

Sweden/Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

Policy approach

The Swedish reform cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2020 aims at democratic, fair and sustainable development together with improved conditions for EU integration.

Sida focuses on three main areas: democracy, human rights and gender equality; market development; and sustainable infrastructure. In addition, support is also given to the cross-cutting issues (civil society, gender and minorities). In order to increase aid efficiency and facilitate EU integration, the strategy promotes:

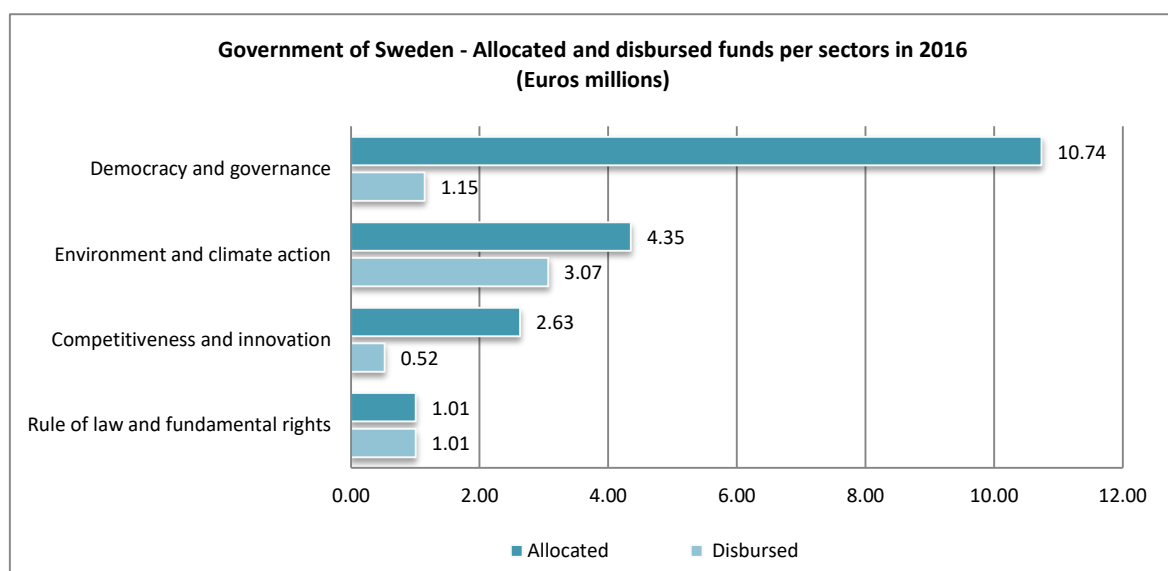
- Better coordination with the EC and the IPA program;
- Increased use of the country's own systems for planning, implementation and follow-up;
- Increased use of program-based approaches.

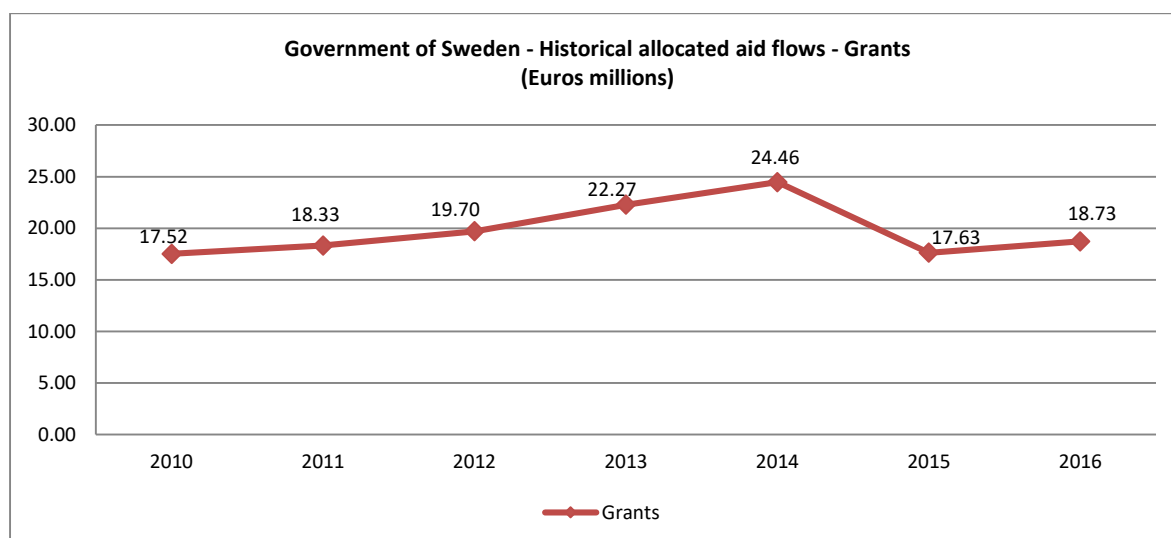
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(<http://www.swedenabroad.com/en-GB/Embassies/Sarajevo/Development-Cooperation/Policy/>)

Key activities in 2016

The Government of Sweden **allocated € 18.73 million and disbursed € 5.75 million in 2016 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Environment and climate action, Competitiveness and innovation and Rule of law and fundamental rights.





Medium and long-term approach

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The activities in the Western Balkans are expected to result in the following:

- 1) Enhanced economic integration with the EU and development of market economy
- 2) Strengthened democracy, greater respect for human rights and a more fully developed state under the rule of law
- 3) Better environment, reduced climate impact and enhanced resilience to environmental impact and climate change

The Government of Sweden finances to the following sectors: Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Environment and climate action, Transport, Competitiveness and innovation, Education, employment and social policies, Cross - cutting sector.

Donor coordination efforts

Sweden is the member of the DCF forum led by the Ministry of Finance and Treasury as well as the *ad hoc* established sector coordination forums (PAR, Local Governance, Justice, EU Councillors, etc.) and participates in other relevant sector meetings.

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