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Building a competitive and Business friendly
environment

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About NNR

- Founded in 1982 as an independent, non-party political business organisation entirely funded by its members.
- Members: **15 business organisations** representing all active companies with one or more employees in Sweden; of all sectors and sizes.
- Focus on regulatory **process** and creating and maintaining a **business-friendly regulatory environment** - Sweden and EU

Most Costly Areas According to SCM Measurements

1. Company Law
2. Accountancy
3. Food Safety
4. Planning law
5. Tax regulations
6. Labour law
7. Consumer and Product Safety
8. Environmental Law

Most Burdensome Areas According to Swedish Business

1. Environmental Law
2. Health and Safety Legislation
3. Labour Law
4. Statutory Audits
5. Tax regulations
6. VAT
7. Statutory action plans for equality
8. Statistics and providing information to government



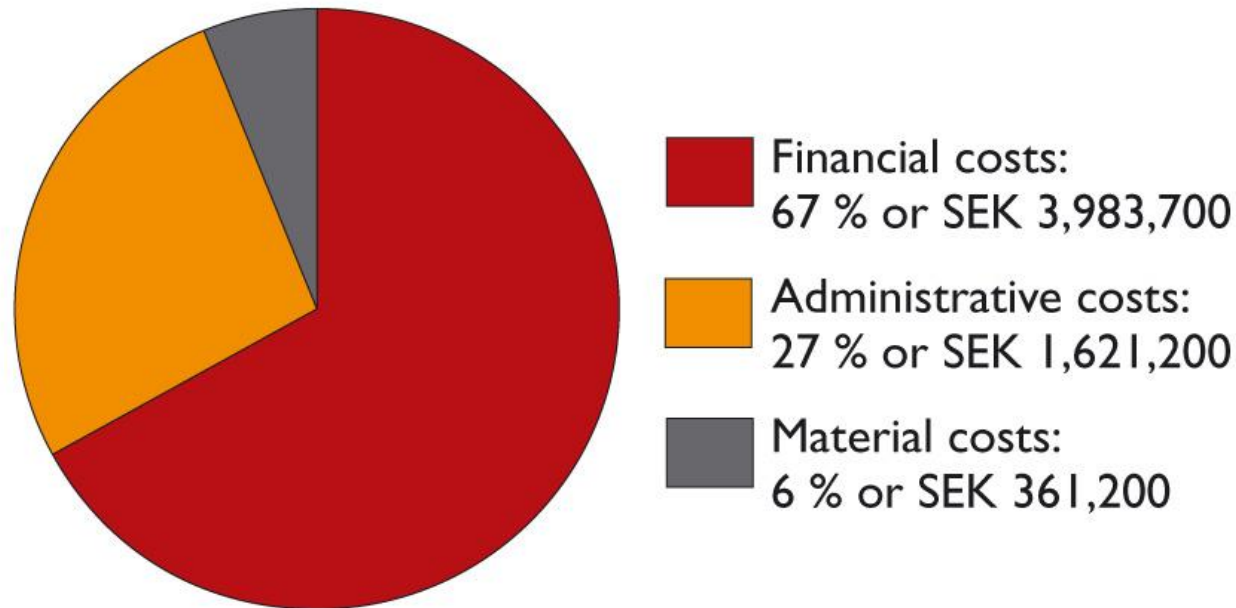
Kemibolaget i Bromma

**Turnover 5 million EUR/number of employees 20/
total regulatory costs 630 000 EUR,
costs per employee per year 32 000 EUR**

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The Total Costs of Regulations to Business, one company "Kemibolaget"

Regulatory costs per requirement type, 2005





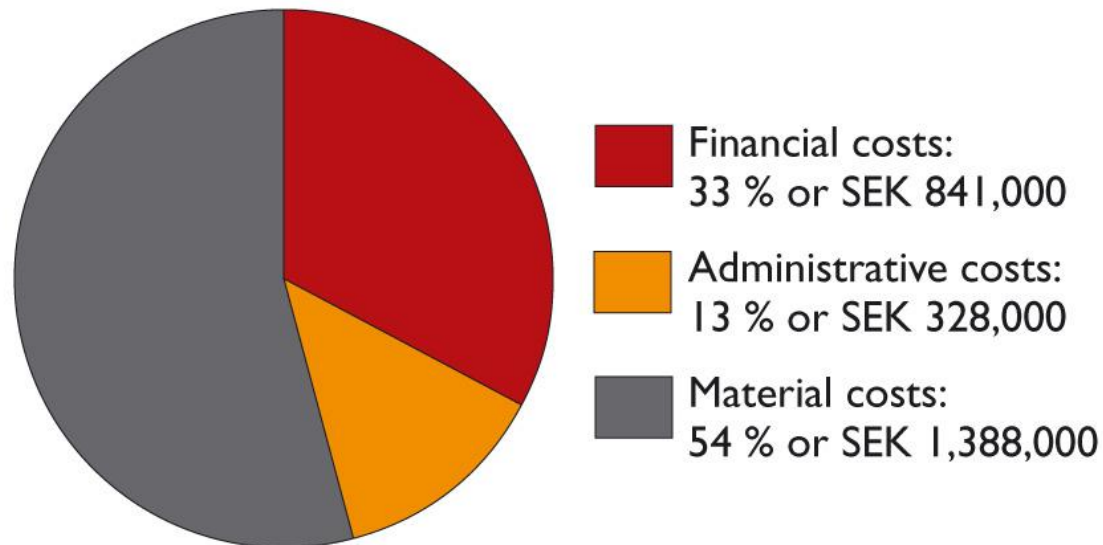
Stjernsunds Farm

**Turnover 1,7 million EUR/number of employees 7/
total regulatory costs 275 000 EUR,
costs per employee per year 39 000 EUR**

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The Total Costs of Regulations to Business, one company "Stjernsund's Farm"

Regulatory costs per requirement type, 2005



Better regulation is a shared responsibility...

...Co-operation between government and business

Identify the problem:

- Above all, business wants **clarity** in the regulatory environment.
- Perceived burdens of regulation and **'irritation factors'**.
- Concern about the **cumulative, and total, cost** of complying with regulation.

Future strategies for simplifying regulation

- New targets for actions besides reducing administrative costs; - Reduce all types of compliance costs?
- Systematically Evaluate Changes in Business Perceptions?
- Business participation?
- Prepare national RIAs on international proposals?

Simplification of Existing Regulation

- Focus on areas that are perceived as burdensome by business?
- Focus on type of changes that business wants?
- Evaluation of results of simplification measures?

Efficient New Regulation

- Regulation without an Impact Assessment (IA)?
- Independent Scrutiny of IA?
- Ex-post evaluation of actual outcomes?

Thank you!

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