

STOCKHOLM-UPPSALA

One of the most innovative and productive life sciences clusters in Europe

REGION OVERVIEW



Stockholm-Uppsala is one of the most innovative and productive life sciences clusters in Europe. A **hub of life sciences**, it brings together major companies such as AstraZeneca, GE Healthcare and Pfizer with world-class scientific excellence through organisations including Karolinska Institutet and Uppsala University. The region participates in **one third of all EU funded life sciences research projects** and is **home to the Nobel Prize**.

Stockholm-Uppsala prides itself on a **collaborative approach**, which has been instrumental in building a sustainable and highly productive life sciences region. **Employing over 25,000 specialists**, the region boasts **over 500 companies and 300 major research projects**.



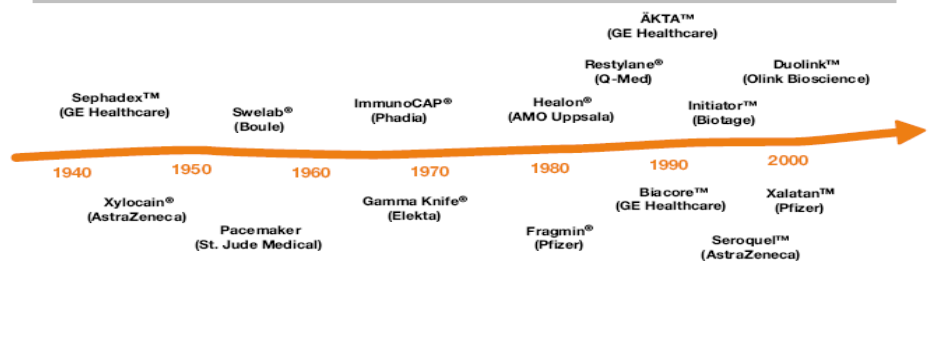
While there are companies and research projects crossing all areas of the life sciences sector, particular specialisms in the region include **protein & molecular science, neuroscience, infectious diseases and diagnostics**. Breakthrough innovations developed to date in Stockholm-Uppsala include **Sephadex, Xylocain, the pacemaker, the Gamma Knife, ImmunoCap, Fragmin, Healon, Biacore, ÄKTA, Xalatan, Pyrosequencing, Seroquel and DuoLink**.

Quick facts

- Population of more than **three million**
- 500 companies** in life sciences sector
- Over **6,000 researchers and staff**
- Home to the **Nobel Prize**
- Key inventions include **the pacemaker**
- Approximately 75% of Sweden's industrial capacity in biotech tools
- GE Healthcare has invested over 0.5 billion USD
- 30 minutes from Stockholm - Arlanda airport
- 85 airlines fly from the airport

PRODUCTIVE

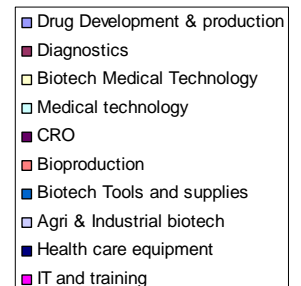
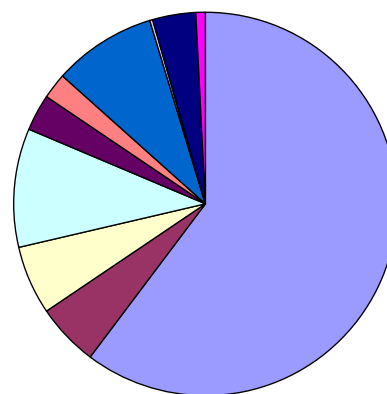
- Collaborative approach** has been instrumental in building a **sustainable life sciences hub**
- Business culture based on **openness, creativity and productivity**
- Strong focus** on efficiency and reputation to **deliver on time**
- Large pool of highly qualified, competent people



Stockholm-Uppsala companies - split by area of focus

INNOVATIVE

- Home to the **Nobel Prize**
- World leading universities and hospitals** are e.g. Karolinska Institutet; Uppsala University; Royal Institute of Technology; Stockholm University; Karolinska University Hospital; Uppsala University Hospital
- Strong network** of life sciences knowledge and expertise
- Key specialisms: **protein & molecular science, neuroscience, infectious diseases and diagnostics**
- Origin of **key drugs, inventions, and technologies** including **Sephadex, the pacemaker, the Gamma Knife and DuoLink**.
- Stockholm was named the **most innovative European region** in the EU Commission's 2007 Innovation Scorecard



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