

The Swedish Institute for Transport and Communications Analysis, SIKA, works within the transport and communications sector with three main areas of responsibility: To carry out studies for the Government. To develop forecasts and planning methods. To be the responsible authority for official statistics in the sector. SIKA is to work for the public and industry in Sweden to have high-quality, environmentally friendly

and safe transport which is socially and economically efficient and sustainable in the longterm. We do this by analysing and presenting data and producing a basis for planning in the transport and communications sector. We provide the actors in the sector with statistics, descriptions of the present situation, forecasts and descriptions of consequences.

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Transport and communications policy

The transport and communications policy objectives, adopted by the Riksdag and the Government, form the basis for SIKA's work.

The overall objective of transport policy is to ensure socially and economically efficient and longterm sustainable transport resources for the public and industry throughout Sweden. There are six subsidiary objectives: about accessibility, transport quality, regional development, gender equality, traffic safety and the environment.

In the IT sector, the overall objective is that Sweden as the first country will be an information society for all. Subsidiary objectives concern accessibility, competence and trust.

SIKA has an annual commission from the Government to evaluate how the transport policy objectives are attained. We also critically scrutinise the objectives and further develop them.

Forecasts and descriptions of consequences

SIKA is responsible for the quality and development of the tools and methods used to make forecasts of transport development and descriptions of consequences of transport policy measures.

The forecast and analytical tools are used both by SIKA and the transport agencies in the national planning of the infrastructure. SIKA has a coordinating role in this planning. We also collaborate with other agencies, including the transport agencies (The National Rail Administration, the Civil Aviation Administration, the National Maritime Administration and the National Road Administration).

Statistics

SIKA is the agency responsible for official statistics in the transport and communications sector. We produce statistics about the different modes of transport, conveyance of passengers, freight and information as well as postal and telecom studies.

SIKA also works to develop the content, quality and accessibility of statistics and has established several national statistical councils for this work. We work together with other member states and international organisations within the EU and UN/ECE. SIKA procures the actual production of statistics from various producers of statistics.

Organisation

SIKA was established in 1995 and is an agency responsible to the Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communications. We now have over 30 employees, who are organised in four departments: Research & Evaluation, Analysis, Statistics and Administration.

SIKA has set up a scientific advisory body to guarantee a good contact with the research in the institute's field of work. We work together with other authorities as well as institutions of higher education and other research bodies.

More information

More information is available about the institute and its work such as organisation, operational plans, annual reports, commissions, statistics, publications, press releases and referral comments, on SIKA's website www.sika-institute.se.