

Sweden is situated in northern Europe, bordering Finland and Norway. It is a monarchy with a parliamentary form of government. The size of the population is about 9.4 million inhabitants and more than 80% of the population live in urban areas. The Swedish healthcare system is a socially responsible system with an explicit public commitment to ensure the health of all citizens. Quality health care for all is a cornerstone of the Swedish welfare state. The 1982 Health and Medical Services Act not only incorporated equal access to services on the basis of need but also emphasised a vision of equal health for all.

## Sweden

Capital: Stockholm

Geographical size: 438.575,8 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 9.644.864 (2014)

Population as % of total EU population: 1,9 % (2014)

GDP: € 420.849 billion (2013)

Official EU language(s): Swedish

Political system: Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy

EU member country since 1 January 1995

Seats in the European Parliament: 20

Currency: Swedish krona SEK

Schengen area member? Yes, Schengen Area member since 25 March 2001

Presidency of the Council: Sweden has held the revolving presidency of the Council of the EU twice: in 2001 and 2009

Total population (2013)	9.571.000
Gross national income per capita (PPP international \$, 2013)	44.760
Life expectancy at birth m/f (years, 2012)	80/84
Probability of dying under five (per 1000 live births, 0)	not available
Probability of dying between 15- and 60-years m/f (per 1 000 population, 2012)	69/43
Total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2012)	4.158
Total expenditure on health as % of GDP (2012)	9,6 %

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