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Taking on the challenge of developing statistical leadership to build organisational capability and equip for the future

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Backgrund

- Statistics Sweden has been challenged by a team of external experts in quality to develop our statistical leadership in order to deliver statistics that are fit for purpose.
- In 2023, during the Swedish EU presidency, SCB and Eurostat arranged a High-Level Meeting on the topic of Statistical leadership in the emerging digital societies
- "Statistical leadership is about influence towards a goal, generated not through hierarchy, or formal structures, but through the quality of relationships built with stakeholders; and the value added through statistical thinking and statistical solutions" (Linacre, 2023).





Statistical leadership at SCB – our concept

- Statistical leadership is about strengthening democracy where SCB takes a leading role in matters regarding the development, production and dissemination of statistics, given our experience, holistic view and expertise.
- In close partnership with our stakeholders, SCB takes on the statistical leadership role by



We do this together and everyone contributes based on their role and expertise







Conclusions

- Statistical leadership is important for statistical offices to maintain and promote public confidence in statistics.
- Introducing statistical leadership as a concept within statistical organisations helps explain the leadership role that we must take on to optimize the value we bring as part of a democratic society.
- SCB looks at statistical leadership as a way of working that will help us reach our strategic goals, not as a label to be promoted as such to stakeholders or users of statistics.
- Statistical leadership needs to be built as an organisational capability.







Thank you for listening!

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