

ACENET Information on Aluminiumriket (Sweden)

About Aluminiumriket

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.

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

Short description of main cities:


Jönköping is the main urban commercial and administrative center within the County of Jönköping. The strategic location of Jönköping, has made the city a popular venue for expositions and conferences. Jönköping is known today as a leading center for transport and communication.

Jönköping is the home of a part of the Aluminiumriket Management

Växjö is the main urban commercial and administrative center within the County of Kronoberg. Växjö municipality is together with Jönköping among the top ten (of 269) municipalities in good "company climate" according to a recent study.

The administrative office of Aluminiumriket is located to Växjö.

Kalmar is the largest city in the County of Kalmar. The trade and 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. The university of Kalmar is also growing.

Karlskrona is the largest city in the County of Blekinge. 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. They develop new solutions, services and products of world class.

Facts in figures

The region of Aluminiumriket

Sweden

area:	34 000 km ²	450 000 km ²
population:	890 000	8 900 000
unemployment rate:	? 3,5 %	? 4,5 %

Main companies

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.

Research Institutions

Research Institutions, located in the area of Aluminiumriket:

Jönköping:

- ?? ACREO, Electronics and optics
- ?? Swedish Foundry Association
- ?? Träteknik, Wood Technology

Västervik:

- ?? IFP, Fibrous, composite and polymer materials

Lammhult:

- ?? IVL, Environmental management systems and corporate strategies

Växjö:

- ?? Framkom, Media and communications
- ?? Glafo, Glass production
- ?? Träteknik, Wood Technology

Karlskrona:

- ?? SP, Swedish National Testing and Research Institute

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

Co-ordination

In the ACENET-projekt Aluminiumriktet is represented by one of its supporting organisations, LänsTeknikCentrum i Jönköpings län AB (Technical Centre of Jönköping County)

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