

## Aluminiumriket

Aluminiumriket, The Kingdom of Aluminium, is a functional region, which geographically covers four counties; Jönköping, Kronoberg, Kalmar and Blekinge.

This particular geographical region of Sweden is known for its entrepreneurial spirit and strong co-operation atmosphere.

Jönköping (pop 118 000) is the main city in the county of Jönköping. The strategic location of Jönköping, approximately 300 kilometres from Stockholm and 150 kilometres from Gothenburg, has made the city a popular venue for exhibitions and conferences, as well as a leading centre for transport and communication. Jönköping university holds 8 000 students and the city has an international airport.

Växjö (pop 74 000) is the main city in the county of Kronoberg. Together with Jönköping, Växjö is ranked among the top ten (of 269) municipalities as having a good "company climate". The municipality has the highest employment level in Sweden and a university college with 10 000 students. Växjö has an international airport.

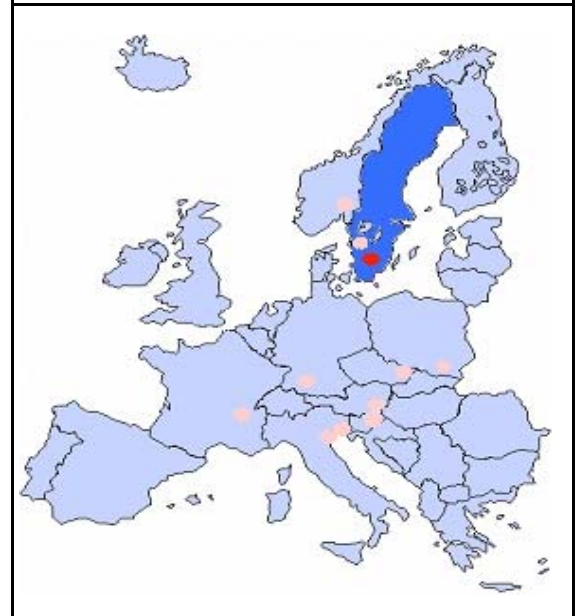
Kalmar (pop 59 000) is the main city in the county of Kalmar. Business in the area are traditionally strong within agriculture, food processing and production industry. But there is a strong growth in telecommunication and computer industry. Kalmar university holds a growing number of 9 000 students.

Karlskrona (pop 60 000) is the main city in the County of Blekinge and was chosen growth municipality 2001. In the area there has been a purposeful work to create a good environment for growth of the IT-sector. The environment continuously generates new companies that work with telecommunications, mobility, Internet and with the convergence between them.

### Some of the larger members of Aluminiumriket:

- SAPA Profiles AB - Develops, manufactures and markets value-added aluminium profiles.
- Profilgruppen AB - Develops, manufactures and supplies value-added components and customised extrusions made of aluminium.
- Industri AB Thule - Develops, manufactures and markets car rack systems.
- Elmia AB - Hosts some of the largest trade fairs in Europe, including annual events for the subcontractor, truck, caravan, railway and environmental management sectors.

	Aluminiumriket	Sweden
<b>area</b>	34,000 km <sup>2</sup>	450,000 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>population</b>	890,000	8,900,000
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	~ 3.5 %	~ 4.5 %



## **Research Institutions, located in the area of Aluminiumriket:**

- ACREO, Electronics and optics (Jönköping)
- Swedish Foundry Association (Jönköping)
- Trätek, Wood Technology (Jönköping)
- IFP, Fibrous, composite and polymer materials (Västervik)
- IVL, Environmental management systems and corporate strategies (Lammhult)
- Framkom, Media and communications (Växjö)
- Glafo, Glass production (Växjö)
- Trätek, Wood Technology (Växjö)
- SP, Swedish National Testing and Research Institute (Karlskrona)

## **Education (universities and colleges)**

- University College of Karlskrona/Ronneby and Blekinge International University College of Health Sciences
- University College of Jönköping and Jönköping University College of Health Sciences
- University College of Kalmar and College for Health Sciences in Växjö
- Växjö University

## **Aluminiumriket cluster profile**

Aluminiumriket was founded as a project on a holistic view of regional development as collaboration between the business community, local authorities and the education and research system. The region is hosting over 2 500 manufacturing companies of which 500 is working with aluminum as a strategic material.

The vision of Aluminiumriket is to become a regional marketplace and growth environment for the aluminium business with products and services in world-class. Seminars and conferences are held regularly where experiences and knowledge from the region as well as from the international field are discussed.

The objectives of Aluminiumriket is to develop close relationships between companies and potential knowledge resources such as universities, industrial research institutes and regional technology centres, which can be useful and valuable resources and partners for the companies within "Aluminiumriket". One goal is to develop forms for co-operation and to offer technical support from industrial research institutes and regional technology centres to individual companies or groups of companies.

