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Letter of Regulation for the 2010 budget year in respect of the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (Growth Analysis) within the expenditure area 24 Industry and Commerce

The Swedish Parliament (Riksdag) has adopted a resolution concerning operations of the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (Growth Analysis) for the budget year 2010 (prop. 2009/10:1 utg. omr. 24 bet. 2009/10:NU1 rskr. 2009/10:146).

The Government decides that the following shall apply during the budget year 2010 to the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (Growth Analysis) and for the grants indicated below.

OPERATIONS

1. Objectives and reporting requirement

Expenditure forecasts

Growth Analysis shall report forecasts for the period 2010-2014 on the forecasting dates below. The forecasts shall be commented on both in relation to the previous forecast occasion and in relation to the budget. The forecasts shall be delivered to the Hermes information system in accordance with the instruction from the Swedish Financial Management Authority (ESV).

The forecasts shall be reported:

25 February 2010,
6 May 2010,
29 July 2010 and
28 October 2010.

Issues concerning sparsely populated and rural areas

Growth Analysis shall report how issues concerning sparsely populated and rural areas are integrated in the Agency's operations.

Financial Reporting

Growth Analysis shall report the following:

- Total costs per organisational unit.
- Total costs and hours grouped by mission type.
- Total costs for procurement.
- Total costs for each of certain representative missions.
- Grant incomes from respective contributor.

3. Missions

NEW MISSIONS

1. Develop a Micro Database for growth policy measures in individual enterprises

The government has the need to evaluate and analyse growth policy measures in order to ensure that allocated resources are used in a way that is effective from the viewpoint of the national economy. Growth Analysis has, in accordance with its instruction, a number of general evaluation assignments that presuppose a proper follow-up in respect of the actors concerned. Microdata is necessary for the Agency to be able to complete the task of evaluating and analysing growth policy measures.

Furthermore, the Agency has the task of collecting data on the state's grants and subsidies to the business sector since Sweden has an obligation to report disbursed financial support to the EU and the WTO.

In accordance with Section 22 of the Swedish Ordinance on state aid to commerce and industry (1988:764), the agencies/authorities concerned are obliged to submit information to facilitate the monitoring of existing financial aid and support. According to the Agency's regulations on follow-up information concerning state aid to the private business sector (MTFS 2009:3) information shall, in principle, be submitted to enable the identification of every aid recipient and to infer the amount of the aid during the year to each aid recipient for each support category that has occurred (microdata). In practice, however, the majority of the state actors only submit aggregated data.

So far as the reporting of financial aid to the EU and the WTO is concerned, there is reason to monitor whether the present procedures are fit for purpose and sufficiently effective. An additional factor regarding access to microdata concerns the possibilities of strengthening the control of Swedish implementation of so-called 'de minimis aid' (aid of lesser amounts) through the establishment of a national register. The current application of these provisions is based on control via the companies that apply for financial support.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall develop a Micro Database concerning state aid to the business sector provided by public agencies/authorities, state-owned companies and foundations. On the one hand, the database shall be used for Sweden's reporting to the EU and WTO and, on the other hand, as background material for the national evaluation of growth policy measures for individual companies.

The Mission here includes a harmonisation of the follow-up of the state aid. An overview must therefore be made of the content of existing instructions and templates for reporting so that e.g. distortions do not arise on the aggregated level. Clear definitions of the meaning of significant terms e.g. new enterprises and seed financing, need to be developed.

The work shall take place in collaboration with the stakeholders concerned in order to ensure an effective data acquisition process as well as feedback of results so as to develop the work of the agencies/authorities, companies and foundations that provide support to the business sector.

Starting from e.g. the requirements that follow from Sweden's undertaking to report aid provided in accordance with the EU's rules on state aids and the WTO agreement on subventions and compensating measures, proposals shall also be submitted the aim of which is to ensure the quality of the reported data and that the procedures concerning the reporting optimise resources at all stages.

Against the background of the proposals on the future make-up of the reporting as referred to above, the Agency shall also clarify the preconditions for establishing a national register for Swedish application of the EU Commission's provisions concerning aid within the 'de minimis' threshold.

In an interim report of 30 April 2010, the Agency shall report to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) how the work is progressing.

The project shall be carried out so that lists of measures during 2009 may be implemented as of 1st September at the latest. The project shall be implemented in collaboration with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications). The date for the final report of the project is settled through agreement with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications).

2. Method for follow-up of regional reduction of social security contributions

The regional reduction of social security contributions has been used in Sweden as a regional support form since 1983. The targeting of the support in respect of business sectors, geography and scale has varied over time. The purpose of the support is to stimulate small-scale enterprise as well as to contribute to a good service in those parts of the country that have the largest geographical disadvantages in regard to location. The Swedish National Audit

Office during 2008 has examined *inter alia* the regional abatement of social security contributions. “Lower social-security contributions – for whom and at what cost?” (RiR 2008:16).

The National Audit Office, with the help of the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU), has examined whether the regional reduction in individual contributions and employer contributions for companies in development area A is an effective instrument for increasing employment. The National Audit Office’s overall assessment is that the regional reduction has not delivered any employment effects nor has it led to any change in the service nor has it affected enterprise development to any significant extent. The National Audit Office recommends the government to propose to the Swedish Parliament a phasing out of the reduction. In its annual budget proposal for 2010 (prop. 2009/10:1, utgiftsområde 19), the government has stated that the reduction is an important factor for companies but there are reasons to seek better methods for evaluating this form of support.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall monitor the regional reduction in social security contributions as a support form. The follow-up shall complement the evaluation that the National Audit Office carried out in 2008 (RiR 2008:16). The survey that the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU) conducted, on behalf of the National Audit Office, has its main focus on the question whether the reduction has delivered any employment effects. Since the purpose of this form of support is to stimulate business development and contribute to good service provision, the Swedish government considers that this assessment should be supplemented with other factors than solely employment effects and, moreover, explicitly check for regional differences. There is, moreover, reason to carry out comparisons with studies made in other countries of this type of support. The project shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 December 2010 at the latest.

3. Overall analysis of capital provision amongst small and medium-sized companies

At present, there is a lack of comprehensive and recurring analyses both of the need for external financing on the part of small and medium-sized enterprises and the extent to which the financial markets meet the demands from these companies for financing. Bearing in mind the great importance that access to capital has for the possibilities of start-up and development of enterprises, knowledge in this area should be increased. Small and Medium Enterprises (SME’s) are a very heterogeneous group and there is, therefore, also a need to analyse the capital supply situation and the demand for external financing for different categories of business/business owners and in different phases of enterprise creation and development. Furthermore, the structure of commerce and industry is subject to variation as are the preconditions and the needs of business in different parts of the country.

With this knowledge as foundation, the work of identifying the financial gap is facilitated while the precision of government measures to supplement the market within the area of business finance is enhanced.

A comprehensive analysis should cover both public and private business financing. The availability of analytical data in respect of public measures within the financing area is satisfactory. Nevertheless, state financing constitutes only a very small part of the overall financing of business and, where the much larger private component is concerned, there are shortcomings in the availability of detailed statistical data. For this part of the financing there is a requirement for more active work in collecting analytical data from different sources and possibly also supplementing existing information with new investigations.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall carry out an analysis of the supply of capital and the need for external financing in respect of SME's. The analysis shall cover a description of the development within the area and provide background material for assessments of the occurrence of financing gaps. The analysis shall be based on information about both public and private company financing. The report shall show the input values in the analysis. As part of this reporting, the public and private offer of financing to SME's shall be described and quantified.

The statistics that are shown shall be broken down by gender and where, this is possible, in to those born in Sweden and those born abroad. Furthermore, regional differences in the capital supply situation of companies shall be reported. The report shall also clarify the capital provision situation of different sectors. The financing needs and facilities in connection with the start-up and development phases for cultural and creative businesses shall be reported separately and proposals for suitable measures to strengthen the capital supply situation within these shall be submitted.

The work shall be implemented in consultation with the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Tillväxtverket). Growth Analysis should make use of background material from this agency in respect of information on regional business grants as well as information on the venture capital market in Sweden that this agency regularly draws up in collaboration with e.g. the Swedish Equity capital & Venture Capital Association. The project shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 15 September 2010 at the latest.

4. Renewed Mission for Cultural Industries

Awareness of the significance and potential of the cultural and creative industries for sustainable growth and employment has increased in recent years. This increased interest is reflected in the fact that the value added of services and products is - to an increasing extent - linked to values such as comprehensibility, form and design. In addition, knowledge of the financing situation for potential, new and established companies within this area needs to be improved, both in Sweden and within the Nordic region and the EU. In Sweden, the financing requirement has been underlined as an important area for cultural entrepreneurs in the dialogue meetings that the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Enterprise, Energy and Communications have conducted. In the report from the Swedish Inquiry on Cultural Policy (SOU

2009:16) the situation of the cultural entrepreneurs in this context was also highlighted.

As a consequence, the Swedish government sees a need for developing entrepreneurship and business development within the cultural and creative industries as well as the interaction between culture and the business sector.

In a Letter of Regulation for 2009, the Swedish government gave Growth Analysis the task of drawing up a definition of the cultural and creative industries. The starting point is that it shall be possible to make use of existing data acquisition carried out by Statistics Sweden and other authorities that collect statistics. The selected definition shall be used to measure the scope of the cultural industries in respect of employment, value added and business activities.

The conclusion of Growth Analysis was that existing statistics can indeed be used to measure the scope of the cultural industries in the aforementioned respects and the Agency is working to report statistics concerning the scope of the cultural and creative industries both nationally and regionally.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall further develop the analysis in this renewed mission in respect of the cultural and creative industries. The analysis shall be focused on the cultural industries' contribution to sustainable economic growth and employment in all parts of the country, in particular regarding how the cultural industries are integrated with other business sectors, e.g. whether it can be demonstrated that investments that increase the service content of products and aesthetic values are growing in relation to other forms of investment. The project in this area shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 May 2010 at the latest.

5. Knowledge and statistics on the service sector

The interest in - and understanding of - the vital role of the production and development of services has increased in recent decades amongst companies, researchers and politicians worldwide. In the work to guarantee and promote sustainable growth, employment and welfare in the years ahead, ever more countries choose to make explicit their awareness of the preconditions for service production and service innovation – in service companies as well as manufacturing companies and comprehending both private and public operators.

The existing statistics that form the basis for today's understanding of the service economy and the formulation of policies within relevant areas have considerable shortcomings. In the report 'Näringslivets tillstånd 2008', the former Institute for Growth Policy Studies (ITPS) stated that certain of the gaps in knowledge related to measurements of productivity and productivity growth as well as the definition of, and demarcation between, goods and services. In an assignment for ITPS, two research-based consultancy companies stated e.g. that further research was required into new ways of

measuring growth in the service sector since the growth indicators that are used at present are formulated on the basis of conditions in manufacturing companies. This conclusion also recurs in various studies of service-relevant innovation policy as well as in the innovation strategies that, in recent years, have been formulated in different countries.

The UK's National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) thus claims that "the measurement of innovation in services has been grafted onto a framework that was originally developed for traditional manufacturing industries. Surveys measuring innovation should recognise the importance of changes in organisational structure and advanced management techniques..."

In the work relating to service industry innovation in the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications), a need has been identified for an overview of available data and indicators, such as knowledge gaps and ongoing development work, of relevance for the service economy, service innovation and the service sector both at the national level as well as within the EU and OECD.

It is also of central importance to develop knowledge of possible differences in preconditions and requirements in respect of service innovations in different parts of Sweden.

Surveys of service innovation may be carried out on the basis of at least two different starting points:

- In the first place, on the basis of a definition of industry sectors where innovation activities in service-producing companies are studied, i.e. companies in the industry categories SNI 50-93. In this project this category is designated as innovation in the service sector.
- In the second place, on the basis of a definition that covers innovation activities of a service character regardless of which part of the economy it takes place in e.g. goods-producing companies, service-producing companies, agriculture or the public sector. Examples of innovation activities in this perspective are the development of new business models or new methods of communicating and delivering to the customer.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall:

1. On the basis of the survey of service innovation made by ITPS in the report "*Towards an innovation policy for services. Examples of incentives and instruments in the USA*", draw conclusions as a foundation for proposals for appropriate demarcation between the different parts of the project. The complementary character and simultaneous development that, in many cases, applies to innovation in services and goods respectively (within the same companies as well as in interaction with other companies) shall be taken into consideration in these conclusions.

2. On the basis of these conclusions carry out an inventory and description of available statistics in which shall be shown:
 - 2.a) Indicators of relevance for service innovation and identification of knowledge gaps and development needs in the statistics.
 - 2.b) Indicators of relevance for innovation in the service sector and identification of knowledge gaps and development needs in the statistics.
 - 2.c) Ongoing development work in respect of indicators of relevance for the service economy, innovation in services and the service sector both at national and, wherever possible, at regional level as well as within the EU and OECD.
3. In a summary way, discuss the need for knowledge development to increase understanding of how growth arises in a service-based economy and which role is played by service innovation and innovation in the service sector respectively within this context.

The purpose of the project is to contribute to background material/data for the formulation of actions and inputs for increased service innovation.

Growth Analysis shall, in the course of its work, consult with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications), agencies concerned including Statistics Sweden, the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA) and the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth as well as other relevant stakeholders. The project shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 December 2010 at the latest.

6. Analysis of development of - and within - Sweden's different regions

Mission

Growth Analysis shall describe, analyse and report on regional development in Sweden with the focus on the economy, employment and population with the aid of regional indicators, forecasts and other factual data. This comprehends, in the long term, the provision of a database with regional indicators that is continually developed and updated. The indicators for sustainable development in Sweden shall be duly taken into account in this work. The project also includes, after a dialogue with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications), presenting more detailed analyses within appropriate areas.

The mission includes - by way of relevant indicators and other factual data - showing the development and scope of inner-regional differences in functional analysis regions (FA regions) both in respect of rural areas and towns and cities.

Part of the project also involves reporting on developments in Sweden's sparsely populated and rural areas e.g. in respect of their significance for sustainable national growth as well as a description of population trends, access to commercial and public services, infrastructure, work opportunities and competence development as well as prospects for business activities and development. Moreover, the project includes - by way of relevant indicators - reporting on the development and scope of inner-regional differences in functional analysis regions (FA regions) with the focus on city districts that are covered by local development agreements as well as the significance of urban centres for sustainable national growth.

Growth Analysis shall, moreover, analyse how different types of urban centre, in the best possible way, can contribute to Sweden's sustainable growth. The project shall take as its starting point the viewing of built-up areas and sparsely populated and rural districts as interlinked regions with mutually dependent relationships. Being based on existing analytical material in Sweden as well as within the Nordic region, the EU and e.g. the OECD, information material on how the urban dimension can be developed within the framework of regional policy shall be prepared.

The project shall especially utilise the experiences that emerge from the Swedish government commission of 10 September 2009 concerning the analysis of future workforce and competence requirements in the municipalities of Kiruna, Gällivare and Pajala etc. (N2009/6900/FIN) as well as in the government commission of 5 November 2009 concerning the description and analysis of future workforce and competence requirements (N2009/7312/RT).

The project shall be carried out in collaboration with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications), be prepared in dialogue with the Swedish counties and reported on a continuous basis to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) as well as presented in a final report to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications and the Ministry of Integration and Gender Equality) by 15 December 2010 at the latest. The results shall also be disseminated to those concerned at the regional and national level, both in writing and through seminars. The project shall also constitute a basis for the government's commission to Growth Analysis of 25 June 2009 concerning assistance in the work of co-ordinating measures in connection with advance notification (N2009/5490/RT).

7. Evaluation of regional service programmes

In the budget proposal for 2010 (prop. 2009/10:1, utg.omr.19), the government stresses the importance that all parts of Sweden be given the possibility of developing on the basis of their own strength. Measures, whose purpose is to ensure a good access to services, are essential for creating an

environment where it is attractive to live as well as to start up and run businesses.

The regional service programmes shall function as a unifying programme for measures that are implemented regionally and locally in order to strengthen and retain the commercial service in areas where service provision is thinner on the ground. Special attention shall be paid to the availability of fuel and co-operation solutions with public services. To work in programme form creates preconditions for a holistic approach and interaction between the various stakeholders and measures. The programmes are developed and implemented by county councils, organs of regional government and co-ordinating organisations respectively during the period 2009-2013.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall evaluate whether measures undertaken within the regional service programmes, over the years 2009-2013, contribute to a satisfactory availability of commercial and public services for citizens and companies throughout Sweden. The Agency shall therefore evaluate whether the goals set in the respective regional service programme have been achieved. The projects shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) in the form of interim reports and by 1 April 2014 at the latest in a final report. The dates for the interim reports shall be decided in consultation with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications).

8. Analysis of the role of the municipalities and regions in the work of sustainable growth

Mission

Growth Analysis shall analyse the contributions of municipalities and regions to the work of achieving sustainable growth. Municipalities and regions account for a significant proportion of the growth-targeted measures. For this reason there is a need to develop knowledge of how different municipal and regional operators act within the growth area, which resources are involved and how the stakeholders – national, regional and municipal – interact with one another. The project shall be undertaken in collaboration with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) and reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 December 2010 at the latest.

9. Study of effects of regulations for companies

Simplification of regulations has been an important area of focus in recent years. The present government has invested great efforts in reducing the administrative costs for business and increasing the quality of regulation as well as becoming better at describing the economic, primarily administrative, consequences that a legislative proposal entails. In order to enable further development of the government's work of regulation simplification, parallel with the work in the Government Offices, there should also take place a continuous acquisition of knowledge that can enable the work of regulation

simplification to become even more effective and deliver even better results for business.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall:

- Compile the latest research into regulation simplification and the effect of regulations on business.
- Evaluate which effects reductions in the administrative costs deliver for companies and the national economy.
- Analyse the other impact of regulations, excluding the financial costs, for companies and how they affect company performance in respect of investments and maximisation of efficiency.
- Analyse the effect of the formulation of regulations on company productivity.

Each of the points above, in collaboration between Growth Analysis and the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications), should be developed, specified and clarified in order for the work not to become too extensive in character. A dialogue is required in order to enable Growth Analysis to report back on the basis of the questions at issue and within the time frame that the project has been allocated.

The project shall be carried out in collaboration with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) and a steering group shall be appointed with representatives from Growth Analysis and the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications). In addition, a reference group shall be tied to the project in which e.g. Growth Analysis and the Board of Swedish Industry and Commerce for Better Regulation may be included. A detailing of the questions at issue above should take place through one or several workshops.

Final reporting of the project shall take place to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 December 2010 at the latest. The research review shall, however, be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 May 2010 at the latest. In connection with the final reporting, Growth Analysis shall conduct two seminars, in connection with the final reporting, to present the contents of the report, these seminars being intended firstly for those working within the Government Offices and also for a wider audience.

Besides using its own resources, Growth Analysis shall also be able to obtain SEK 1.5 million from the report budget of the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications to carry out the project. The costs shall be borne by *Expenditure Area 1 Government of the Realm, allocation 4:1 Government Offices etc, appropriation 1 at the disposition of the Government Offices, budget framework 10 Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications.*

The funds are disbursed by the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) following order from Growth Analysis. The funding obtained from the Government Offices as per above is solely intended for procurement of specialist services in connection with the implementation of the mission project. Other resources that Growth Analysis uses (e.g. own time) for the project are financed by way of the Agency's own administration subsidy.

10. IT utilisation in small companies in different sectors

The Swedish government emphasises in "A strategy for strengthening the development capacity of Sweden's rural areas" (skr. 2008/09:167) that there are differences in preconditions and possibilities for enterprises between urban centres, built-up areas and different types of rural areas and that attention must be paid to these differences e.g. in political decision-making processes. The development and costs for IT infrastructure, whether wired or wireless, in different types of rural district are affected to a large degree by the geographical distribution of the users. The geographical distances are e.g. significantly greater in rural areas of Norrland than in rural districts in the rest of Sweden.

The access of users to - and costs of - different types of IT infrastructure reflect these differences in conditions and therewith offer different possibilities for businesses to receive and disseminate information, search in catalogues and make orders, enable connection to external databases, communicate products, carry out remote monitoring, video conferences etc.

Mission

Growth Analysis shall carry out a survey in the form of a questionnaire study of IT use and the need for access capacity in small companies in different types of rural areas. The aim is to be able to follow, on an ongoing basis, how small companies in rural districts exploit the technology shift now in progress i.e. the changeover to broadband with ever increasing capacities, and the type of services the companies use with the different access capacities that they have available. Furthermore, the project includes the Agency having to assess the need for statistics in order to follow up on a continuous basis the extent that small businesses in different types of rural area are connected to IT capacity of different type.

In the implementation of the project, Growth Analysis should consult with appropriate organisations active in the sector. The interview method should be developed so that it is as little onerous as possible for the small companies concerned.

The project shall be carried out in consultation with the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications). A first consultation on proposal and methods should take place prior to 31 January 2010. An interim report shall be delivered to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise,

Energy and Communications) by 15 June 2010 at the latest and a final report submitted to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 31 October 2010 at the latest.

For costs related to implementation of the project, Growth Analysis shall order a maximum SEK 250,000 from *allocation 2:4 Information Technology: Telecommunications etc, appropriation 2 At the government's disposition within expenditure area 22 Communications*. The funds shall be requested from the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 15 November 2010 at the latest on the basis of accrued costs.

Projects 1-10, under separate agreement between representatives for the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) and the Agency, may be reported on other dates than those specified here.

CHANGE OF EXISTING MISSIONS

In a Letter of Regulation for 2009, Growth Analysis was commissioned to evaluate equity capital within the framework of the EU's structural fund programme for regional competitiveness and employment. With amendment for what is specified in this decision the mission shall have the following wording:

4. Evaluation of equity capital within the framework of the EU's structural fund programme for competitiveness and employment

Background

In order to rectify identified inadequacies in capital provision for new and growing small and medium enterprises, measures will be taken, during the period 2009-2014 and within the framework of the eight structural fund programmes, to increase the regional supply of equity capital for new and growing companies. An evaluation of the aforementioned measures needs to be carried out so as to learn from the results and as a basis for the formulation of possible future measures of similar type. A method for the evaluation of the measures therefore needs to be worked out.

Mission

The mission comprehends two principal elements.

1. Growth Analysis shall evaluate measures aimed at increasing the regional supply of equity capital for new and growing companies within the framework of the EU's structural fund programme for competitiveness and employment and be a part of the learning process. The evaluation shall be carried out in relation to the objectives set. The mission shall complement the assessments that will be undertaken at project and programme level. The Agency shall work out a method that can be used to evaluate these measures. The work shall be carried out in accordance with the EU Commission's guidelines for continuous evaluation and international knowledge shall be procured in the course of the work.

2. Growth Analysis shall compile a summary of international empirical research that is focused on investigating the effects of similar measures. General conclusions that may be drawn from these studies shall be highlighted. International measures that, in this connection, are adjudged to be of special interest from a Swedish policy perspective shall, where the Agency adjudges them to be relevant, be subject to further investigation in the form of one or several detailed case studies.

The evaluation method and research summary shall be reported to the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) by 15 March 2010 at the latest. Other interim reports shall be reported by 15 March 2011 at the latest (including possible case studies) as well as 15 October 2013 at the latest. A final report shall be submitted by 15 October 2015 at the latest. The project shall be carried out in collaboration with Growth Analysis.

OTHER MISSIONS

National strategy for regional competitiveness, entrepreneurship and employment 2007-2013 etc.

The Agency shall have an analytically supportive and co-ordinating role for the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) in the analytical work carried out in connection with the implementation of the national strategy for regional competitiveness, entrepreneurship and employment 2007-2013. The Agency shall also support the Government Offices (Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications) in the work of leading a Nordic working group for rural area development through actively participating in and helping with knowledge and background data for the working group's operations.

Regulation simplification

During the spring of 2010, the government shall submit a final report of the regulation simplification work that has been carried out during its period of office. Consequently, Growth Analysis shall, within its own area of responsibility, assist the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth in surveys of the administration costs borne by companies, comprehending both an updating of the changes in regulations for 2009 and a forecast for 2010. The background data that is required shall be reported at the time specified by the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth in special order.

MISSIONS PRESENTED IN LETTER OF REGULATION FOR 2009

<i>Mission</i>	<i>Presented</i>	<i>Reported latest</i>
4. Evaluation of capital equity within framework of EU's Structural Fund programme for competitiveness and employment	26 March 2009	See above under heading "Change in existing missions"
To follow price trend in the pharmaceutical market owing to change in regulation of the pharmaceutical	26 March 2009 (Annex 1)	Interim report: 31 December 2010 End report: 31

market		December 2011
To assist in the work of co-ordinating measures on account of pre-notification	25 June 2009	30 June 2011
To carry out an analysis of the Swedish maritime cluster	3 September 2009	31 March 2010
To analyse future competence and workforce requirements etc. in municipalities of Gällivare, Kiruna and Pajala	10 September 2009	14 May 2010
To analyse certain regional business grants from a gender perspective	15 October 2009	1 April 2010
To describe and analyse future workforce and competence requirements	5 November 2009	Interim report: 7 May 2010 Final report: 30 June 2010
To carry out an analysis of the Swedish maritime cluster (supplementary project)	19 November 2009	31 March 2010
To follow developments in respect of diversity and entrepreneurship in nursing and care	10 December 2009	Interim report: 19 May 2010 Interim report: 19 May 2011 Interim report: 19 May 2012 Final Report: 1 December 2012

FINANCING

4 Grants

4.1 Allocated grants/appropriations (amounts shown in SEK thousand)

Expenditure Area 24 Industry and Commerce

1:6 Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (framework grant)

Utilised by Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis 78,229

App. 1 Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis (framework) 78,229

4.3 Financial conditions

4.3.1 Financial conditions for grants/appropriations

Expenditure area 24 Industry and Commerce

Grant Grant credit Grant Withdrawal of grant amount
/approp. balance

1:6 Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis

App. 1	2,347	2,238	0
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Amounts shown in SEK thousand
Grant saving is reviewed after any reallocation of grant saving

5. Other conditions

5.1 Loan framework and credit facilities

Loan frame (as per Section 20 of budgetary law)	5,000
Interest account credit facilities (as per Section 21 of budgetary law)	7,000
Other credit facilities (as per Section 23 of budgetary law)	

Amounts shown in SEK thousand

5.2 Payment Schedule

In accordance with this Letter of Regulation, the following funds are transferred to the interest account of the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis held with the Swedish National Debt Office (Riksgäldskontoret) as per the following table:

Payment date	Amount
25/1/2010	6,519
25/2/2010	6,519
25/3/2010	6,519
25/4/2010	6,519
25/5/2010	6,519
25/6/2010	6,519
25/7/2010	6,519
25/8/2010	6,519
25/9/2010	6,519
25/10/2010	6,519
25/11/2010	6,519
25/12/2010	6,520

Total	78,229
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Amounts shown in SEK thousand

Interest-bearing grants/appropriations that are made available to the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis, in accordance with this Letter of Regulation, are:

1:6 app. 1 Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis

6. Charges and contributions

6.4 Conditions for chargeable (fee-based) activities

The income from these activities is at the disposition of Growth Analysis. The size of the fees is determined by the Agency, however not in those cases that fall within Section 15 of the Fees Ordinance (1992:191).

6.5 Conditions for grant-financed activities

Growth Analysis may receive contributions, both from state and non-state funding sources, for its activities based outside Sweden. Grant income remains at the disposition of the Agency.

On behalf of the Swedish government

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