

Sweden
Report on EMF Activities
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The Independent Expert Group on Electromagnetic Fields of the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM) has a new chairperson and secretary. There is no specified date when the next report from SSM:s Independent Expert Group on Electromagnetic Fields will be published.

The Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research has annually presented a report “Research on electromagnetic hypersensitivity and other effects of electromagnetic fields”. In 2012 they will present their final report. The report is available in Swedish only.

Sweden is actively participating in negotiations in the European Council regarding the new workers directive on EMF.

The general public has not shown extensive concern about the EMF-topic lately. However there have been a few questions regarding exposure to RF from WLAN in schools and the use of TETRA among police officers.

There is an ongoing mapping of low frequency magnetic fields in Swedish residences. The report will be published in 2012 and the abstract will be available in English. The Swedish Radiation Safety Authority also continues its environmental assessment program on general public’s exposure to RF. A mobile measuring system for fast, large area, spectral radiofrequency power density estimation has been developed.

Research in Sweden is mainly focusing on mobile phones. Sweden has actively participated in the European COST action BM0704 “Emerging EMF Technologies and Health Risk Management”.