#### THE SWEDISH UNIONS WITHIN INDUSTRY

and

THE INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENT



## The Swedish Unions within Industry

- WHO ARE INVOLVED?
- WHY HAVE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION?



### The aim of the cooperation

- ✓ TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE UNIONS AGAINST THE EMPLOYERS
- ✓ TO UPHOLD THE NATIONWIDE SECTORAL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

  WHICH INCLUDE RULES TO RAISE THE WAGES
- ✓ TO STRENGTHEN THE WAGE SETTING ROLE OF THE SECTOR SUBJECTED TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



#### Common Goals

- ✓ THE POSITION OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED.
- ✓ NATIONAL AGREEMENTS SHOULD COVER ALL EMPLOYEES
- ✓ STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL TRADE UNION
- ✓ REAL WAGE INCREASE AND IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES
- ✓ A STRONG, GROWING AND COMPETITIVE SWEDISH INDUSTRY

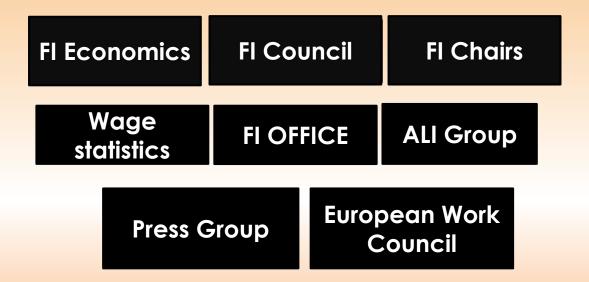


#### Common Ground

- ✓ WAGE FORMATION IS THE SOCIAL PARTNERS RESPONSIBILITY
- ✓ THE INTERNATIONALLY EXPOSED SECTOR SHOULD SET THE WAGE NORM.
- ✓ THE INFLATION TARGET OF THE RIKSBANK (THE SWEDISH CENTRAL BANK)
- ✓ COOPERATION BETWEEN SOVEREIGN UNIONS
- ✓ ALL UNIONS SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE COOPERATION



### Permanent Groups





### Project Groups

**Conflict Committee** 

**EKB** 

**Working Environment** 

**Gender Equality** 



EKB is a group who work with economic preconditions

### Important tasks

- ✓ COORDINATING THE UNIONS' ACTIONS AGAINST THE EMPLOYERS
- ✓ ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP SWEDISH INDUSTRY
- ✓ TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIONS AT ALL LEVELS



### The Industrial Agreement

- ✓ CONSIST OF TWO PARTS THE, NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT AND THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
- ✓ COOPERATION TO DEVELOP SWEDISH INDUSTRY



### Impartial Chairs

- THE PARTIES SHALL APPOINT IMPARTIAL CHAIRS TO ASSIST THEM IN THE NEGOTIATION FOR NEW NATION-WIDE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS
- ENSURE THAT THE PARTIES REACH AN AGREEMENT IN TIME BEFORE THE PRESENT AGREEMENTS EXPIRE



• The duties and the authorizations of the chairs are regulated by the Industrial Agreement

# The Industrial Development Agreement

- ✓ RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ EDUCATION AND SKILLS
- ✓ ENERGY AND CLIMATE
- ✓ GENDER EQUALITY



## The Negotiating Agreement

- REGULATES HOW NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW NATIONAL AGREEMENTS ARE TO PROCEED
- AIMS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM STABILITY AND A WELL-FUNCTIONING WAGE FORMATION



REGULATES THE PROCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DOES NOT SPECIFY
 THE CONTENT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

## The Economic Council for Industry

- CONSIST OF FOUR ECONOMISTS WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED BY AN EMPLOYER
   OR EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION
- In order to develop the cooperation of the parties in industrial development and negotiation issues, the parties have organized the Industrial Economic Council
- THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL SHALL ISSUE OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN ECONOMIC ISSUES AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL, THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE INDUSTRIAL NEGOTIATION COUNCIL OR THE IMPARTIAL CHAIRMEN



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