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progress report 2025



# Summing up 2025...

In 2025, Linköping strengthened its position as tech hub. Linköping Science Park contributed to an increased business growth and fostered a more dynamic innovation climate through a record number of business engagement.

Through clusters, test environments and strategic connections, we strengthened technology transfer and empowered more companies to transform new technology into business faster.

Investments in deeptech, AI and security boosted innovative power and international awareness. At the same time, our talent initiatives broadened participation and enhanced digital competence for more groups.

In conclusion, 2025 shows a science park driving transformation and competitiveness in practice.

*Lena Miranda*  
CEO, Linköping Science Park

**Linköping and East Sweden  
remains a strong tech hub**



# 644%

Growth in the Tech Sector  
in East Sweden 2000-2022

Source: TechSverige

## +550 tech jobs

in Linköping 2021-2023

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## 13 850 people

in the tech sector in Linköping 2021-2023.  
Equals 20% of all employees in the private  
sector.

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## 39 billion

in turnover for the tech industry in 2023, which  
corresponds to 25% of the total turnover in the  
private sector.

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## 27% more R&D

Linköping's share of R&D related businesses  
and operations, the Swedish average is 13%.

# 22 %

of Linköping's total revenue in the private comes from the tech industry.



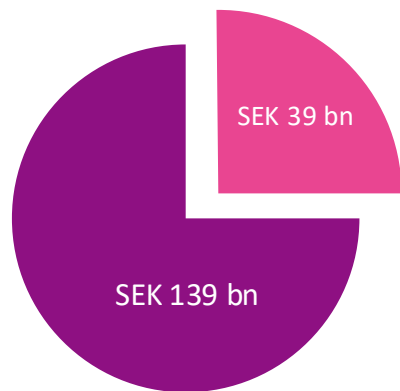
Development of the number of employees in the tech industry in Linköping

# 27%

RnD in Linköping

# 13%

RnD in Sweden



Total private sector business turnover in Linköping in 2023 was SEK 178 billion.

## 68 134

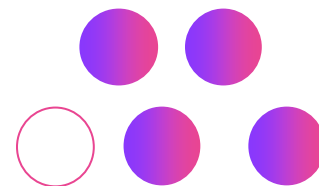


Other industries

## 13 850



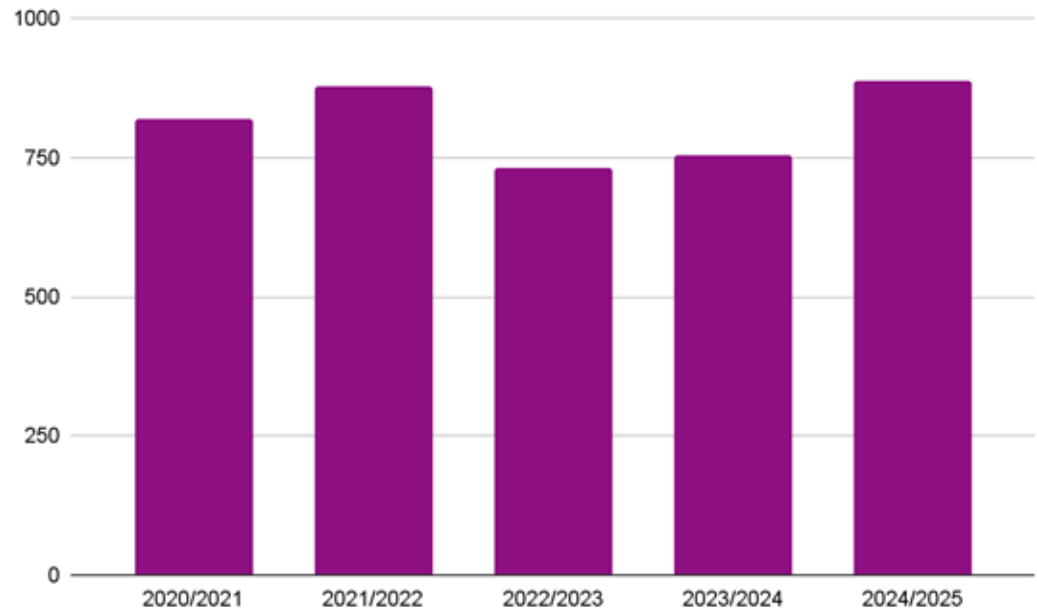
Tech industry



1 in 5 employees in Linköping work in the tech industry.

# A world-class university right next door

- 8,000 new engineers in ten years – powered by Linköping University
- Sweden's fifth largest university by number of registered students – 40,000+ students across 4 campuses.
- Ranked among the world's top 201-250 universities by Times Higher Education 2025, with several programs placed in the top 100 by various organizations.
- Allocation of a European AI Factory, Mimer.



**Number of graduates with a Master of Science in Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering per year**



“Internships lower the threshold – they let both sides evaluate each other for future careers.”

- Claes Lundström, Sectra.

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## Unlocking Sweden’s hidden innovation potential through strategic university-industry partnerships

Sweden has thousands of skilled PhD students – but few structured internships. At the Academia-Industry Collaboration Forum, voices from academia, industry and government explored how internships can strengthen collaboration and spark innovation.

The message was clear: PhD internships are more than career steps – they’re keys to long-term impact.

# Major establishments during 2023-2025



*Väderstad R&D Center*



*Manta*



**TOYOTA**

MATERIAL HANDLING

*Toyota Innovation Center*

**SWISSLOG**

*Swisslog R&D Center*



*Sferical AI*

# Meetings that matter

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During 2025, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a wide range of guests to Linköping. Among them were business representatives, including corporate management teams from Vantor, Sigma Technology IT Group, and Actia Group, as well as various representatives and ambassadors.

We have also welcomed international country and city representatives from several parts of the world, including Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Spain, Japan, China, Austria, and Taiwan, highlighting the strong global interest in Linköping as a hub for innovation and collaboration.

Last but not least, we have hosted representatives from other Swedish regions, further strengthening national cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experience.

*"Thank you for the warm welcome! I am impressed by the dynamic in Linköping! The city's ability to create an ecosystem that brings together industry, research, and academia is remarkable. This collaborative approach is not only inspiring — it represents a true competitive advantage to attract talent, accelerate innovation, and develop sustainable solutions."*

- Jean François Calmels, Deputy General Manager  
Actia Group

*"Thank you for a great meeting. Linköping is a region with strong forward momentum. Sigma will do everything we can to help continue this journey of growth."*

- Johan Edlund, CEO Sigma Technology IT Group AB

Cybersäkerhet för  
ökat lönsamhet

# Operational overview 2025

## Highlights from 2025: new initiatives, growing clusters, and a stronger organization

- Part of Work in Sweden - facilitating work group
- IndX is growing as a national innovation arena
- Progress in digitalization through clusters and skills initiatives
- Defense Hub Sweden launched
- Hosting Aerospace Cluster Sweden - East Node
- Facilitating the iCapital innovation fund within Linköping municipality
- New organization and team structure in place

# 30

**number of projects**

**+ 60 since 2020**

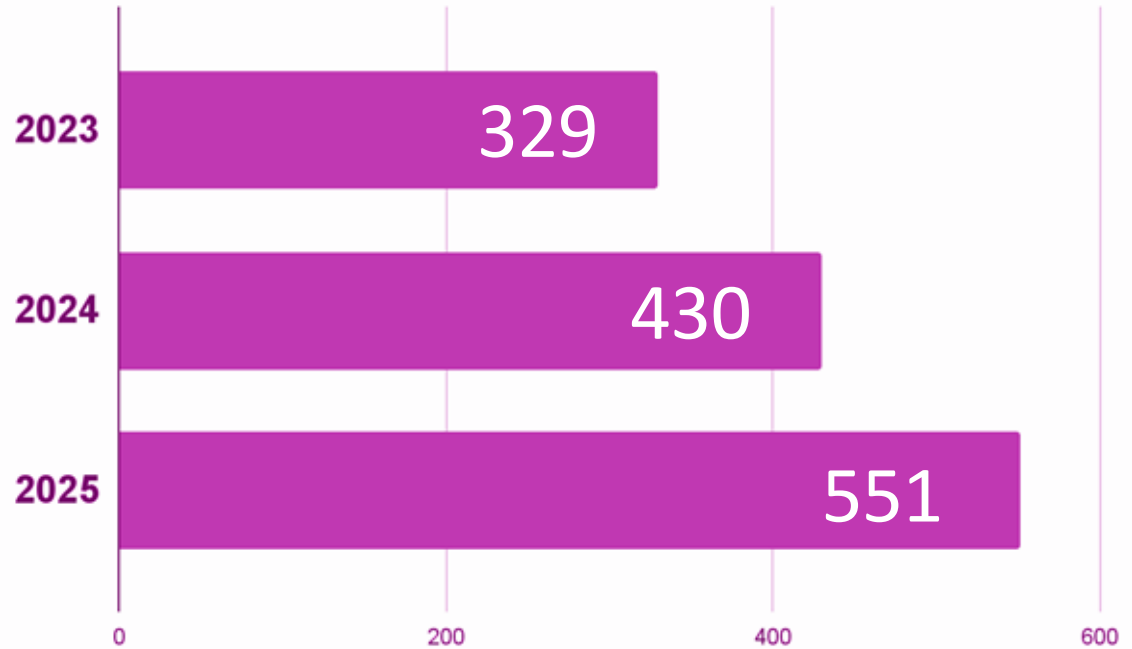
In 2025, we ran or took part in 30 different projects.

Most of them operated on a national level – but always with a local heartbeat. We believe in working locally in ways that inspire nationally, and nationally in ways that create real value for our local communities.

# More companies - stronger impact

We meet companies where they are – that's our promise. And we're now meeting more than ever. Since 2023, we've expanded our capacity to support 100 more companies every year.

That's impact in action.





## Supporting company growth

30

Companies in the accelerator process (23).

+214%

Average revenue increase among participating companies in East Sweden since 2016.

+606

Number of jobs created by participating companies in East Sweden since 2016.

+105

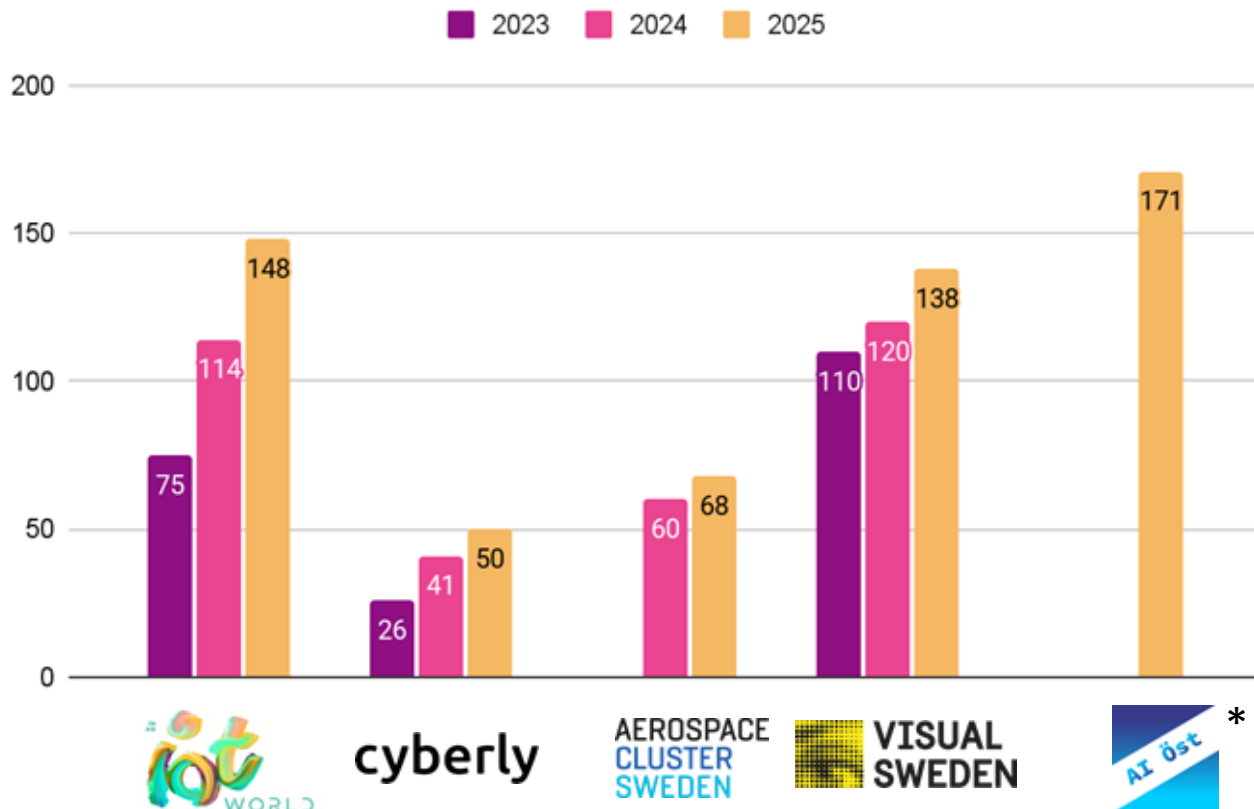
Number of companies that have participated in Swedish Scaleups via Linköping Science Park since 2015.



New civil-military module within Swedish Scaleups.

# Growth within our clusters

## Members



\*Members in AI Öst consists of individuals while the other clusters have a membership base of companies/authorities.

# Cyberly

Enabling a safe, sustainable and efficient society by enhancing digital resilience.



**Beatrice Magnusson**  
Project Manager

*"No one builds digital resilience alone. In our cluster, we bring together the strengths of companies, government partners and research – making sure society stays strong, today and tomorrow."*



**Lena Miranda**  
CEO, Linköping Science Park

*"Linköping has strong cybersecurity competence built around Linköping University's leading research and education, combined with a mature tech ecosystem, defence-related expertise, and practical SME-focused initiatives in and around Linköping Science Park."*



## Ecosystem



Intensified collaboration with authorities, now eligible to become Cyberly members.

Cybersecurity providers  
Cybersecurity users  
Cyber consultancies

# 95%

Member satisfaction

# 30

Events: networking, cluster member events, work forces SOC and CISO (30 participants per event on average)

# 982

Newsletter subscribers

# 100+

Participants in the introductory course in cybersecurity, in collaboration with Sweden Secure Tech Hub



**Conny Ljungqvist, Link22, cluster member**

*"Cyberly manages to gather the strength of our region when it comes to cyber security. It puts the region on the map and attracts people, which is vital for our long-term success."*



**Leif Nixon, Combitech, cluster member**

*"Through Cyberly we can help each other, exchange experiences, and get to know one another. In day-to-day work, having these contacts is very valuable on a purely operational level."*



**Magnus Skogberg, Sectra Communications, cluster member**

*"We can be truly proud of many highly capable cyber security actors in our region and through Cyberly we catalyze collaboration and work for increased digital resilience in society."*

# IoT World 2025

Accelerating the use of solutions for Internet of Things for a sustainable future.



**Ulrika Johansson**  
Project Manager

*"By bringing together and scaling regional excellence, we can build a long-term and sustainable national platform. Sweden is a large country, and we need to work together."*



**Tomas Westlund**  
Technical Coordinator and Lab Manager

*"Smart devices that can collect information and communicate with each other are changing power structures. There is a need for meaningful dialogue about how we preserve, and preferably strengthen, democratic structures in these processes of change."*

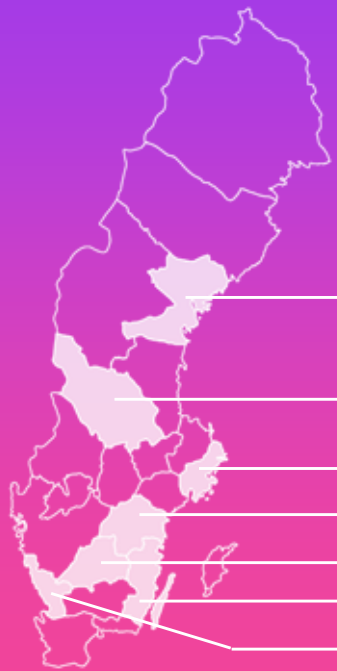


**Göran Berglund, Tre Sverige, IoT World member**  
*"The partnership provides us with a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the opportunity to help strengthen IoT expertise across the entire country."*



**Christian Sahlén, Actia, IoT World member**  
*"Connecting people is important, that's when you can find the things that create magic. It's a good approach to organize that type of event, where you set aside an hour and simply meet."*

## Nodes & partners



# 88%

Member satisfaction

# 29

Events

(30 participants per event on average)

# 150

Member organizations

(239 Unique participating organizations on our events)

# 11

Projects 2018-2025

(Note: only the IoT World projects for which Linköping Science Park has received funding. In addition to these, RISE and various members have had IoT World projects.)

# 1107

LinkedIn followers

# 768

Newsletter subscribers

## Increased

international focus through the ElektroLink project



**Robin Eriksson**  
Program Manager, IndX

"We need new partnerships between large industrial companies and innovative startups from all over the world to tackle future challenges."



**Lena Miranda**  
CEO, Linköping Science Park

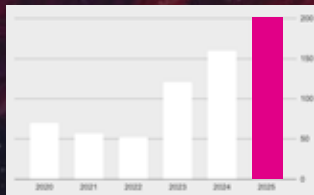
"IndX is a great way for startups and scaleups to connect to the innovative East Sweden region and the global industry giants based here and in Sweden."

## 600 Startups

from all over the world (36 nations)

- 250
- 70
- 50
- 30

70% international startups



2025

- 200 Reviewed partners
- 90 Introduced
- 60+ Continued dialogues



**Frida Nordquist, Program manager Innovation, Toyota MHE**

"IndX is an arena of inspiring our co-workers into thinking differently by seeing what's new and catching the next trends."



**Francisco Penayo, R&D Manager, Hitachi**

"With IndX we find highly relevant startups around the world but also build stronger relations with the other corporate partners."



**Per-Olof Marklund, CTO, Saab Aeronautics**

"IndX is a great collaboration around innovation, sharing challenges and finding what we didn't expect."

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IndX days

500



Speed dates

10



Digital pitch days



25 POCs  
since 2019

7

Active partners



SAAB

2019



TOYOTA  
MATERIAL HANDLING

2019



VÄDERSTAD

2019



Husqvarna Group

2023



SICK  
Sensor Intelligence.

2025



NIRA  
DYNAMICS

2025



HITACHI

2025



SIEMENS ENERGY

2019-2022

200 Total representatives/year

14 Steering committee members

40 C-level participants

# National

- Switch to Sweden
- IoT World
- Code Summer Camp
- Defense Hub Sweden
- Kunskapsnavet för lantbrukets digitalisering
- Semiconductors- a swedish value chain
- R2R-HET -Rulle-till-Rulle Hybrid Tryckt Elektronik Tillverkning
- Elektrolink
- Sweden Secure Tech Hub
- IndX
- Visual Sweden
- The Insider's Guide to Recruiting International Talent
- The Insider's Guide to Moving and Living in Sweden
- Water Wise Societies



# Regional

- Digital kompetens för företagens konkurrenskraft
- Digital kompetens för offentlig sektor
- Avancerad digitalisering för SMF
- Kraftsamling AI Öst
- STIM Energiinnovationer
- Swedish Scaleups
- Cyberly



# Local

- iCapital innovation fund
- Brilliant Mentors of the Future
- Linköping Climate Neutral



Big picture thinking, local-level impact



*“We believe we can both benefit from collaborating with other industries and contribute with our own experiences. It’s about learning from each other while sharing what we know.”*

Björn Rydberg, Industrial Cyber Security Officer at Siemens Energy - **members of Cyberly.**

## Membership that matters

*“For me, the value of the network became very tangible at the IoT World breakfast. Christian and I just happened to sit next to each other, and that led to this idea that we are now taking forward. That is by far the greatest value.”*

Christoffer Johannesson, CEO Dyno Robotics - **members of IoT World.**

*“Connecting people is important - that’s when you can discover the things that create real magic. It’s a great idea to organize this kind of event, where you take an hour and simply meet.”*

Christian Sahlén, CEO, Actia - **members of IoT World.**



# Testbed vouchers

As a part of the project Linköping Climate Neutral 2030, the testbed vouchers are handed out to solutions or products within the sustainability area.



Ulrika Johansson  
Project Manager

*"The testbed vouchers are a door opener! It's an opportunity to collaborate and test your solution within the City of Linköping."*



Julia Bergman  
Communications Manager

# 9/10

would not have been able to complete the test without the testbed vouchers.

*"We wouldn't have been able to find the right test environment or partners on our own."*

# 100%

would recommend others to apply for a testbed voucher.

*"The test environment is key to the testbed vouchers' value."*



The test environment scores 4.9 out of 5, marking it as extremely valuable.

*"We are now able to offer a solution and describe the process to our future customers."*



4.6 out of 5 report that they gained concrete lessons from the test.

# 17

companies  
granted vouchers

- |           |               |                         |                     |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Devair    | SeaPattern    | Ajaxon Consulting       | Edeva               |
| Invisense | Signostium    | Nano Textiles Solutions | Dublett AB          |
| DAZOQ     | TogetherTech/ | Kuikka & Company        | SeaPattern          |
| Envista   | Wiotech       | Visiarc                 | Buildility          |
| Heation   | AKKR8         | Deepoid                 | Heation             |
|           |               |                         | Rexcel Technologies |

A part of Linköping Climate Neutral 2030



## Smarter inspections from the sky – with a little help from AI

Inspecting roofs and façades is often risky, expensive and time-consuming. But with the help of a testbed voucher granted through Linköpings Draknäste, Ajaxon Consulting set out to change that – using drones, thermal cameras and AI.

Together with local property owners Lejonfastigheter, Sankt Kors and Stångåstaden, Ajaxon tested whether drone-based inspections could detect damage, water leaks or heat loss more efficiently.

### Inspiring Solutions Award 2025

The Inspiring Solutions award, handed out by IASP, highlights successful initiatives from science parks and innovation environments worldwide. In 2025, Linköping Science Park was awarded for the work with the test bed voucher program.



“Through Linköping’s draknäste, we got several property owners on board, which was amazing,” says Viktor Ajaxon, co-founder of Ajaxon Consulting.

“We got access to real buildings and real data. Without that, we wouldn’t have had a proper environment to test the model in.”

# Funding that fuels

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Distributed innovation checks

2025

10 vouchers for a total of 1,1 MSEK

2024

17 vouchers for a total of 1,7 MSEK

2023

37 vouchers for a total of 2,7 MSEK.



*“Opportunities in Sweden were limited, as the process was both time-consuming and costly.” After three years of work, Alaa was close to giving up—until the innovation voucher arrived.*

*“I can truly say that the innovation voucher literally saved the company.”*

Alaa Al-sahli, CEO and founder of Allaiter Textile AB, started her company out of a deeply personal need: to relieve the pain and frustration often experienced during breastfeeding. After four years of dedicated work, her innovative product Mamelle—a portable heating insert for breastfeeding breasts—is finally ready to launch. The decisive turning point that made this possible? A significant innovation voucher.

The launch of Defense Hub Sweden:

# Mobilizing to strengthen innovation for a stronger total defense

Defense Hub Sweden is Östergötland's joint initiative to accelerate the national total defense. Through collaboration, research, and innovation, we bring together civil technologies and solutions to strengthen defense resilience.

"...innovation must begin where military challenges actually arise, i.e. within operational units. This points to a **bottom-up approach**, in contrast to decades of experience based on the exact opposite — top-down structures. This approach requires regional meeting places where academia, industry, and the total defence system can come together. Defense Hub Sweden, which includes the Helicopter Wing, constitutes a critical resource for unlocking innovation at the pace demanded by the current security environment. **Now is the time to act.**"

- **Mats-Uno Runeson, Deputy Commander of the Helicopter Wing, commenting on the Swedish Government's Total Defence Bill 2025–2030.**



"The launch of Defense Hub Sweden was a thought-provoking and inspiring day that immediately led to new, **valuable connections**. One is struck by the depth of expertise in the region and by the strong opportunities we have to contribute something meaningful for Sweden. What began as an initial exchange of ideas over a cup of coffee has quickly developed into a **concrete collaboration.**"

— Lisa Åbom, CEO, Nira Dynamics.



## 5 collaborations with Linköping Municipality

- Testbed vouchers, part of Linköping Climate Neutral
- Brilliant mentors of the future
- iCapital innovation fund
- Mjärdevi Place Innovation
- Student workers

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# The people, the processes & the pulse

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## people

The local tech visionary **Alfred Sundstedt** arranged **Hackaping** – a bold, collaborative AI hackathon at Linköping University.

For his initiative and passion for co-creation, Alfred was awarded Co-Creator of the Year by Linköping Science Park.

For the 11th year in a row, **Code Summer Camp** inspired kids and teens to explore tech and programming. This summer, we welcomed over 300 participants – the highest number so far.

The camp went national with digital hubs in cities like Mjölby, Trollhättan and Gothenburg.



## processes



## pulse

With its deep roots in tech and research, Linköping is stepping up to become Sweden's AI hotspot. Through **AI East**, we along with regional partners are building a cross-sector network to help companies turn AI into real value.



# 6940

visitors at our events

# 2142

visitors at our profile events



# 153

events hosted  
by us

# A region of winners

## **Crister Stark, Väderstad**

Kommendörsgården av Kungliga Vasaorden

## **Botanic Games**

Winner at Swedish Game Awards: Best Technology (New Talent) och Best Design (New Talent)

## **Mari Ahlquist, iMetrics**

Listed by Resumé as one of '99 Women Taking Marketing and Tech to the Next Level'

## **Arboair**

Winner InfraAwards

## **Dyno Robotics**

Winner at Blooloo Innovation Awards: Guest Journey

## **Jessica Öberg, Combitech**

Awarded CEO of the Year in the large company category

## **Axel Larsson och Sofia Hallman**

Awarded the SEB innovation scholarship

## **Renasens**

Winners at H&M Foundation Global Change Award

## **Olof Brüer och Torbjörn Kronander, Sectra**

Näringslivsmedaljen 2025

## **Ellinor Eineren, Agricom AB**

Listed on 4potentials' annual ranking of Sweden's top change leaders

## **IFS**

Linköpings näringslivsdiamant

## **Spotscale**

Winners at Business Arena Tech Awards 2025

## **AMRA Medical**

Listed by TIME Magazine as one of the 'World's Top HealthTech Companies'

## **Polar Light Technologies**

SKAPA 2025

## **NIRA Dynamics AB**

Winners at Bosch Global Supplier Award 2025

## **Jenny Arpe**

Master of Science graduation award in memory of Christopher Polhem

## **Placebrander**

The Insider's Guide to Recruiting International Talent

## **Dukaten**

Winners at EPA Awards: Best innovative parking solution

## **Worldish**

Rewarded by Nyföretagarcentrum

## **Westra Materials**

On the 33-list from NyTeknik

## **Cellfion**

Winners at Capgemini Nordic Sustainability Tech Award 2025

## **MicroDri**

Winners at Trätoppen 2025  
On the 33-list from NyTeknik

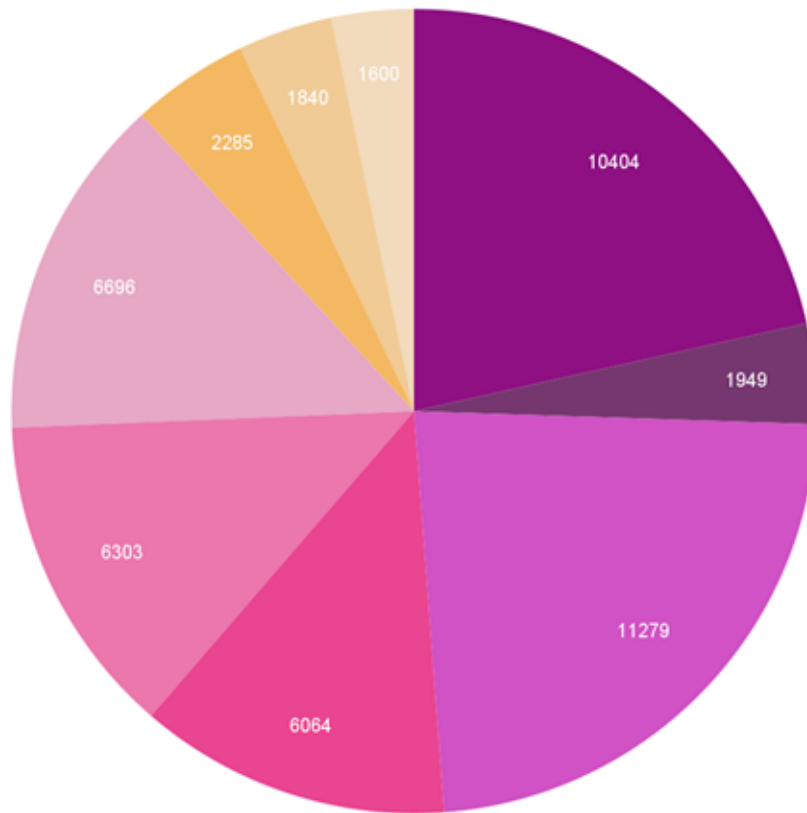
## **Anna Björklou**

Winner at Sogetis #adder awards: Role model

# Funding 2025

Total revenue 48 421 000 SEK.

Amounts are shown in million SEK.



- Base funding Linköping municipality
- Project funding Linköping municipality
- Vinnova
- Region Östergötland
- Tillväxtverket
- The European Social Fund
- Private capital
- Energimyndigheten
- Other

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# International engagement

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In a broader context:

## **The value of Science Parks - locally and in the world**

Linköping Science Park is a proud member of the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) – a global network that helps us create value for our companies far beyond regional and national borders. Let's look at what the members of IASP offer!

We are a member of the Swedish Incubators & Science Parks Association (SISP), collaborating with science parks nationwide to support and strengthen Sweden's innovation and competitiveness as a tech nation.

# Rooted in Linköping, connected worldwide

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ANDORRA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, AZERBAIJAN, BELGIUM, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CAMEROON, CANADA, CAPE VERDE, CHINA, CHINESE TAIPEI, COLOMBIA, CROATIA, CUBA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, ESTONIA, ESWATINI, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, KOSOVO, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, MOLDOVA, MOROCCO, THE NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, NORWAY, OMAN, PAKISTAN, PALESTINE, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, ROMANIA, SAUDI ARABIA, SERBIA, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SOUTH KOREA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TURKMENISTAN, TÜRKIYE, UKRAINE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, UZBEKISTAN, VENEZUELA, VIETNAM

1984 created | 350 members | >115k companies | 81 countries

42 world conferences | 200 regional events | 6 regional divisions | 2 offices



Lena Miranda was elected President of IASP in 2023 and served in that role through 2025, completing a two-year term.

Prior to becoming President of IASP, she served two years as Vice President and also held leadership roles within IASP's European division.

# The offer of IASP members worldwide

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- **Supporting new and growing companies**  
96% of science parks offer incubation services  
76% manage full incubation or acceleration programs
- **Going global**  
83% support international expansion  
58% help companies with internationalisation strategies
- **Attracting the right talent**  
85% assist companies in finding and attracting top talent
- **Turning knowledge into business**  
73% work actively with knowledge transfer – helping academic research reach the market
- **Creating connections that matter**  
86% provide networking, events and community-building services that foster co-creation and innovation

Source: IASP GLOBAL SURVEY Science and technology parks, innovation districts, areas of innovation and other organised innovation spaces throughout the world, 2024.

# Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond

**Looking ahead, Linköping Science Park will contribute** to a growing Linköping with a strong business sector and more people in employment by strengthening the region's innovation and transformation capacity and further positioning Linköping as a leading tech hub with increased attractiveness and international relevance.

We will accelerate technology transfer and diffusion so that more companies can turn AI, IoT, cybersecurity and advanced digitalisation into real products, services and business growth. By reinforcing our strategic platforms – IndX, IoT World, Cyberly, AI Öst as well as ACS East Node and Defense Hub Sweden – we will scale demand-driven initiatives and increase the number of national and international collaborations.

At the same time, we will broaden participation through talent and skills programmes for new target groups and lifelong learning. We will strengthen the scaleup support in East Sweden by a closer collaboration with regional actors.

Finally, we will secure long-term delivery capacity through striving for stable funding, strategic collaborations and a strong organisation towards 2030.

*Lena Miranda*

CEO, Linköping Science Park