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Topic (i): IT governance in statistical offices

**IT GOVERNANCE AT STATISTICS SWEDEN – ORGANIZATION, FINANCING, PLANNING AND  
PRIORITIZATION**

**Supporting paper**

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**Summary**

**I. ORGANIZATION**

1. Statistics Sweden's IT organization is decentralized. Each department has its own IT unit, which is responsible for systems development within the department. The Central IT unit, within the Research and Development department, serves the whole organization in specific topics.
2. The Central IT unit is responsible for:
  - IT policy;
  - IT methods, e.g. Systems development model;
  - Software, e.g. SAS, SuperStar, VB.NET, MS Office;
  - IT infrastructure, i.e. network, servers, workstations, printers, operation systems etc.;
  - Operations and administration of the IT infrastructure. The day-to-day operations are outsourced, and the IT unit is responsible for all contacts with the contractor;
  - IT security;
  - Development of common systems for administration etc.;
  - IT competence development and training;
  - International cooperation within the IT area.

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3. The IT council, consisting of the departmental level IT managers, serves as a steering committee for Statistics Sweden's IT organization. The council is chaired by the Head of IT (i.e. the Head of the Central IT unit).

4. The Central IT unit is represented on the board of directors by the head of the Research and Development Department.

## **II. FINANCING OF IT INVESTMENTS AND COMMON IT WORK**

5. Common IT infrastructure, i.e. servers, network, communication, common software etc. as well as the contractor are financed by the users (departments), in two ways:

- A fixed fee for each workstation;
- A fee depending on the storage amount used on servers.

6. The departments finance specific software such as SAS, SuperStar, VisualBasic, depending on the number of users.

7. The Central IT Unit is financed in three ways:

- By the departments depending on the number of personnel;
- In the same way as the common IT infrastructure (point 4);
- IT training fees.

## **III. PLANNING AND PRIORITIZATION**

8. The Director General, in consultation with the Finance department and Central IT Unit, decides on budget limits for the yearly IT infrastructure investments as well as all fees.

9. IT infrastructure investments are presented in an annual IT plan as well as in a five-year IT long-term plan.

10. Common IT methods development activities are presented in an annual development plan.

11. The annual IT plan and methods development plan are thoroughly discussed within the IT council and prioritized accordingly. The plans are decided by the Director General after discussions within the Board of Directors.