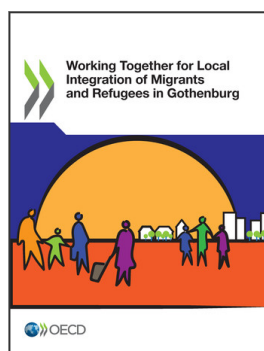


## Annex B: Division of competences for integration relevant matters across levels of government

NATIONAL: no national “integration code” or guidelines, integration is mainstreamed in general policies		
Entity	Responsible for/Past capacities	Important updates in competences/legislation
Integration Agency	created in 1997 and dismantled in 2007	
Ministry of Justice - Swedish Migration Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Immediate reception</li> <li>- handling the asylum seeking process from registration through management to decision, - accommodation of all asylum seekers</li> <li>- since January 2017 is responsible for assigning municipality places for newly arrived persons with a resident status, including resettled refugees.</li> </ul>	<p>A new Asylum law (2016:752) was introduced in July 2016: limiting residence permits for refugees to three years and for those holding a subsidiary protection status to 13 months. After this limit if there are still reasons for protection, a prolonged permit may be granted. If the person is able to supply for her-/himself, a permanent permit of residence may be granted. Possibilities for family reunification are exceptional for those entitled with subsidiary protection.</p> <p>Since the introduction of the Reception for Settlement Act (2016:38) in March 2016 the Swedish Migration Agency became responsible for assigning municipality places for newly arrived persons with residence permits including resettled refugees, taking over this role from the Employment agency. Before the agency was responsible only to finding housing to quota refugees, elderly and those refugees who are unable to participate in the establishment programme due to disabilities</p>
Ministry of Employment	Employment, establishment, integration through work	
Equality Ombudsman (DO)	Overseeing discrimination laws	A comprehensive law against all kinds of discrimination was introduced in 2009
Public Employment Service (PES) Arbetsformedlingen – under the authority of the Ministry of Employment	Introduction programme	Until 2010 municipalities were responsible for this programme.
Regional Authorities		
Västra Götalandsregionen - County Council Elected regional body	Doesn't have appointed tasks related to integration but is actively involved in facilitating the establishment of newcomers and has a large responsibility when it comes to health care	Collaborates with the county government in the implementation of Early initiatives.
County governments (Länsstyrelsen) Deconcentrated national administration	Support the municipalities in receiving unaccompanied children, coordinating educational activities in Swedish and societal orientation. They distribute state grants for reception and housing to municipalities	From January 2017 they are responsible for “Early initiatives” for asylum seekers
Larger Gothenburg		
Gothenburg Regional Association	Through the association 13 municipalities coordinated on issues related to infrastructure, traffic, pollution, etc.	Since 2015 peak in refugee arrivals they extended their cooperation on issues related to housing and integrating newcomers
MUNICIPAL: integration is a responsibility for all municipal boards and is mainstreamed in municipal policies as a whole and is not the responsibility of an integration department but		

Entity	Responsible for/Past capacities	Important updates in competences/legislation	
<b>Municipality</b>	Housing and education	Within the framework of the Introduction programme municipalities are in charge of Swedish classes, housing, and initiatives for children in schools and pre-school as well as civic orientation services.	
<b>Interpreter and migrant service and Special Board for migrant issues</b>	Created in 1970-80 and phased out in 2000 when the activities were transferred to other municipal boards		
<b>Advisor on migration, integration and refugee reception in the City executive office</b>	This role contributes to reaching consensus and a holistic view of the political orientations of the city in this domain		
<b>Management group for receiving and integrating new arrivals</b>	Heads of units of different municipal boards (housing, education and labour market, social affairs) regularly participate to this group. The aim is to make the reception and integration of newly arrived individuals as effective and smooth as possible, through a shared action plan.		
<b>Participation</b>	Right to vote and be voted to municipal elections for all foreigners who lived in the city for more than 3 years		

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