

# Swedish Standards Consumers and Workers Council 2019



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Has the mission from the Swedish Government to promote and facilitate end-user participation in standards development in Sweden, Europe and on the international level, from organisations representing Consumers, Environment, Workers and other non-business NGOs with a broad societal interest.



# The "Council" is constituted by:

The Swedish Agency for Participation

The Swedish Consumer Agency

The Swedish Consumers' Association

The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

The Swedish Trade Union Confederation

The Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees

The Swedish Disability Rights Federation

The Swedish Work Environment Agency



# Council members 2019

- Ivar Rönnbäck, Chairman, The Swedish Consumer Agency
- My Billstam, The Swedish Trade Union Confederation
- Hans von Axelson, Vice Chairman, The Swedish Agency for Participation
- Ebba Magnusson, The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
- Jens Henriksson, The Swedish Consumers' Association
- Mikael Dubois, The Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees
- Mia Ahlgren, The Swedish Disability Rights Federation
- Torben Vincentsen, The Swedish Work Environment Federation

## **Secretary:**

- Helene Edmark, The Swedish Standards Institute, SIS

# Rules for spending 2019

**The Swedish Governments rules for the use of the grant given to support end-user participation (In total 480 000 EUR)**

”Of the total grant 348 000 EUR can be used for the fees for participation in the Swedish standards technical committees. Priority should be given to user groups, NGOs, with a general societal interest and not to business groups. The aim is to finance a broad representation of organisations and sectors.

Out of the total grant maximum of 142 000 EUR can be used for education, information and coordination of representation of end-users in standardisation.

Administrational support can be financed.

# The Mission of the Council

- Support consumer, workers and environmental representatives in standardisation.
- Promote the application and use of standards.



# Main tasks of the Council (1)

- To promote participation in standards development work both national, in Europe and globally from consumers, workers and environmental organisations
- Other national organisations with a clear user focus can be considered
- To promote the user interest through information, education and training (basically through projects)
- To finance travel expenditures for international and European end-user representation

## Main tasks of the Council (2)

- To make budget proposals for the continuous funding of the Councils work
- To follow and evaluate the potential need for user representatives in standard committees
- To increase the knowledge of the importance of user representation and how it contributes to better standards and trust in standards
- To participate in global cooperation on standards, eg. through ISO COPOLCO



# The Council targets

- Organisations representing consumers, workers and environmental organisations which in its statutes represents a clear end-user perspective
- Business, business organisations, organisations of professional and government (both local and national) are not to be financed by the council

# Vision

A balanced representation of users in standards that contribute to a sustainable development.



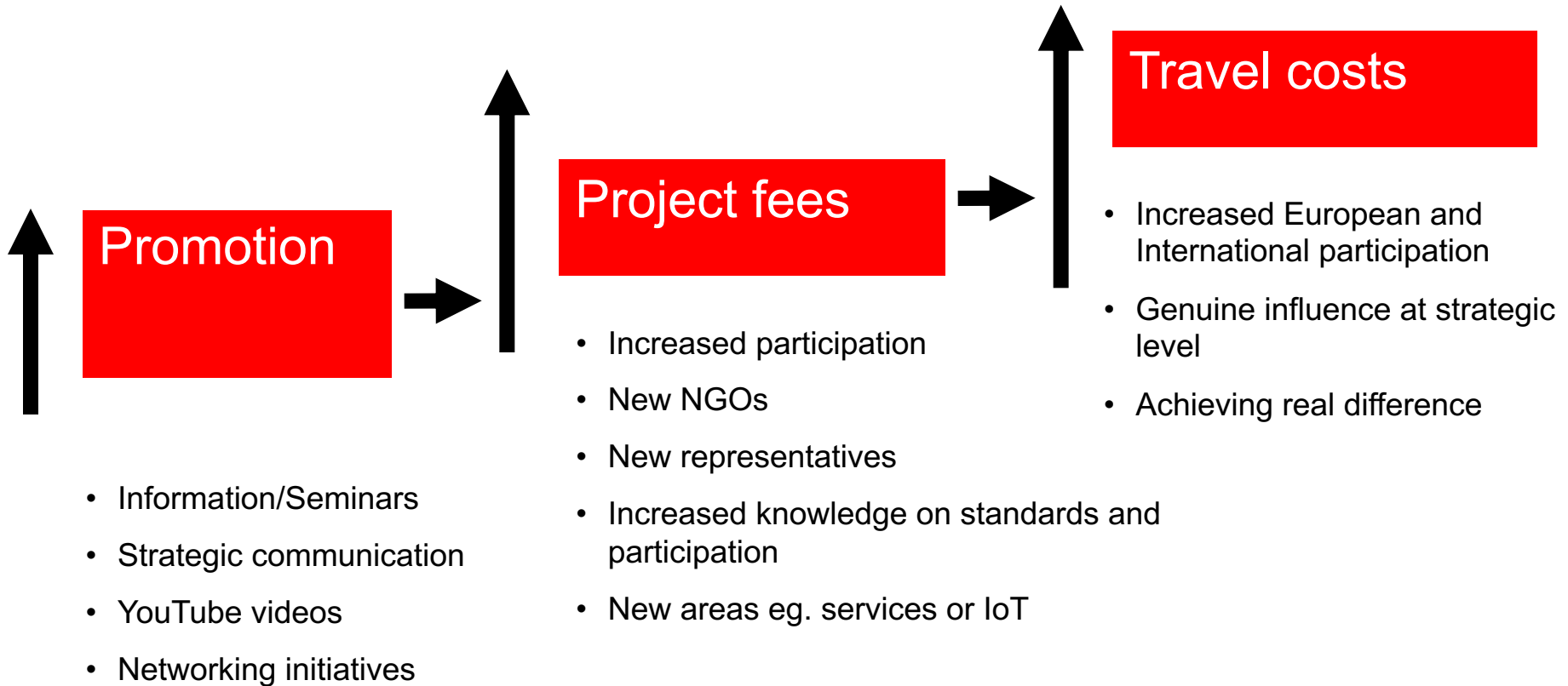
# Examples of organisations

LO-förbund, TCO-förbund, Sveriges Konsumenter, Naturskyddsföreningen, SACO-förbund, DHR Stockholmsavdelningen, Funktionsrätt Sverige, Neuroförbundet, Reumatikerförbundet, FKS Förening för kognitivt stöd, Riksförbundet FUB, Riksföreningen Autism, Motormännens Riksförbund, ECPAT, FRII, Fair Trade Center, Ergonomisällskapet, DHR, Bygg klokt konsortiet, Cykelfrämjandet, FTF Arbetsmiljö, Överviktigas Riksförbund, Rädda barnen, Svenska Djurskyddsföreningen, PRO, Villaägarnas Riksförbund, Svenska Livräddningssällskapet, SMC Sveriges MotorCyklister, Svenska motorcykel- & snöskoterförbundet, Design for all – Sverige, NTF – Nationalföreningen för trafiksäkerhetens främjande, Svenska Karateförbundet, Svenska orienteringsförbundet, Svenska Hockeyförbundet med flera.

# What does the Council fund?

- The fees for participation in Swedish standards committees (Technical and mirror committees)
- Travel and accommodation, per diem in line with national rules and a 500 EUR payment for each European or international standards meeting
- Financing projects to promote participation eg. seminars, training, co-ordination activities/networking

# Step by step

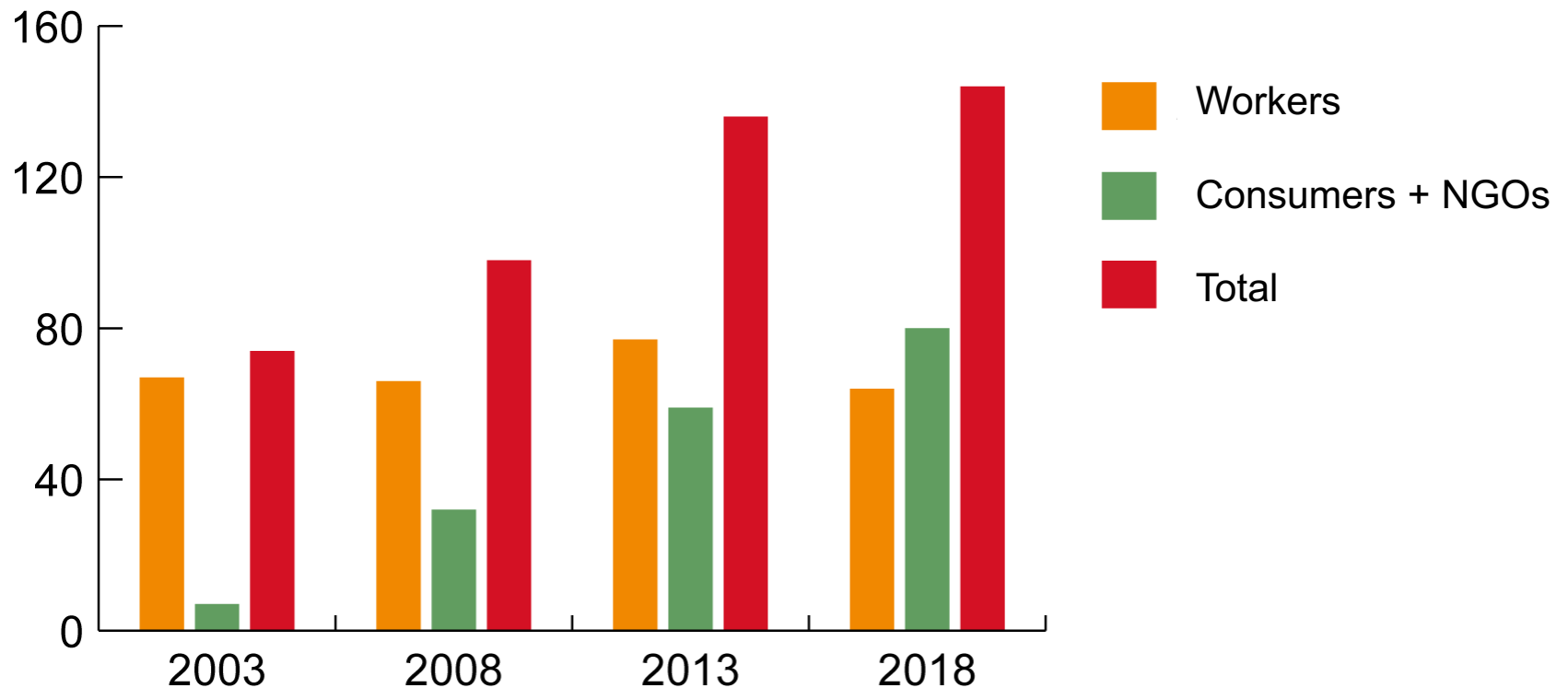


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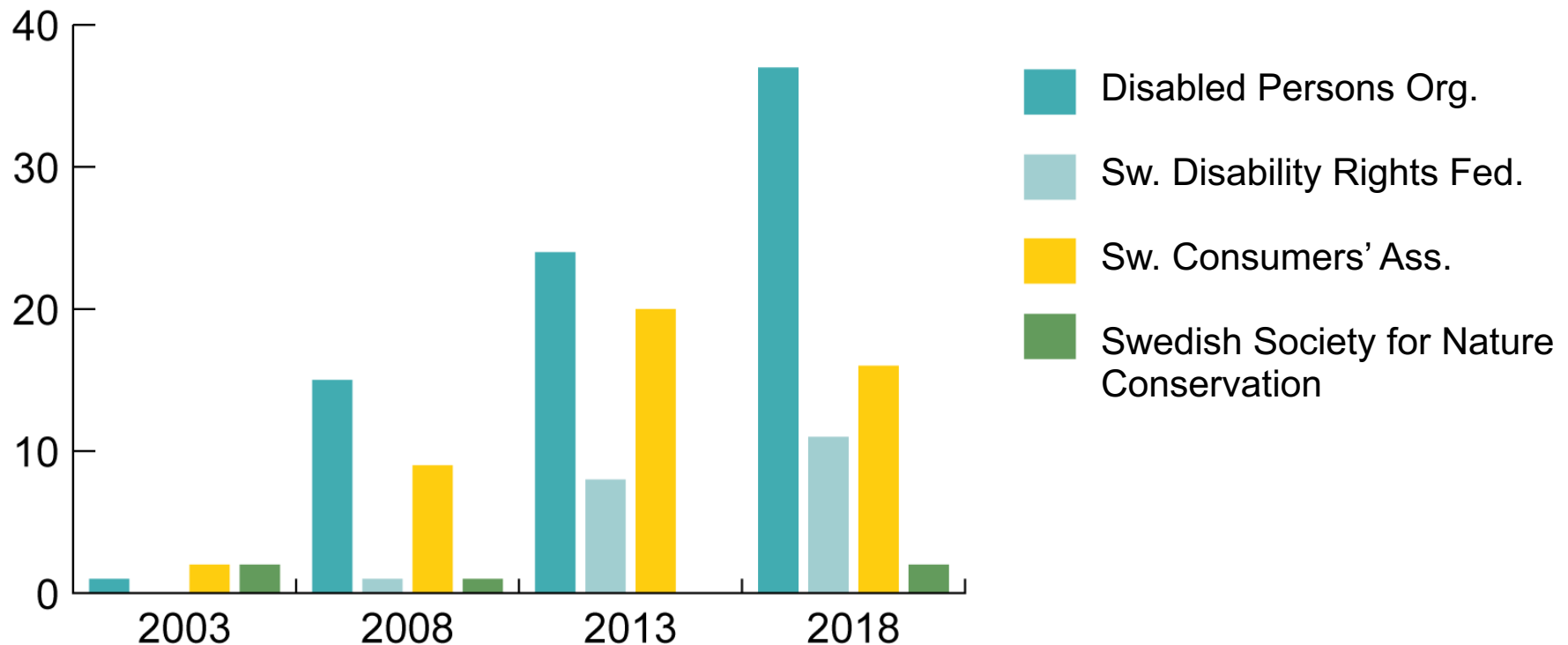
- Equal treatment for all stakeholders
- Facilitated by equal financial contribution to the standards process



## The development of NGO representatives, SWE



## Development – Worker reps. excluded





# Swedish strategy for standardisation

- All stakeholders should have the possibility to participate in standards
- To enable this there is a need for support to end-user participation

# Swedish model

- All the experts involved in the standardization process from end-user organizations shall participate on the same terms as the industry and other members of the national committees.
- The “Swedish model” of financing fees instead of free participation aims at achieving equal treatment and the same financial contribution to the technical committees in standardization work.

# More information

[www.skaradet.se](http://www.skaradet.se)

Information in English

[http://skaradet.se/Pdf/Swedish\\_Standards\\_Consumers\\_Workers\\_Council.pdf](http://skaradet.se/Pdf/Swedish_Standards_Consumers_Workers_Council.pdf)