



SKÖVDE

**Let's connect
in Skövde**

Let's develop together!

Time and time again, leading companies choose to invest in Skövde and start their companies here. This is no coincidence.

Skövde is located right at the very heart of Skaraborg, one of the world's most innovative regions. In Skövde we focus on the smart solutions of the future. We invest in international arenas for education, research and development. This has resulted in Skövde taking an internationally leading role in game development, digitalization and production technology.

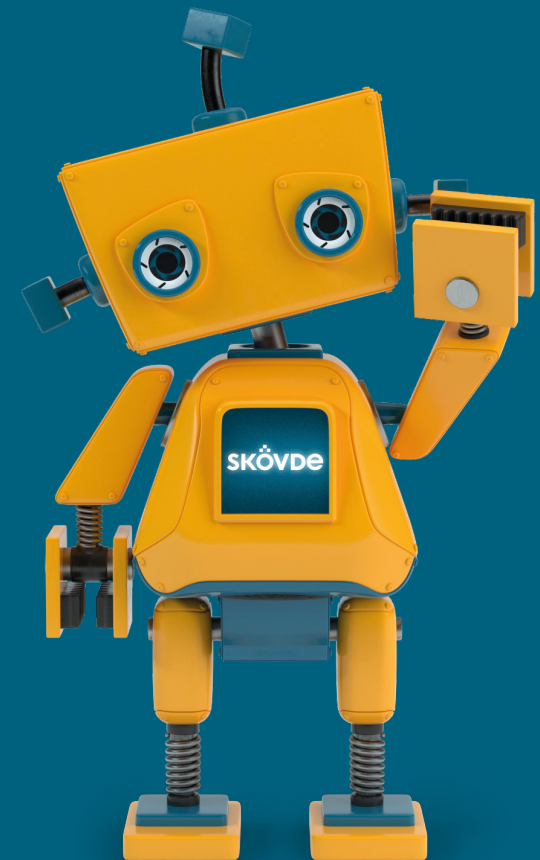
Skövde offers excellent logistics, sustainable energy, world leading digitalization, low

financial risk, and a healthy business climate with high levels of resilience.

But most importantly, all of us living here have the skills, mindset, and proven capabilities to accomplish great things together.

We are already home to many successful tech companies. Together we are stepping up our game and are ready to pool our resources to make your establishment in Skövde a world-class experience.

Are you our next success?



4 reasons to choose Skövde

1 **We transform ideas into attractive companies.**

In our startup-program you get access to knowledgeable and experienced business coaches, a strong community of colleagues, and like-minded people. You can also get help with financing and contacts with investors.

2 **Our Fintech-forum enables companies to develop through networking and to strengthen their position in the market.**

Through collaboration on issues such as skills supply and development, as well as networking and the exchange of experiences, the forum strives to stimulate learning and collaboration – something that is fundamental to keep up with the industry's rapid development. Another important purpose is to drive public opinion together and be a collective voice for the tech-industry.

3 **Explore how to level up your business.**

Our Growth-program provides a professional support system to help you increase your turnover, hire more people and continue developing your products and services. We target companies that have passed the first stage and have a functioning business model and structure.

4 **Enjoy the good life.**

Enjoying a high quality of everyday life is easy in Skövde. You can enjoy nature, the countryside, and city life while having all the community services you need within reach. Do you want to live on the train line, in new development, near nature yet still close to town or in the heart of the city? Skövde has it all! Spend weekends cycling around Billingen, having a coffee in town, playing in the park or exploring Skövde's wide range of cultural activities – there is something for all ages. And why not join one of our 380 sports and cultural associations, ranging from rugby to beekeeping to choir singing?

The perfect starting point

Growth is a part of our game! Skövde is expanding – fast! We are making room for both companies and people, building new business districts and residential areas. We are investing in healthcare, infrastructure, start-ups, English-speaking schools, recreational arenas, and sports associations to offer good quality in all areas of life.

Skövde is strategically located with great connections to Sweden's two largest metropolitan areas, Gothenburg and Stockholm. In other words, you don't have to choose! You can work with the big city players and still enjoy the stability and ease of everyday life in Skövde.

Feeling the urge to move? We are happy to help you. Stop by our meeting place, Welcome House Skövde, and get guidance on childcare, housing, job applications, or leisure activities. You'll find a social space where you can meet other newcomers or learn Swedish at one of the language cafés.

Many international professionals in Skövde have also enjoyed the Career Program at Welcome House Skövde, where you will be introduced to Swedish business culture, recruitment processes, and other important tools and knowledge you might need to enter the Swedish job market. And it is free of charge!

60,000

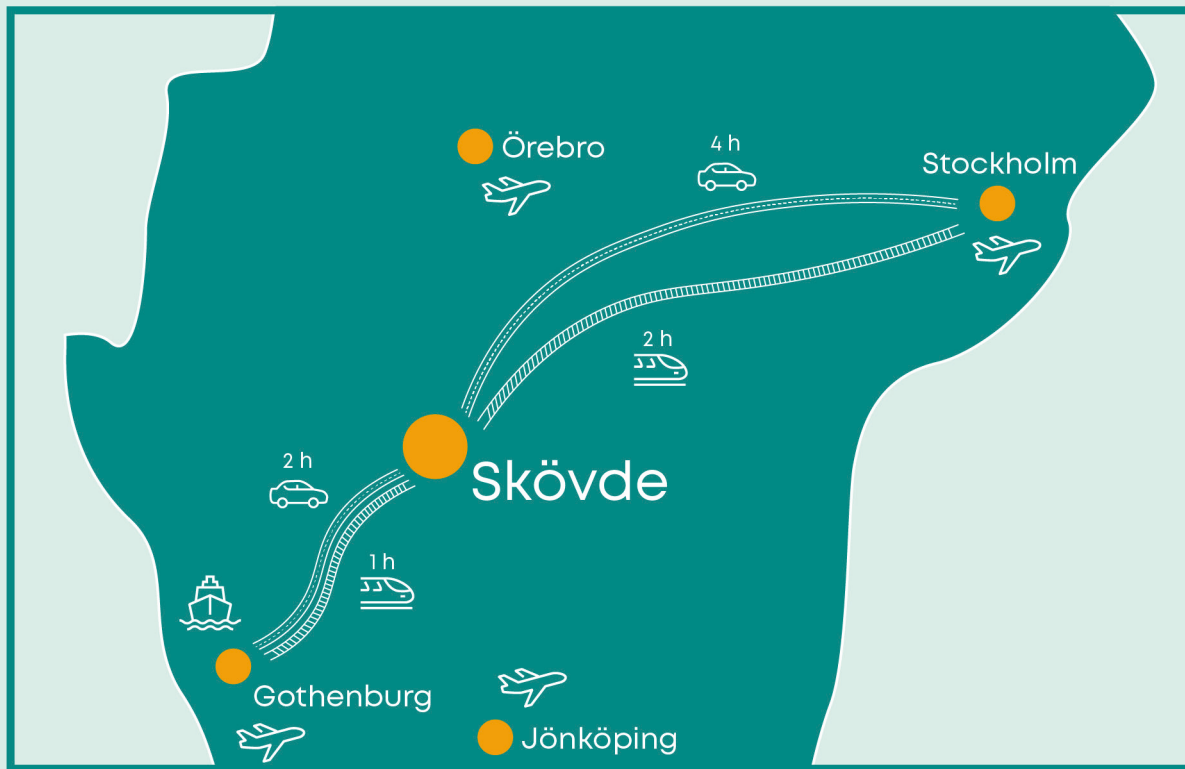
inhabitants

4th

largest regional labor
market in Sweden

8,500

new residents will be housed
over the next 10 years



Play it like Skövde

Skövde's Fintech companies have a shared history dating back to the early 1990s. Through the University of Skövde's investments in education and with Science Park Skövde as a breeding ground for innovation, a unique ecosystem of knowledge and skills has been established, enabling new companies to spring to life and grow.

Programming and computer skills are part of our Skövde culture. We have allowed young talents to gain an early interest and capability within IT. We were the first in Sweden to offer students computer labs, which paved the way for something that today makes Skövde unique.

Today, our companies dominate the global financial administration market. Our offer is based on People, Environment, and Mindset. In Skövde, we have always built things well and made great things happen. There is only ever one way here, and that is forward. We have faith in the future and the ability to build new and adapt to improve constantly. It's in our DNA, and we prove it time and time again.

We believe that collaboration generates success and offers a community that strengthens the companies, the individuals, and the location. The future lies in digital decision support with AI at the forefront. This is where Skövde will continue to grow and distinguish itself from the rest of the world.

**Skövde Fintech-forum, Bizzdo AB, Huddlestock Fintech, DevCode,
InExchange, Factorum AB, Pagero Sverige AB, Stacc Farm AB**



Connect to the ecosystem

Skövde believes that we are stronger as a team. Working together, we have built an innovative and vibrant ecosystem where we unlock new levels of knowledge and expertise through research, education, and collaboration.

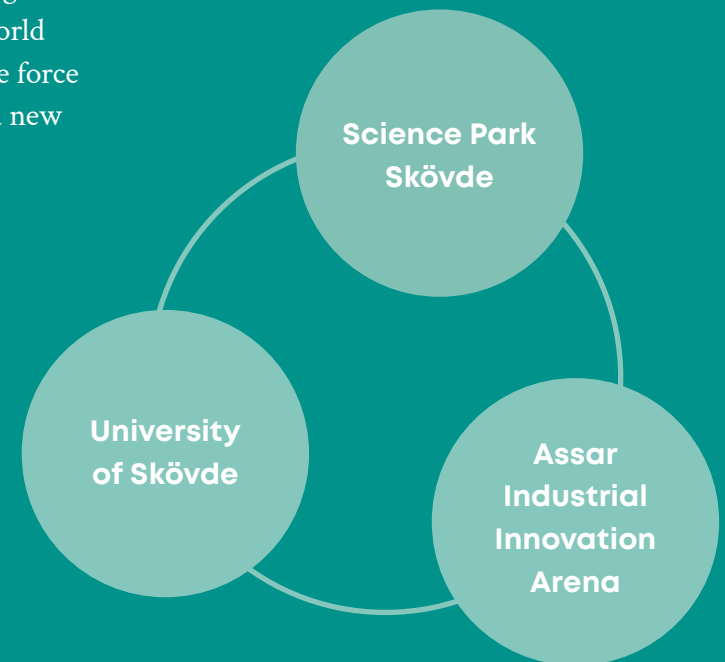
The foundation of the ecosystem is the fusion of the University of Skövde, Science Park Skövde and the Municipality of Skövde. This provides a robust system for talent attraction, networking and collaboration, education, innovation, research, and new ideas to ensure that we create a world leading industry. We offer easy access and short decision-making processes, and above all – the force in Skövde has a shared vision of our future ambitions. Skövde offers a great place to establish a new business. You become part of an ecosystem from day one.



"Are you from Skövde too?" is a common question in our other Nordic countries. Investors and experts want a culture, a stream of competence, and a history. We can deliver that, and they know it."

Roderick Hristov

CEO, Stacc Farm AB



The University of Skövde


The University of Skövde has a successful track record working together with our community. We strive to create complete, integrated academic environments within strong and viable educational and research environments.

The University of Skövde's vision is to be the leading source of knowledge for a digitalized and sustainable future and today the University has one of the most dynamic Swedish research and education environments in the field of digitalization. The University of Skövde conducts cutting-edge research and education in AI, information and cyber security, game tech and digital governance and policy making. In close collaboration with companies and the public sector, the University creates test beds where results from cutting-edge research are used to meet societal challenges, for example in the field of e-health.

It's never too late to get WISER!

As the digital landscape continues to change rapidly, the need to learn and re-learn is growing. Through the WISER initiative, the University of Skövde offers flexible skills development courses in the field of digital transformation for professionals. The courses are free of charge, online, and easy to combine with work.

WISER offers a variety of courses including big data analytics, simulation and optimization, applied AI, business intelligence, information and cyber security.



Forsway Scandinavia

– connecting the world from Skövde

INNOVATION

With his experience from Nokia, Tobias Forsell founds Forsway Scandinavia in 2004 with the aim of expanding the use of satellites to include data delivery, not only television.

SETTLING DOWN

Tobias settles down in his hometown Skövde, which feels as close to the world as any big city when working remotely. Setting things up online is simple and smooth.

MISSION

Forsway extends satellite broadband services to regions with limited infrastructure or capacity.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Skövde provides local competences, clients and crucial networks through for example the university and Science Park Skövde.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Forsway gathers 7 colleagues with a passion for technology. If you manage to attract people from elsewhere to Skövde, they are likely to stay long-term when they experience the quality of life this town offers.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

With funding from the European Space Agency, Forsway will expand by combining 5G in satellite and on the ground to handle future data needs. Tobias is committed to make a difference by connecting people and making money whilst doing so.

Science Park Skövde

Science Park Skövde is an established arena for innovation and growth. We gather over 100 companies and 1,200 people in one place, offering a strong community, premises and support services that make everyday life easier. We are part of an innovative ecosystem enabling smart and sustainable solutions, digital services, and experiences for the future society.

By providing development opportunities for entrepreneurs, we help new and established companies grow and succeed in creating products that change the game and make a difference. Many newly emerged businesses are launching through Science Park Skövde, and the business incubator, funded by the municipality as well as the government. For example, companies within the games sector, which is growing rapidly and continues to launch new games worldwide. The Fintech sector also has both established and new companies growing their operations at Science Park Skövde.

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Science Park Skövde has been incredibly important to us, without it and without the university we would not have established ourselves in Skövde. Today we have expanded and are also present in Stockholm and London, but our base is here in Skövde.”

Stefan Willebrand, CEO Bricknode

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Skövde has given us the energy and inspiration we needed to take bold steps and build something that today helps businesses worldwide.”

Joakim Rickardsson
one of Inexchange's founders



Science Park Skövde helps your business level up

Through established programs, we help you start your own business and support existing companies to grow and develop. We are here for the entire development process and have hundreds of successful cases to share from our 20 years of experience. This is what we know!

Startup-program

- Structured and well-proven program
- Turn your idea into a business
- Experienced business coaches
- Strong community with colleagues and like-minded individuals
- Help with financing
- Contacts with investors
- Attend international events and fairs
- Subsidized and non-profit

Growth

- Take your business to the next level
- Workshops and skills-enhancing events
- Access to specialized business coaches
- Unique networks and a vibrant community
- Access to financial support
- Test environments
- Work close to research projects

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They gave me quite good feedback and that was what pushed me to take the next step and say, maybe I can do it for a living. You have the university, you have the science park, so there are all the possibilities out there, it's just having an idea and the will of pushing yourself forward to create a company.”

Mikel Ayani, CEO Simumatik

Skövde Science City

Connect, Explore & Enjoy – in Skövde Science City

A new city district is emerging in Skövde's prime location, combining the best of several worlds. How about living in safe, green neighborhoods near the city center, the university, and Skövde's most creative companies and entrepreneurs? Skövde Science City's housing will blend with business premises, meeting places, and services to create a dynamic and vibrant city district.

Live, work, enjoy – repeat

More and more people want to combine career, family life, and various leisure activities. And when work can be just as easily on the train or at home as at the office the city needs to be designed to accommodate that. We're shortening the distances to what's important and making life easier in Skövde Science City.

Alongside a secure and easy everyday life, space is being created for a dynamic and expanding business sector. As part of Science Park Skövde's expansion, business premises for 600 new jobs will be built. This investment will allow the establishment of more new companies in Skövde's strongest profile areas – smart industry, game development, and digitalization.

- 175-200 new housing units every year, adding up to:
- 1,000-1,500 new housing units by 2030
- 3,500-4,000 new housing units by 2040
- 25,000 m² of office space and premises for the University and Science Park Skövde by 2030
- A total of 100,000 m² of office space and premises in the area by 2040

Join the game in Sweden

Digital innovation at the core

Sweden plays a key role in technological innovation and the development of advanced digital technologies. We have leading research and world-class technological expertise. 5G/6G, Internet of Things, Data Centers, Cloud and Edge Computing are just some areas where Sweden stands out. We are home to DigiTech investors and innovation clusters ranging from pulsating start-ups to large established tech companies. And we are taking the leap from innovations to practical implementation in both society and business.

A hub for global talent

Sweden attracts top talent from around the world and has a highly skilled and productive workforce. A strong work-life balance, excellent infrastructure, and a high standard of living make it an attractive place for professionals and entrepreneurs.

Sustainable and future-proof

Sweden's digital infrastructure is fast, resilient, and carbon-efficient, and we prioritize sustainability. Our market is digitally advanced and connected, and our workforce is highly skilled and productive. Companies here benefit from a green economy, ambitious climate goals, and a forward-thinking approach to environmental responsibility.

Simply put – Sweden is the place to be!

Sweden consistently ranks among the world's most competitive and business-friendly countries. The perfect place for international companies to accelerate their journey towards a connected and low-carbon future.

1st place

European Innovation
Scoreboard (EIS)

2nd place

World Talent Ranking (2021)

60%

of all new jobs in Sweden
are in IT-intensive sectors

Source: Business Sweden

Inexchange – an international success story from Skövde

Some cities play the game of innovation and digitalization better than others – Skövde is one of them. It was here, in the early 2000s, that a group of entrepreneurs spotted a game-changing opportunity: What if businesses could handle invoices digitally, automatically, and seamlessly, with a well-designed interface? This idea became Inexchange Factorum AB, which today is a global player connecting millions of businesses worldwide.

It wasn't just about upgrading technology – it was about boosting businesses. Companies drowning in paperwork suddenly had the tools to automate and streamline their invoicing, allowing them to focus on what mattered. Small businesses were allowed to play on the same level as the industry giants. And it all started in Skövde, where innovation is not just a buzzword – it's a way of life.

A huge step came in 2008, when Inexchange introduced a groundbreaking business model: charging invoice recipients instead of senders. This led to rapid expansion. By 2013, 20,000 companies were connected, and Inexchange became Sweden's fastest-growing internet company. In 2015, the company joined Visma, opening new global arenas.

But despite its international success, Inexchange has always remained connected to Skövde. The city's entrepreneurial spirit, gaming culture, and deep tech roots have created the perfect ecosystem.

From a local startup to a global champion, Inexchange proves that with the right strategy, moves, and home base, any company can reach the next level – especially in Skövde.



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Being able to live and work in such a stimulating environment as Skövde, where both people and ideas flow freely, has been a tremendous advantage. There is real room for growth here —both as a company and as individuals.”

Maria Biederbeck
Marketing Director, Inexchange



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**Do you want to
join the game?**

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