Climate Recon 2050:
Dialogues on Pathways and Policy

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“Sweden’s most important law”

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The climate policy framework

- Long-term targets for Swedish climate policy
- A system for planning and reviewing climate policy
- A Climate Policy Council

1st of January 2018, parts of the framework became regulated in the *Climate Act*.

Agreed by a broad majority (7 out of 8 parties) in parliament 2017.
Towards zero net emissions 2045
Terms of reference of Swedish Climate Policy Council

• Evaluate weather *the comprehensive policy* of the government is compatible with the climate targets
  • Do relevant policy areas contribute or counteract climate targets
  • Identify policy areas requiring further measures
  • Reviewing existing and planned policies

• Evaluate analytical methods and models used

• Contribute to the public discussion on climate policy
Policy planning and evaluation cycle
Independent advisory body

**Climate Policy Council**
- 8 members
- Academic experts
- Original group appointed by government
- 3 year terms
- The council to propose their own successors

Secretariat of 3-4 analysts

**Climate Law**
- Short and overarching
- Requires the government to work in line with the overall target set by parliament (net zero)
- Regulates procedures of planning and reporting to government
Inspiration from fiscal policy framework and Swedish Fiscal Policy Council

Fiscal policy framework established mid 1990’s after economic crises. Fiscal Policy Council 2007

- Transparency
- Robust budget process
- Increased stability in public finances
Some thoughts on challenges…

- The council to find its unique role and contribution
  - Existing institutions? Evaluation vs advise?
    Academic theory vs practical experience?
- No regulation on how the government should respond or act on the advise brought by the council
- How to monitor – and communicate - a transformative change to net zero emissions?
- Limited resources – dependent on several other government agencies for gap analyses etc.
Thanks!

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