

Status of GIS-use in Sweden, A Unique National Survey

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SUMMARY

The Swedish Development Council for Geographic Information (ULI) has every three years since 1990 carried out a survey with the purpose to describe the use of geographic information and GIS in Sweden. The seventh survey started in the end of 2007 and this time four sub surveys with different target groups is being used. These target groups are: - The public sector - Private citizens - Educational institutions - Private sector ULI's survey is unique in Sweden and the results will be communicated gradually as they are derived. The survey targeting the public sector (minus educational institutions) is already completed and some results will be presented at the FIG conference in June. A questionnaire was sent out to one person in every public authority (including government institutions, municipalities, county administration boards and county councils) in November 2007.

The number of addressees were 443 and 219 organisations answered the questionnaire – which gives a response rate of about 50 percent. In this seventh survey ULI is also looking into the use of geographic information and GI technology in private life, thus a new target group. This sub survey will be accomplished through telephone interviews with a sample from the Swedish population, to establish for example what applications, with spatial information, they use and their views on new services and techniques. These interviews are planned for spring 2008. The methods for the surveys aimed at educational institutions and private sector are yet to be set, but the surveys are planned to start during this year.

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