

Designing a survey of Long Distance Transportation by Busses and Coaches: The Swedish approach

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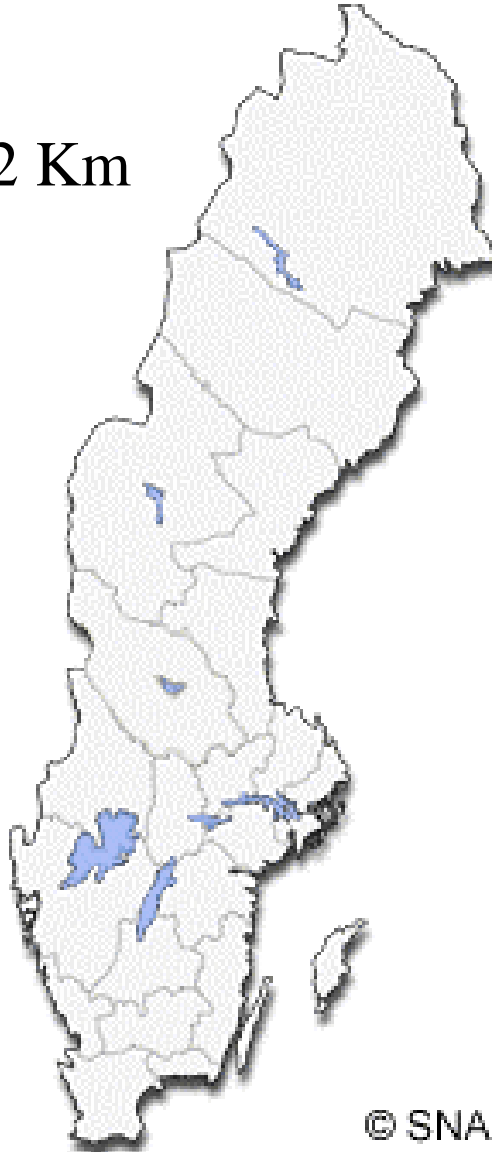
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When does a “bus” become a “coach”?

How long is “long distance”?

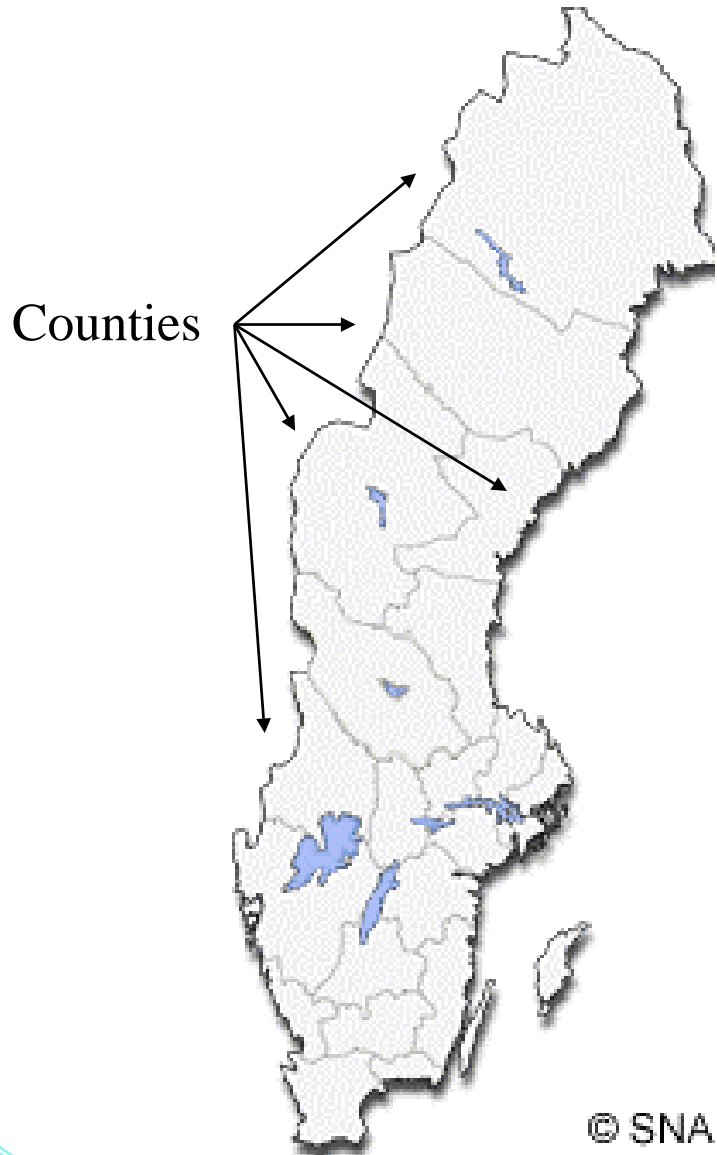
Definition of long distance in our survey

1572 Km



Long distance bus transportation is defined as a privately or county traffic principal run route by bus that crosses at least one county border and its final destination is a major dwelling in the destination county.

Traffic rights in Sweden



Local and intraregional (within a county):

County traffic principal monopoly

Interregional and International:
 Liberalized market (anyone with a license could run traffic)

The Swedish market historically

- Strictly regulated until 1999 in order to protect the state owned monopoly railways
- The deregulation resulted in an expansion of the number of lines as well as in the total number of passengers. The industry has now stabilized at a high level.

The Swedish market today

- Approximately 60 companies
- 4 of the companies account for 90% of the market
- 400 buses
- Turnover 500-600 Million SEK annually
- 2 million journeys a year

Currently there is no coherent statistical information

The survey

Aim

- In the short term to build up a basis upon which continuous annual follow up can take place
- In the long run the survey should be augmented in order to provide necessary statistical information for various purposes
- Driving forces: Sika and the industry association

The survey

Areas that will be covered

- The industry
- Supply
- Consumption
- Finance

The industry

- Actors
 - Private
 - County traffic principals
- Identification of routes
- Transport equipment
 - Number of buses
 - Capacity
 - Age
- Availability for disabled

Supply

- Number of seat kilometres

Consumption

- Number of journeys
- Passenger transport performance
 - Passenger kilometres

Finance

- Operating revenue
- Operating cost

Timetable for the survey

- Sent out 10 November
- Deadline for replies 30 November
- Final report January 2007

What comes next at the European level?

- Establishment of fora for cross-border cooperation?
- Elaboration of common definitions?
- European standards?
- Common European survey?

Questions & answers

Thank you for your attention!