality. An interesting case based on the method that is common in Sweden when it comes to start up social coops: to hive off municipal operations/sections to be operated in cooperative form
C. Context:	
1. Year of Founding	2010
2. Context of start-up – problem that the enterprise was set up to solve, economic social rationale	Offering a way for unemployed disabled or people suffering from long-time sickness to experience work within a farm and to contribute and being a part of its context. Using the farm as a platform for learning and working together.
3. What are the Main Activities of the entity?	B&B, ecological farming, bike repair workshop, minor carpentry, various external work.
4. Who are the Main stakeholders (i.e. members, clients, producers, etc.)?	N/A
5. Geographic coverage with respect to: i) to production of services and/or goods and ii) market/consumers or beneficiaries, clients, etc.	The farm is situated near the small town of Götene with 13000 inhabitants. Visitors and tourists can stay overnight at the B&B. The cooperative provide services and sell products mostly in the neighbourhood.
D. Ownership Structure	
1. What is the ownership structure of the entity: i.e., does the entity have shareholders, owners/members, donors, trustees, investors, etc.?	Members.
2. If membership, is membership open or closed? Is exclusivity required?	Membership is open.

3. Is a capital contribution required? If so, how much? Is equity capital unallocated or individualised?	Capital contribution is required, 10 euros.
4. Describe in a few words the voting distribution (e.g. one member-one vote; proportional to equity contribution; proportional to use, etc.).	One member –one vote
5. Describe in a few words the main benefits for members or owners.	The main benefit is that as a member you have the right to vote and have an opportunity to have your say in the forming of the organisation.
6. Indicate any <u>main changes</u> in ownership over the lifetime of the entity.	N/A
E. Governance	
1. Describe the governance structure of the entity (board, management, committees, etc.), number of members and method of selection (appointed or elected and by whom).	Our board is mainly consistent of working members in the organisation, whom are elected by our members.
2. Is there an entity or process for oversight of the board?	N/A
3. Are there external independent board members?	N/A
4. Are there term limits for board members?	N/A
5. What is the gender composition of the board?	60 / 40, men / women
6. Describe management and board salary/ compensation policies and how they are decided/determined?	The board has no salary or compensation. The board chooses the managing director who has a salary. The managing director is not on the board.

F. Profit/ benefits/ surplus distribution policies	
1. Describe briefly the distribution policies and procedures for profits / benefits / surplus	All profits are reinvested in the organisation. If we choose to close our company, we will give the surplus to another similar organisation.
2. Are members/owners liable for losses of entity? Describe how liability is shared.	Members are not liable for losses of the entity.
G. Strategy: highlight approaches adopted to address the identified challenges	
1. Describe briefly the business strategy looking at aspects like: main products/services, market niche, market share, quality and pricing/costs and <u>main changes</u> occurred in time.	Our business strategy is to sell work placement places to the community and the job centre and to provide a high quality job placement to our participants. This we do through work training in our different businesses, like B&B, ecological farming and so on. We also provide different kinds of education for our participants. We are dependent of good relations with the whole community and enterprises so that our participants can get work in the open labour market.
2. Describe briefly the relation between the business strategy and the social mission of the enterprise.	Our business strategy means that we can afford to give some people who have not been able to have a job for a long time by different reasons, short term employment (normally one to two years) in our organisation and prepare them for work on the open labour market.
3. Please describe briefly the strategic partners or alliances that the enterprise has.	Social services of the municipality, the social insurance office and the employment office.
4. Please describe briefly the methods and practices of communication/relationships with Stakeholders (members, community, donors, NGOs, etc.).	Regular meetings and follow-ups with our key partners, both at local, regional and national level. The organisation communicates with its members at the annual meeting and through mail, newsletters, social media, etc.
5. Innovation and key performance factors	N/A
6. Human resources - personnel	
- No. of employees	13
- No. of volunteers	5
- No. of members	30

<p>6.1. For Work Integration social enterprise - vulnerable employees if the case (i.e.), work integration plan/programmed used and management structure</p>	<p>We receive people from the social services of the municipality, the social insurance office and the employment office. Together with respective administrator, we make an individual a plan for eg rehabilitation, job training, practice, etc. The daily responsibility of the individual has one of our tutors. They shall ensure that the person feels well and develops according to plan.</p>
<p>H. Outcomes: results achieved and lessons learned</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yearly social and economic results – every 5 years since start-up, and/or the last 3 years - Assets (raw numbers) - Capital (raw numbers) - Production - Turnover /sales - Profit/loss - Social benefits - describe the benefit to members (membership), indicators used to evaluate the enterprise. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>I. Describe in a few words the broader social / environmental impact in your community – spill-over effects, in the last 3-5 years.</p>	
<p>J. Discussion Points: questions readers may want to consider and to discuss about it</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Contact info Address Email Webpage Contact person</p>	<p>N/A</p>