The challenges to govern - Fast development of digitisation.

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How to govern –
the Swedish eHealth Vision

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- Lead, drive and work in partnership
  - Lead the development of eHealth and coordinate government initiatives.
- Create structures and monitor quality
  - Manage electronic prescriptions, pharmaceutical information and pharmaceutical statistics.
- Provide services
  - Different services for healthcare providers, pharmacies and individuals.
Healthcare and eHealth in Sweden
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290 Municipalities

National level
Regional level
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10 million people
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Healthcare and Welfare in Sweden

National level
- Elections to the Swedish parliament
- Central government authorities/agencies
- Regulations

Regional level
- 21 counties/regions
- Elections to the County Council assembly
- Responsible for organising, financing and providing healthcare services

Local level
- 290 municipalities
- Elections to the Municipal Council
- Responsible for social services, care of the elderly and disabled and schools.

Each level is autonomous with taxation rights and elected every 4 years.
The challenge …

• Many providers – both of healthcare and of digital healthcare services.

• Many information systems – but not so much standardization = proprietary solutions = information ”lock-in”.

• Several laws and regulations that prevent sharing of information and need to be updated.
The National eHealth Vision
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E-health has been a long term obligation

National IT strategy for health and social care

National eHealth Strategy

Joint eHealth Vision and joint Action Plan together with SALAR
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## Suggested activities 2018-2019

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