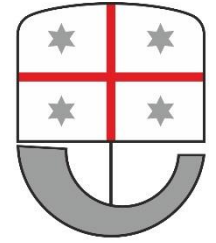




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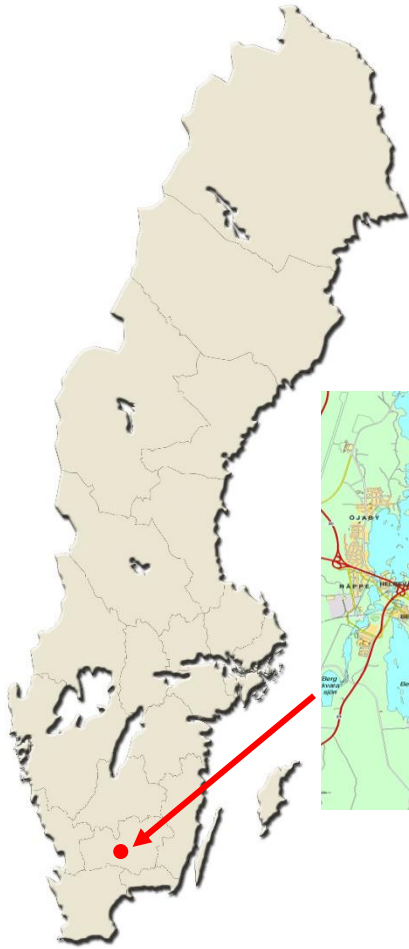




# A green and sustainable Växjö

Bo Frank, Lord Mayor  
Genoa 7th of May 2019





## Short about Växjö

- 93 000 inhabitants
- Stable population growth (+1000 net)
- Strong housing development
- 10 000 companies (SME's)
- Linnaeus University - 35000 students
- Sports and culture
- Greenest City in Europe
- Good municipal economy
- Governing: KD, M, L, C, and MP





# Winner of the European Green Leaf Award 2018



# We started early

- Lake restoration 1970 –
- Bioenergy 1980 –
- Fossil fuel free Växjö 1996
- Greenest city in Europe 2007
- Now: Agenda 2030





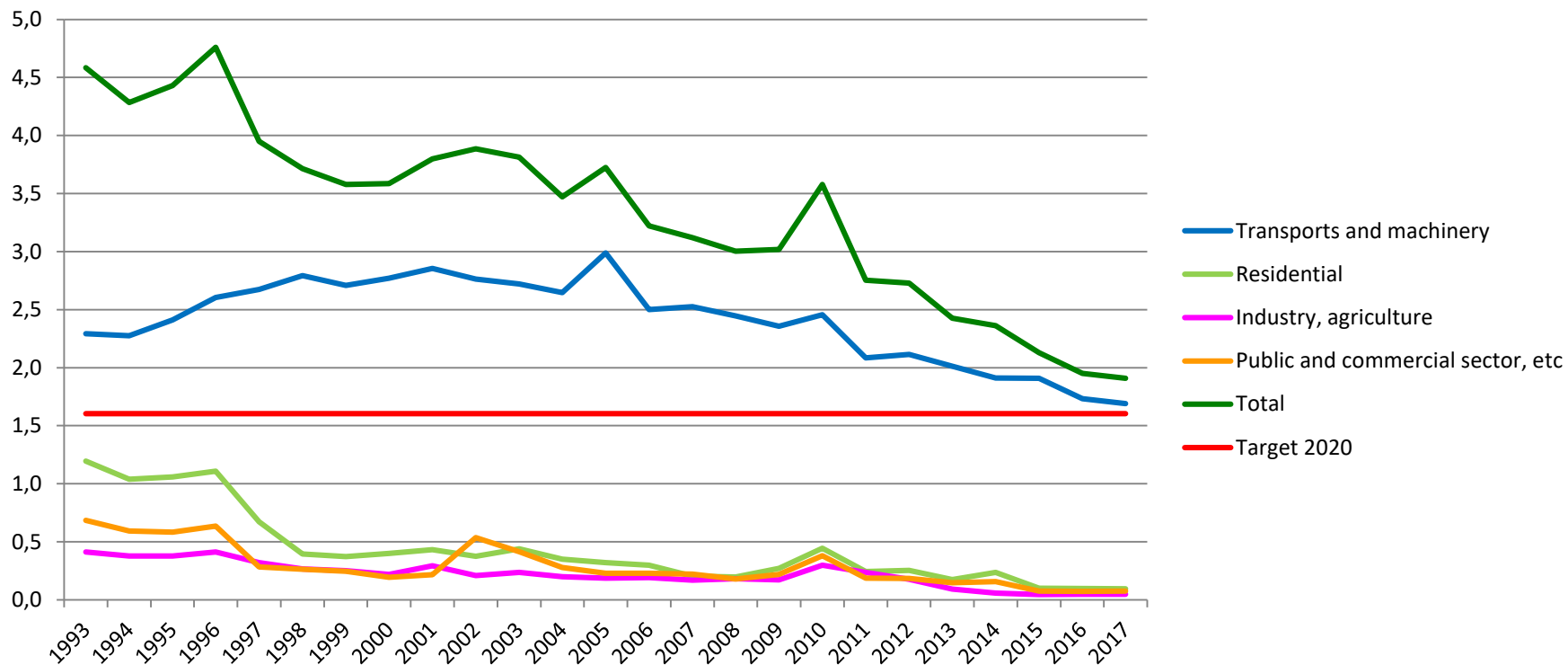
# Reasons for green success

- Political unity
- Long-term strategies and goals
- Local, national, international cooperation



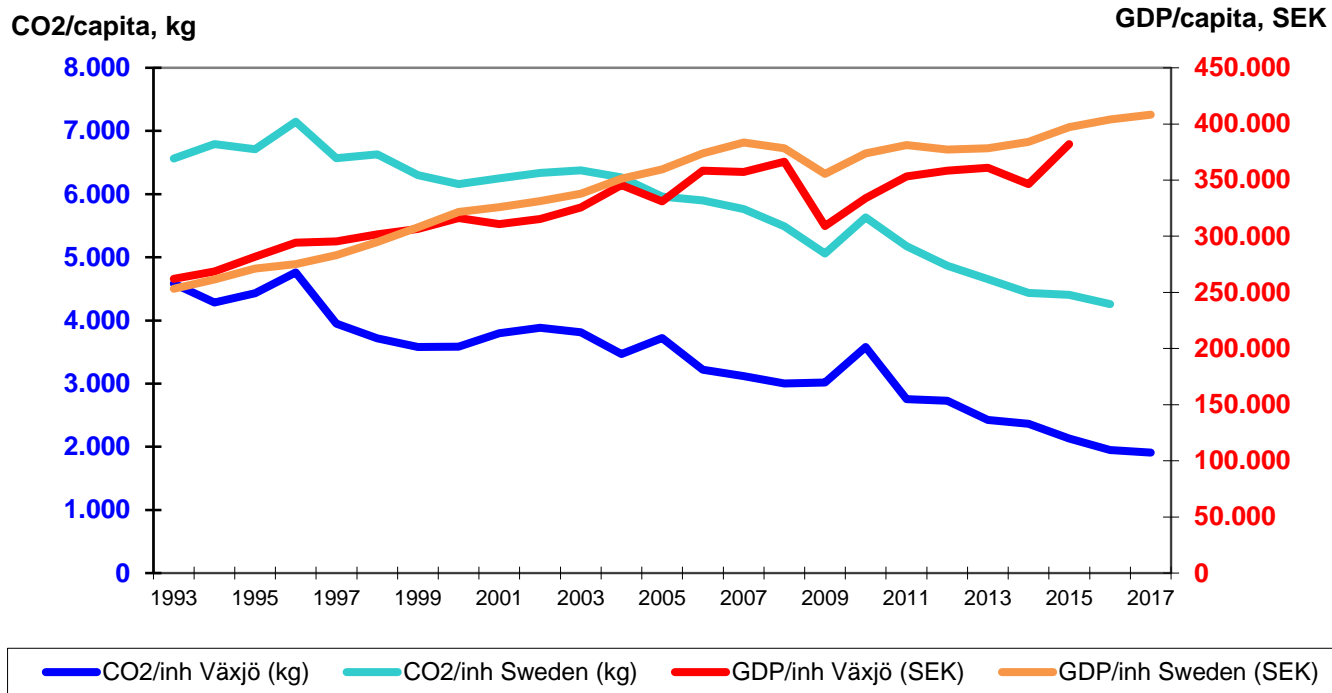
# Fossil fuel free Växjö

- Unanimous decision 1996
- To be achieved 2030
- Cooperation needed

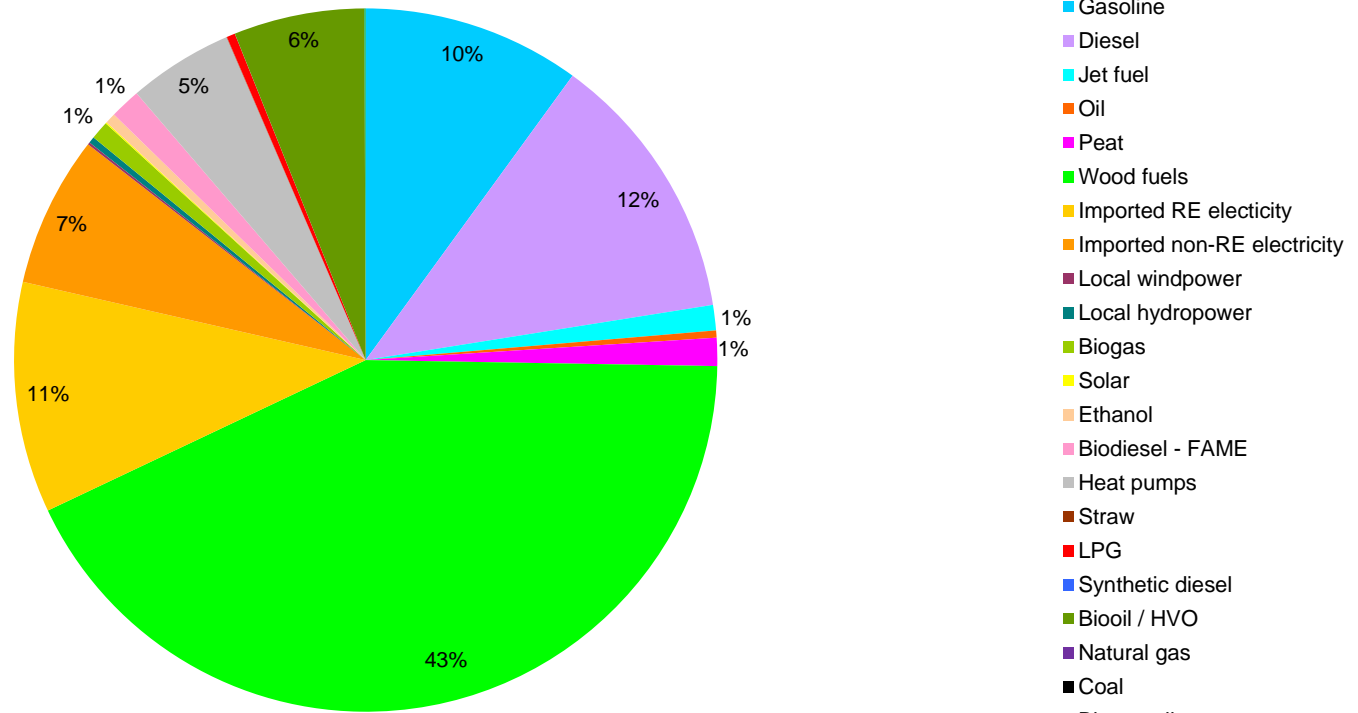


**CO2 emissions per capita (ton)**  
**-58,4 % 1993-2017**





**CO2 and economic growth**  
**-58% CO2, +46% economy**



# Energy supply to Växjö 2017

## 67 % renewable



# Actions related to water

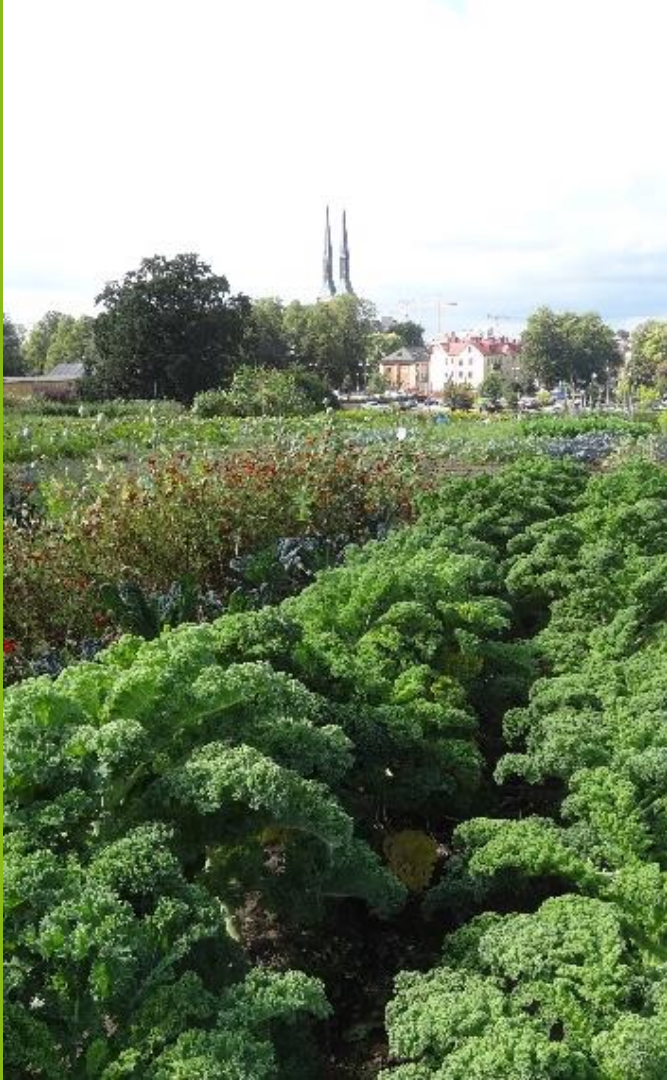
- Lake restoration
  - fishing
  - treatment with aluminium
- Climate adaptation





# Actions related to waste

- Separation of organic waste (88% of households)
- Increased reuse
- Collection of recycled materials at homes from 2020



# Actions related to food

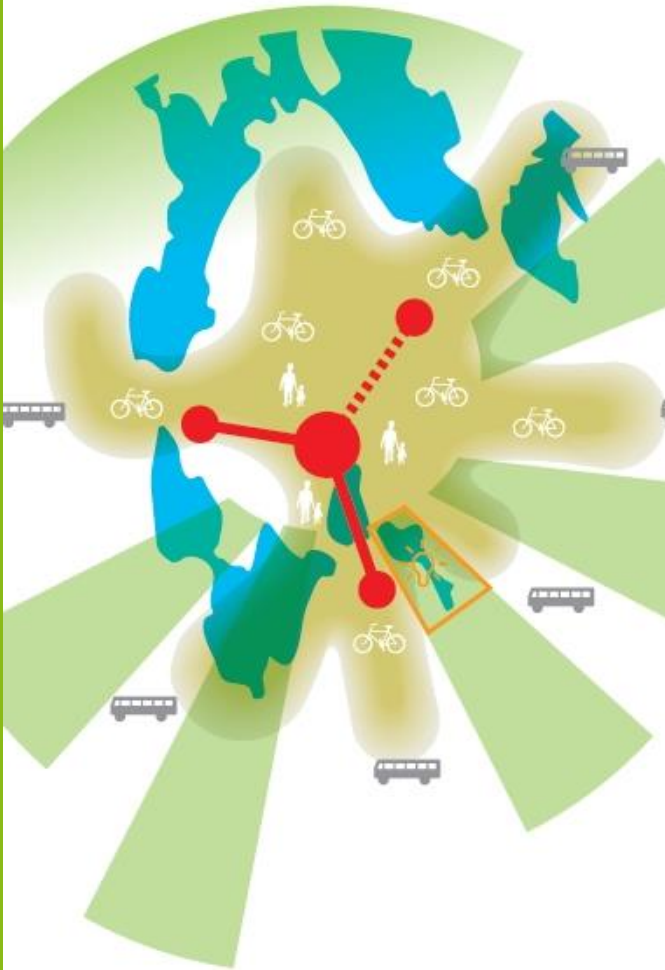
- Education of chefs in climate smart cooking
- Smart tenders makes it easier for local producers
- Urban farms



# Actions related to nature

- Access to nature
- Biotops for bees and butterflies, wetlands
- Integrate ecosystem services in city planning





# Transport planning

- Walking and cycling must be simple and safe
- Public transport must be improved
- A dense city reduce the need for cars
- Infrastructure for charging electric vehicles



# Actions related to transport

- Biogas buses
- Bus lanes, "high speed" cycle paths
- Coordinated goods transports
- Prestudy for biofuel for planes



# Växjö is building in wood

- Växjö is located in the middle of the forest. We use the local materials.
- It is easy to process and light to transport.
- Wood is well suited for modern construction.





# Challenges

- Circular economy
- Sustainable transports
- Preserving ecosystems



# Arenastaden in Växjö

One of Sweden's best sports areas







## Sports City Växjö

- 56 of 71 of the Swedish Sports Confederation's special sports clubs are represented here in Växjö
- Växjö has clubs that represent the Swedish elite in several sports such as icehockey, floorball, football, athletics and others.
- There is also a strong profile within athletics of which one of the most recognized is Carolina Klüfft.



## Culture City Växjö– culture and entertainment

- Växjö is a town of art and culture, with something for everyone. In the museum park you'll find Småland's museum, Sweden's Glass museum and the House of Emigrants.
- One of Småland's most visited places with some 130,000 tourist visitors every year. The church is from the 12th century and now boasts a newly built Cathedral Centre. The Cathedral Centre lies on one of the oldest sites in Växjö's history.
- In the Växjö Concert Hall you can find the string ensemble, Musica Vitae offers world class chamber music, and a varied range of concerts, theatre and musical productions.



## City close to nature - Växjö

- In Växjö you are always close to nature. There are 23 nature reserves and a few of the most frequently visited are within walking and cycling distance from the centre of town.
- In the town itself there are lots of pleasant parks, with play areas for children, coffee bars and restaurants. And also a bathing area literally a stone's throw from the market square.
- Within a 20 minutes drive from the city centre you'll find Sweden's newest National Park – Åsnen National Park





## Gastronomic City Växjö

- Växjö has the third largest number of KRAV-certified restaurants in Sweden (after Stockholm and Gothenburg).
- One of Sweden's biggest food events takes place in Växjö. Every September Växjö becomes a national meeting-place for locally produced, small-scale and sustainable food.
- PM & Vänner has one star in the prestigious Guide Michelin. They are also the first gastro hotel in Scandinavia.
- The oldest patisserie was founded in 1876 and is still run today by descendants of the founder Johan Broqvist.
- Växjö has five restaurants in White Guide.

Thank you for listening!

