

## International Training Seminars on the EOPP and ESCP Regulations

# Introduction to the Swedish Legal System

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### Italy and Sweden

The Hofstede model of national culture



PDI Power Distance Index IDV Individual-/Collectivism MAS Mascul-/Femininity

UAI Uncertainty AvoidanceLTO Long/Short Term Orient.IVR Indulgence/Restraint



#### Italy and Sweden

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

- See CEPEJ-STAT, Dynamic Database of European Judicial Systems, https://www.coe.int/en/web/cepej/cepej-stat
- Number of professional judges: Italy 11,622 Sweden 11,896
- Disposition time (civil and commercial cases in first instance): Italy 527 days Sweden 166 days



#### Sweden's court system

The general courts/ The general administrative courts (Allmänna domstolar/ Allmänna förvaltningsdomstolar)

The Supreme Court

HD Högsta domstolen

The Supreme Administrative Court

HFD Högsta förvaltningsdomstolen

Court of Appeal – HovR Hovrätt (6)

Administrative Court of Appeal

HovR/KamR

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District Court – *TR Tingsrätt* (48) Administrative Court *FR Förvaltningsrätt* (12)

**KamR** Kammarrätt (4)

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The special courts (Specialdomstolar)

E.g. the labour court (AD Arbetsdomstolen)



#### Sweden: Fair trial

The norms on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms that emanate from European Union and European Court of Human Right jurisprudence has had an impact on the rulings of the Swedish courts' that is far greater than what the Swedish Constitutional norms enjoy in their own right.



#### Sweden: Fair trial

- "Legal proceedings are to be carried out fairly and within a reasonable period of time." (Ch. 2 Art. 11 of the Instrument of Government, Regeringsformen)
- Intended to meet the essential elements of Art. 6 of the European Convention.
- No delimitation to civil rights and obligations or criminal charge.
- Cf. Art. 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.



#### Sweden: Enforcement

- The Enforcement Authority: Kronofogden (literally: The Bailiff of the Crown)
- Enforcement titles comprising an obligation, both public and private.
- An application for a payment order (betalningsföreläggande) is submitted to Kronofogden – Swedish/ European





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