

UN Global Compact – Communication on Progress (COP) 2013

As a member of the UN Global Compact (GC) Roslagens Sparbank commits to annually disclose information on activities and results related to the ten principles for human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption.

Roslagens Sparbank uses the yearly Sustainability Report (I line with GRI, Global Reporting Initiative) for this disclosure. The 2013 report (“Hållbarhetsredovisning”) was published in March 2014. As it’s only published in Swedish, this summary in English has been made in an effort to live up to the Global Compact standards.

With this summary, we express our continued support and commitment to the Global Compact and its principles.

Norrtälje in July 2014,
Sten Törnsten, deputy CEO, Roslagens Sparbank

Roslagens Sparbank, communication on progress 2013

As a local savings bank, Roslagens Sparbank’s vision is “an attractive and open Roslagen in growth” – that is, our long term goal is intimately connected to the sustainable long-term growth and development of our region. One important measure to ensure this, is the yearly contribution of about 10% of the bank’s net result to local projects, activities and initiatives in line with our vision. Over the last 10 years, over SEK 80 Million this way have been returned to our customers and our society.

Human Rights Principles

Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights

Roslagens Sparbank supports the international declaration of Human Rights, and works for them according to Swedish legislation, which is also reflected in our bank’s policy documents. We publish our support for the HRP on our website.

Businesses should make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses internationally proclaimed human rights.

Roslagens Sparbanks internal follow-up and both internal and external revision focuses on securing compliance to national laws, rules and regulations which in turn is meant to prevent any violations of Human Rights.

Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.

Roslagens Sparbank follows Swedish labor laws, including full freedom of assembly and union. The unions SACO and Finansförbundet both have had a number of meetings during 2013, updated collective agreements, and are since many years represented in the bank’s Board of Directors.

Businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor.

Roslagens Sparbank follows Swedish labor law and the Swedish Finance market’s collective bargains which ensure the elimination of forced or compulsory labor.

Businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labor.

Roslagens Sparbank follows and applies Swedish labor law, including age regulations for employment.

Businesses should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Roslagens Sparbank follows and applies Swedish anti-discrimination laws which are also part of the bank's internal policies. No discrimination incidents have been reported in 2013.

Environment Principles

Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges.

Roslagens Sparbanks policies and instructions focus on a preventative approach both internally and towards clients and stakeholders. For larger credit applications, an environmental risk analysis is obligatory.

Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility.

For almost 15 years Roslagens Sparbank has worked for an improved environment, both locally and globally. Recurring activities are the yearly "Sustainability week" which included a number of customer activities on Ecological sustainability; co-operation with local food producers promoting four "Harvest Markets" in Norrtälje; Earth Hour and the bank's own local environment award. In 2013 the bank had its ISO 14001-certificate renewed.

Our environmental work is recognized by 80% of our Customers according to SKI¹2013.

Business should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

In 2013, the bank replaced all printed (paper) posters in the branch offices with digital displays.

Anti-corruption Principle

Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms including extortion and bribery.

Roslagens Sparbank follows Swedish legislation on corruption. Our internal rules and regulations include clear instructions and all co-workers are trained on topics such as money laundering. No incidents of corruption have been reported in 2013.

Measurement of outcomes

Goal: Reduce CO-emissions. Result: 116 tonnes (92 tonnes 2012)

Comment: Increase mainly due to improved quality of travel reporting

Goal: Increase customers knowledge of the bank's sustainability work. Result: 80% of private customers recognize the bank's work in this area (52% in 2012)

¹ Yearly survey made by Swedish Quality Index