

Region Västra Götaland

**measures to create more technology and knowledge
based start-ups in global competition**

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Västra Götaland - some facts

- * **1,5 million inhabitants on 24 000 sq.km**
- * **49 cities, towns and municipalities. Göteborg largest city.**
- * **Scandinavia's largest port and foremost transport and logistics region**
- * **Strong sectors: automotive, wireless telecommunication, pharmaceuticals, electronics, food and petrochemical**
- * **three universities and four university colleges**
- * **nine national industrial research institutes**

Attitudes and entrepreneurship

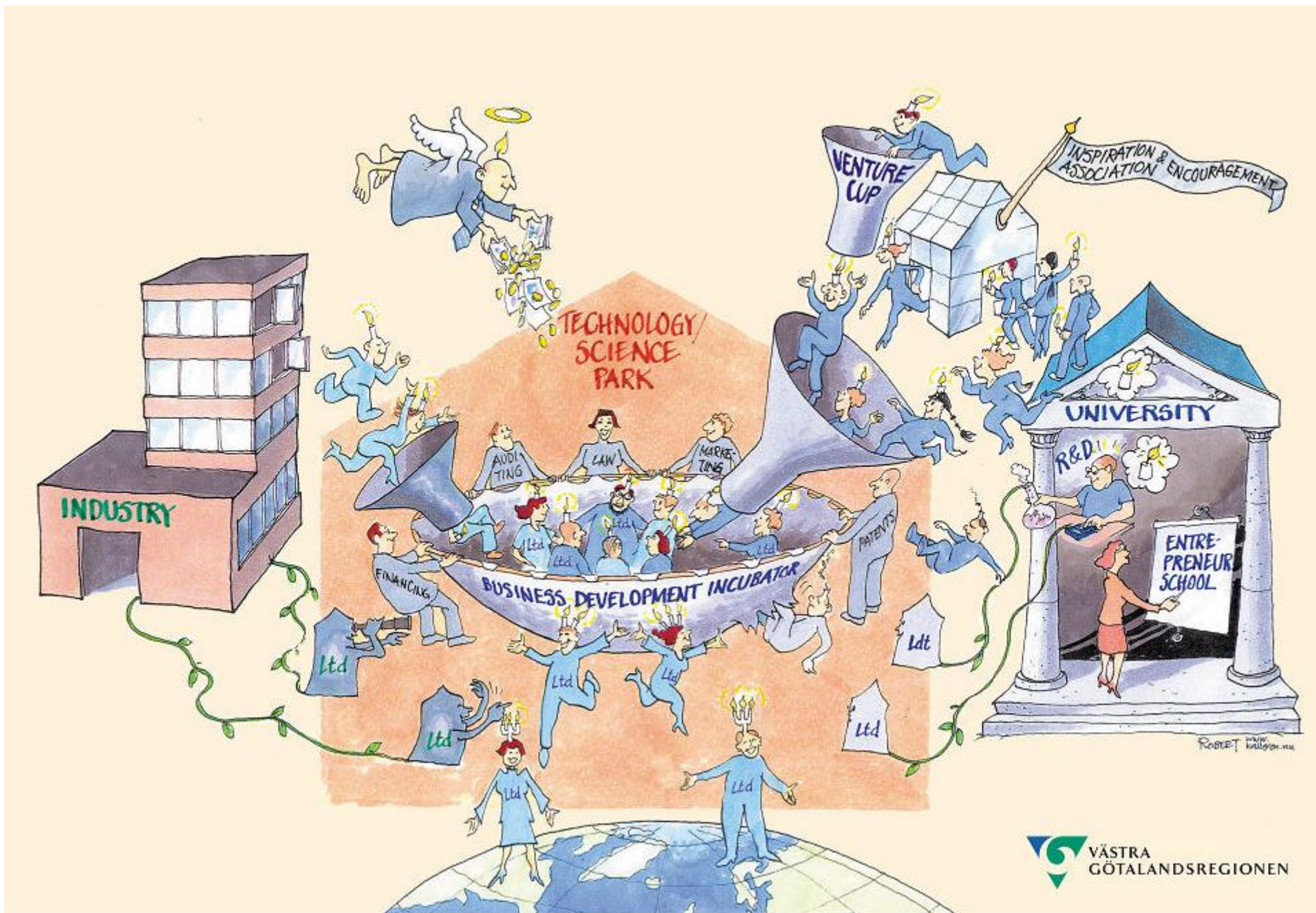
- * Inspiration Associations (Hothouse) at universities in Göteborg and at the University College Trollhättan/Uddevalla**
- * Entrepreneur School**
 - Chalmers University of Technology (incl pre-incubator)**
 - Göteborg School of Economy (University of Göteborg)**
 - University College at Skövde**
- * Venture Cup - yearly business plan competition**

Specialized business support - incubators

- * Chalmers Innovation Business Incubator in Göteborg (private foundation) 1999. Two incubators**
- * Sahlgrenska Science Park in Göteborg (public) 1998**
- * The Future Companies, Göteborg (private - public partnership) 1999**
- * Gotia Science Park at the University College of Skövde (private – public partnership) 2000**
- * Liveum, Skara (public) 2002**
- * Innovatum, Trollhättan (public) 2002**
- * Campus Sjuhärad at University College of Borås (public) 2003**
- * Steneby Knowledge Park, Bengtsfors (public) 2003**

Finance

- * Grants to develop business ideas from students and researchers (2´ - 10´). Funding from the Technology Bridge Foundation in the region.**
- * Seed Finance with grants (up to 15´) and loans with terms (up to 70´) to young technology based and knowledge based companies with possibilities on "global" market. Funding from the Region**
- * Connect West (private - public partnership).
Links entrepreneurs and young companies to financial resources
(and also links to private business resources)**
- * Early- stage VC-capital for academic start-ups in Göteborg
(a public and a private-public company)**





Main pillars

- * Cluster development. Triple Helix model.**
- * Entrepreneurship and start-ups**
 - Focused on creation more technology-/knowledge based companies mainly from university/R&D.**
 - Actions for entrepreneurship, business support at incubators and regional seed capital.**
- * Development of existing companies**
 - Main focus on the industrial sector.**
 - World class innovation system based on Pilot Programme Industrial Dynamics.**