

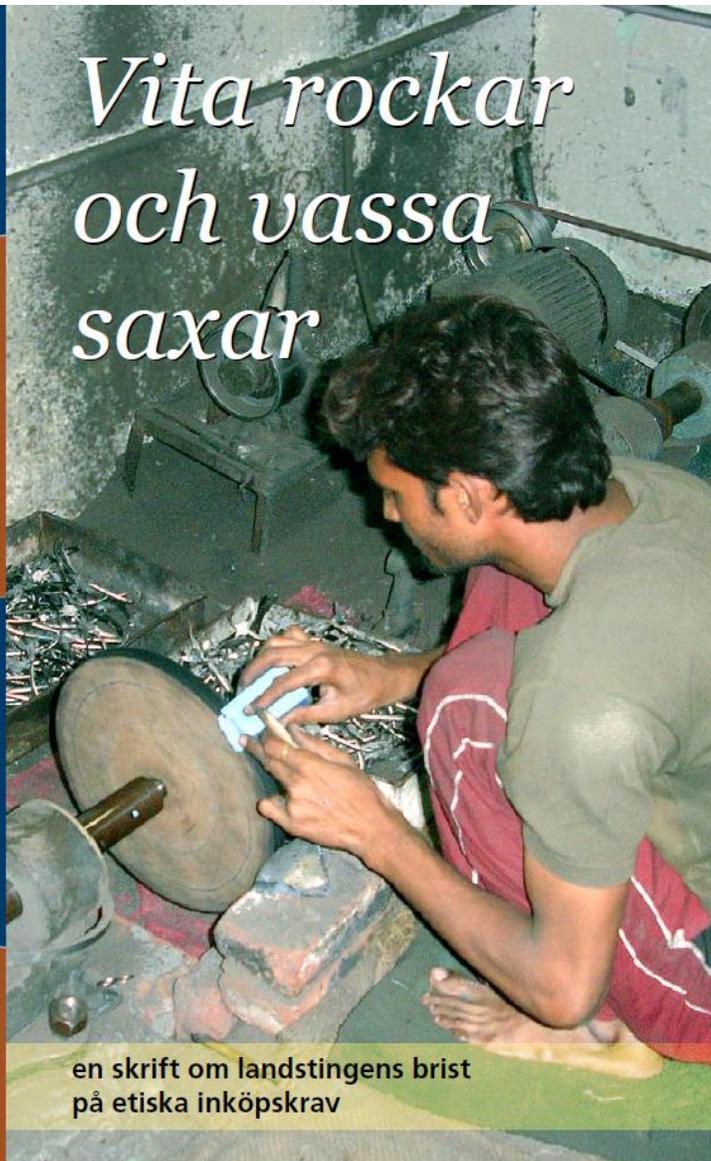


Sustainable public procurement

A collaboration between the Swedish regions
and county councils

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*Vita rockar
och vassa
saxar*



en skrift om landstingens brist
på etiska inköpskrav





Wages & working hours

- Minimum wage or...
- Living wages?
- Excessive overtime
- Premium pay for overtime
- Days of rest
- Piece rate instead of weekly/monthly salary

Health & safety

Health and safety include rights such as a safe and hygienic work environment, with particular regard to specific industries and their inherent risks. Necessary measures must be taken to prevent accidents and ill health that may arise due to the work. For example, it includes workers having access to appropriate protective equipment, and machines that are equipped with equipment such as protection and emergency stops. Chemical management is often an important part of the health and safety aspect, as well as high levels of noise, lighting and air quality. Emergency exits are also an important part of ensuring safe workplaces. It is also essential to ensure that workers receive training in the field.



Child labor

The term “child labour” is often defined as work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.

It refers to work that:
is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and harmful to children; and

- interferes with their schooling by:
- depriving them of the opportunity to attend school;
- obliging them to leave school prematurely; or
- requiring them to attempt to combine school attendance with excessively long and heavy work.



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The report

- The role & responsibility of public procurement to mitigate the risks!
- No requirements on suppliers to identify and manage risk



→ 3 biggest counties in Sweden came together to create...

The code of conduct

- Human rights
- Labor rights
- Environmental protection
- Anti-corruption



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



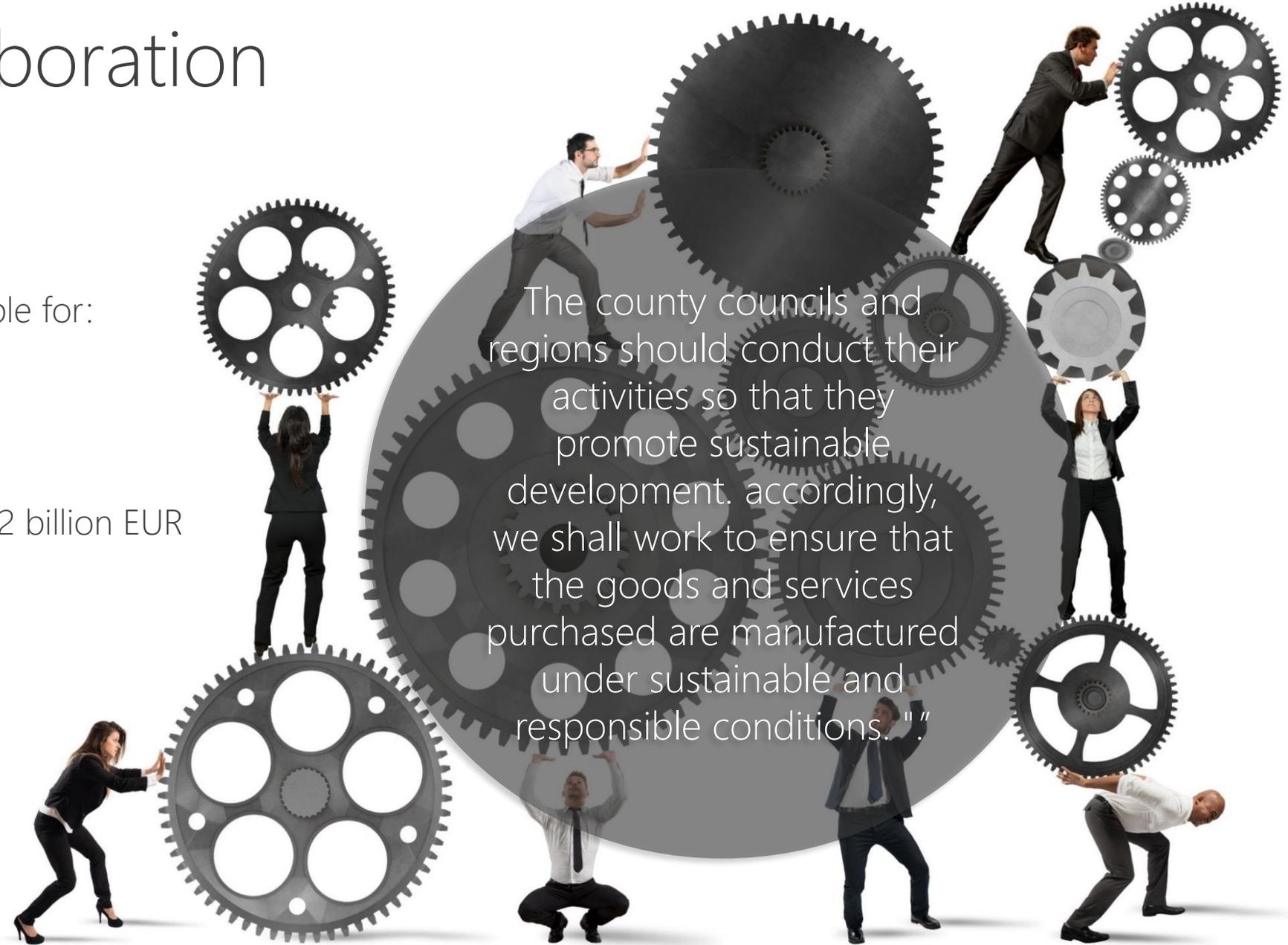
Collaboration

- 2007: 3 biggest regions/county councils came together to create a code of conduct for suppliers
- 2010: all county councils and regions join the national collaboration
- 2012: National Secretariat is established
- Cooperation agreement with the central purchasing organisation for all municipalities in Sweden (290)
- Cooperation agreement with the national purchasing organisation in Norway
- Also members of the European working group on sustainable public procurement
 - Collaboration with the OECD
 - Dialogue with UNDP



National collaboration

- 21 county councils responsible for:
 - Healthcare
 - Dental care
 - Public transportation
- Procures to the amount of 12 billion EUR



The county councils and regions should conduct their activities so that they promote sustainable development. accordingly, we shall work to ensure that the goods and services purchased are manufactured under sustainable and responsible conditions. "



National collaboration

- A code of conduct for suppliers
- Harmonized requirements
- Harmonized procedures and joint follow-ups
- Share audit results
- Joint budget
- Steering committee consisting of procurement managers



8 risk areas

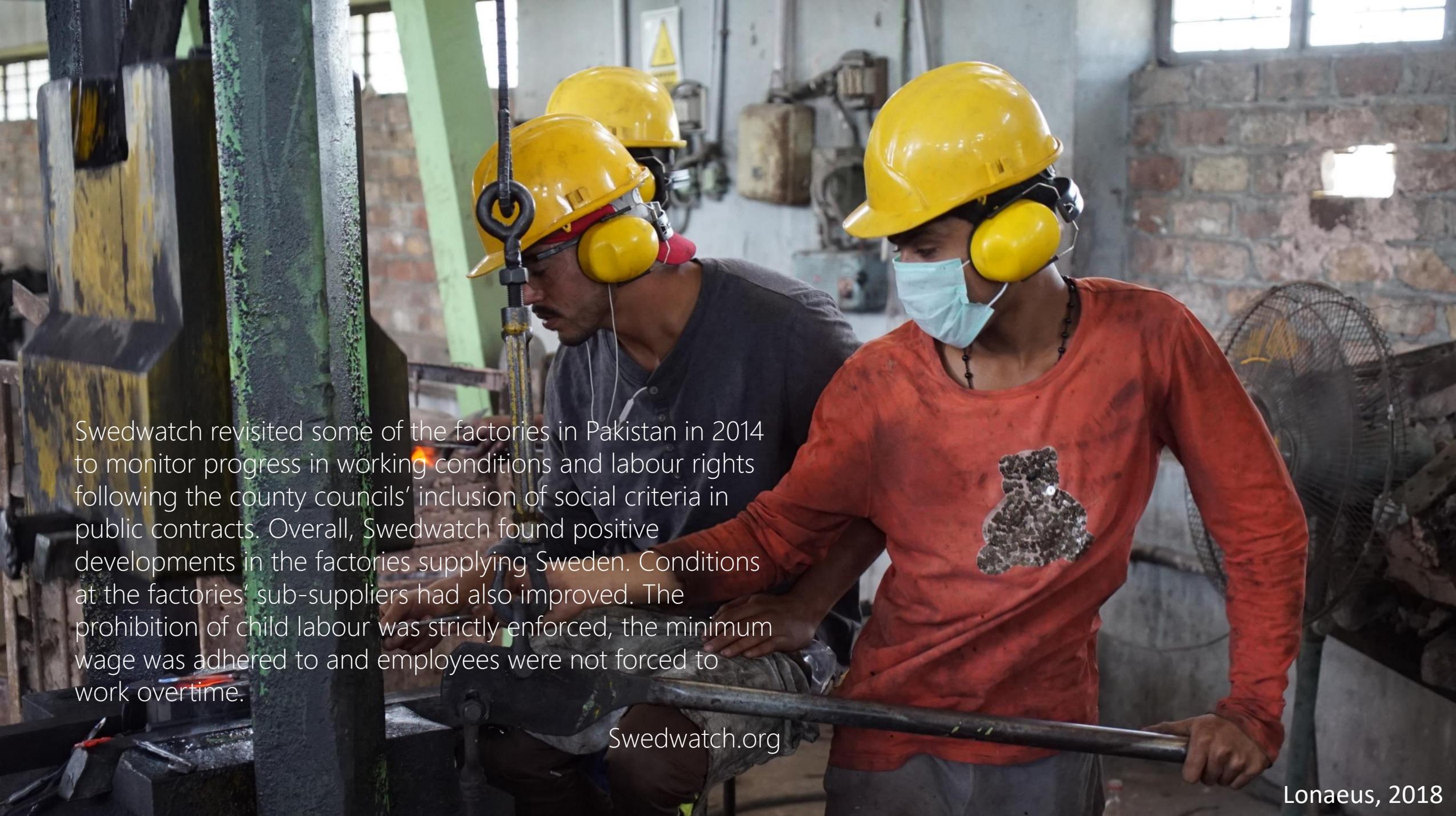


Sustainable public procurement – the process



Does it make a difference?





Swedwatch revisited some of the factories in Pakistan in 2014 to monitor progress in working conditions and labour rights following the county councils' inclusion of social criteria in public contracts. Overall, Swedwatch found positive developments in the factories supplying Sweden. Conditions at the factories' sub-suppliers had also improved. The prohibition of child labour was strictly enforced, the minimum wage was adhered to and employees were not forced to work overtime.

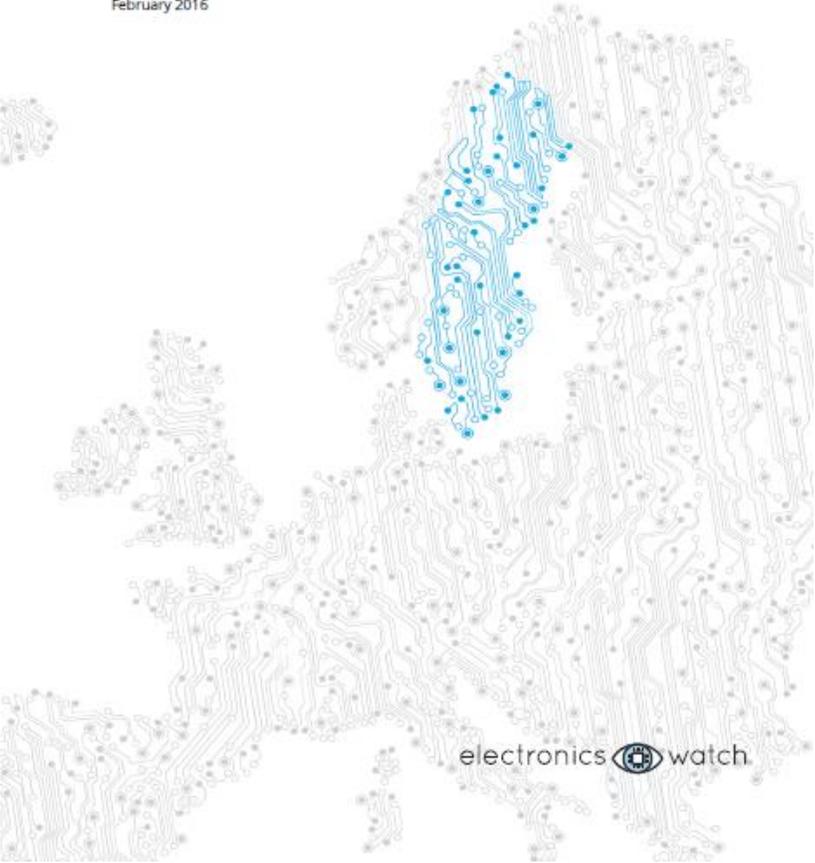
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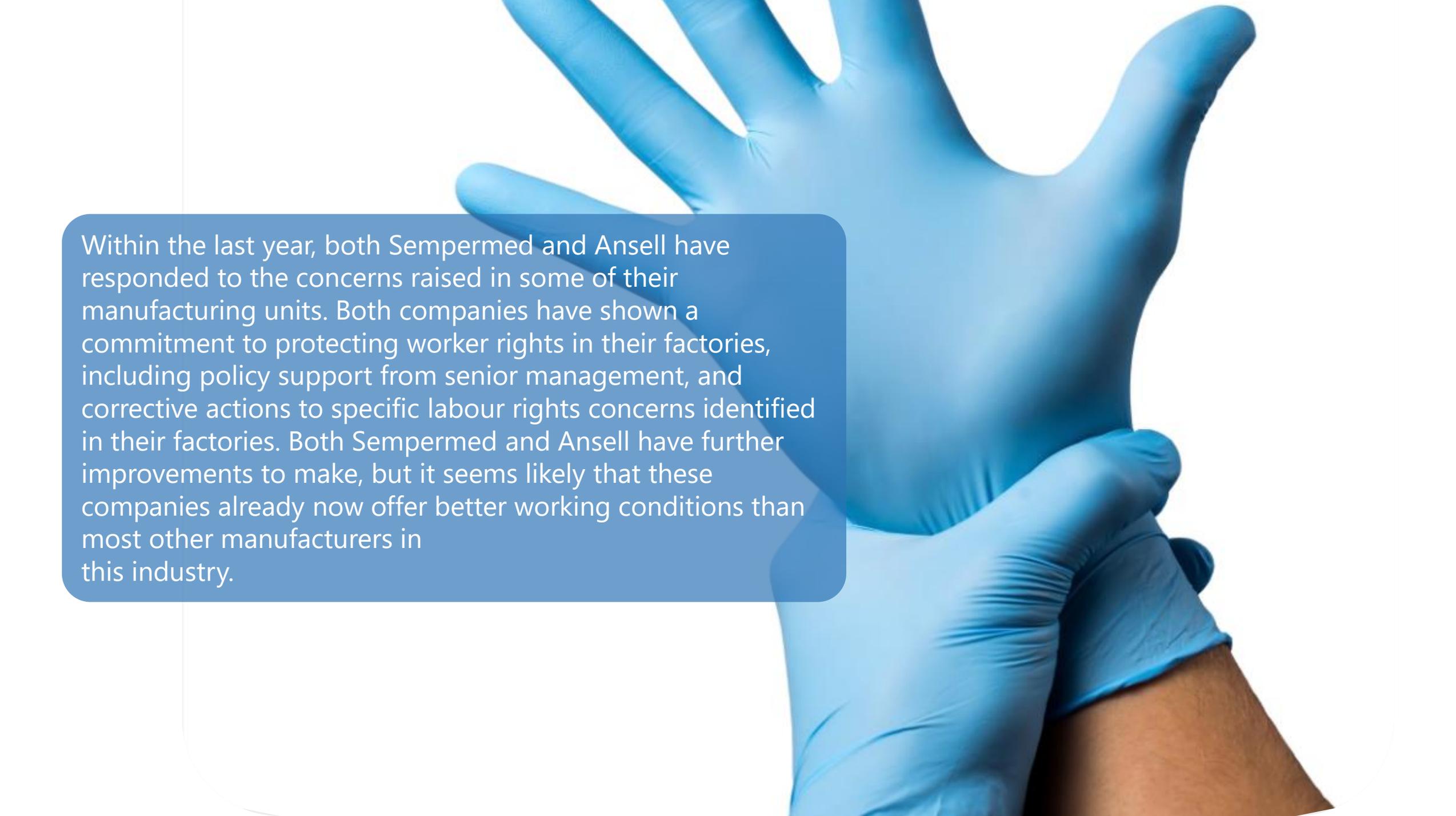


The Swedish county councils have made a significant contribution to the practice of human rights due diligence in global supply chains, and helped to increase the capacity of both its contractor, an IT reseller, and a global computer brand to manage their supply chains responsibly.

Public Procurement and Human Rights Due Diligence to Achieve Respect for Labour Rights Standards in Electronics Factories:
A Case Study of the Swedish County Councils and the Dell Computer Corporation¹

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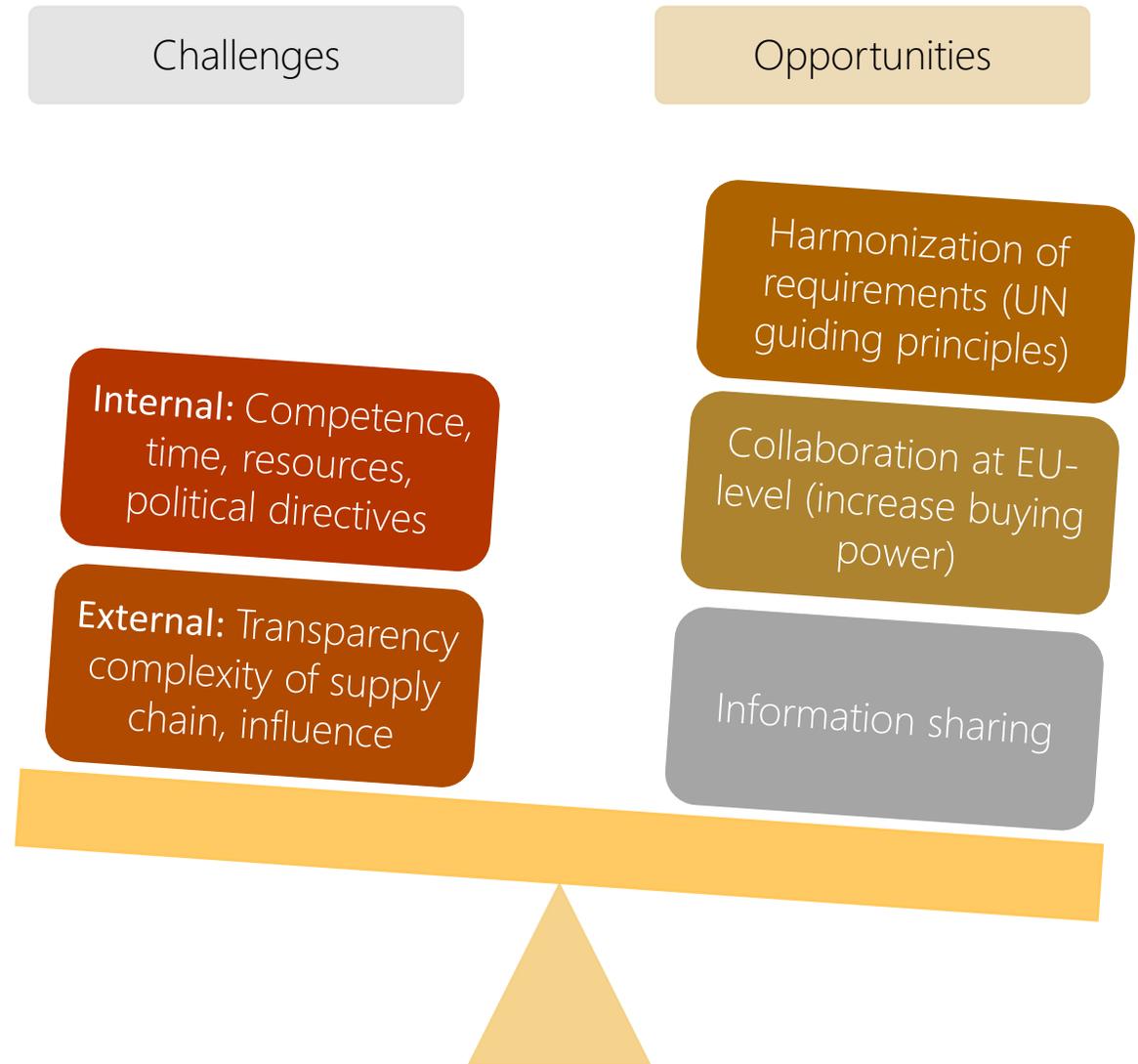


Within the last year, both Sempermed and Ansell have responded to the concerns raised in some of their manufacturing units. Both companies have shown a commitment to protecting worker rights in their factories, including policy support from senior management, and corrective actions to specific labour rights concerns identified in their factories. Both Sempermed and Ansell have further improvements to make, but it seems likely that these companies already now offer better working conditions than most other manufacturers in this industry.

Results, challenges & opportunities

When reviewed and analysed against existing rules and regulations, Swedwatch found clear evidence that:

- Strict demands related to social considerations in public procurement contracts can create positive change on production sites;
- Efficient implementation of social criteria must be preceded by a product-specific risk analysis. Implementation requires competent procurement officials with adequate knowledge of human rights risks in supply chains.
- Continuous monitoring is crucial for real improvement of labour conditions on production sites.





Thank you!



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Ett samarbete mellan Sveriges landsting och regioner