

Sweden (The Call for Innovative and Open Government: An Overview of Country Initiatives)

During the economic crisis, Sweden was able to combine limited deficits in public finances with significant fiscal stimuli, including temporary transfers to local governments (see below) in order for them to maintain their levels of service delivery despite sharply decreasing tax revenues at the local level. The ability to maintain surpluses during the good pre-crisis years made this possible; the existence of a well-defined national fiscal policy framework, combined with a strong political commitment, has been essential.

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