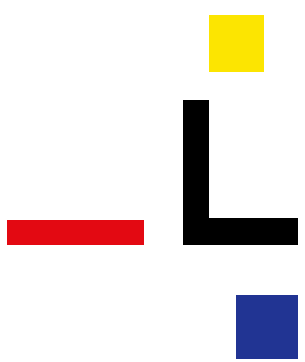




Cybersecurity regulation in Sweden

a 2026 overview

WHO IS IN SCOPE

Essential and important entities, plus all state authorities, regions, municipalities, and education providers - going beyond the requirements of the EU directive. No size threshold for trust service providers, electronic communications providers, DNS service providers, certain public administration entities, and sole providers of services critical to society: every operator is required to register.

REPORT A BREACH BY

24 hours — notification

72 hours — full incident notification

One month — final report

If personal data is involved, a separate 72-hour GDPR deadline runs in parallel with a different authority.

SUPERVISION AND PENALTIES

Seven sector authorities supervise, each expert in its own industry, plus the six regional county boards covering smaller sectors such as manufacturing and research. A central Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has coordinated registration since July 2026. Financial firms fall under DORA instead.

A manager can be barred from leadership for one to three years (not imprisoned) for intent or gross negligence. No cases yet.

WHAT THEY MUST DO

Register centrally and follow your sector authority's guidelines. Management and boards carry the responsibility, with cybersecurity on the board agenda and training run through management.

WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

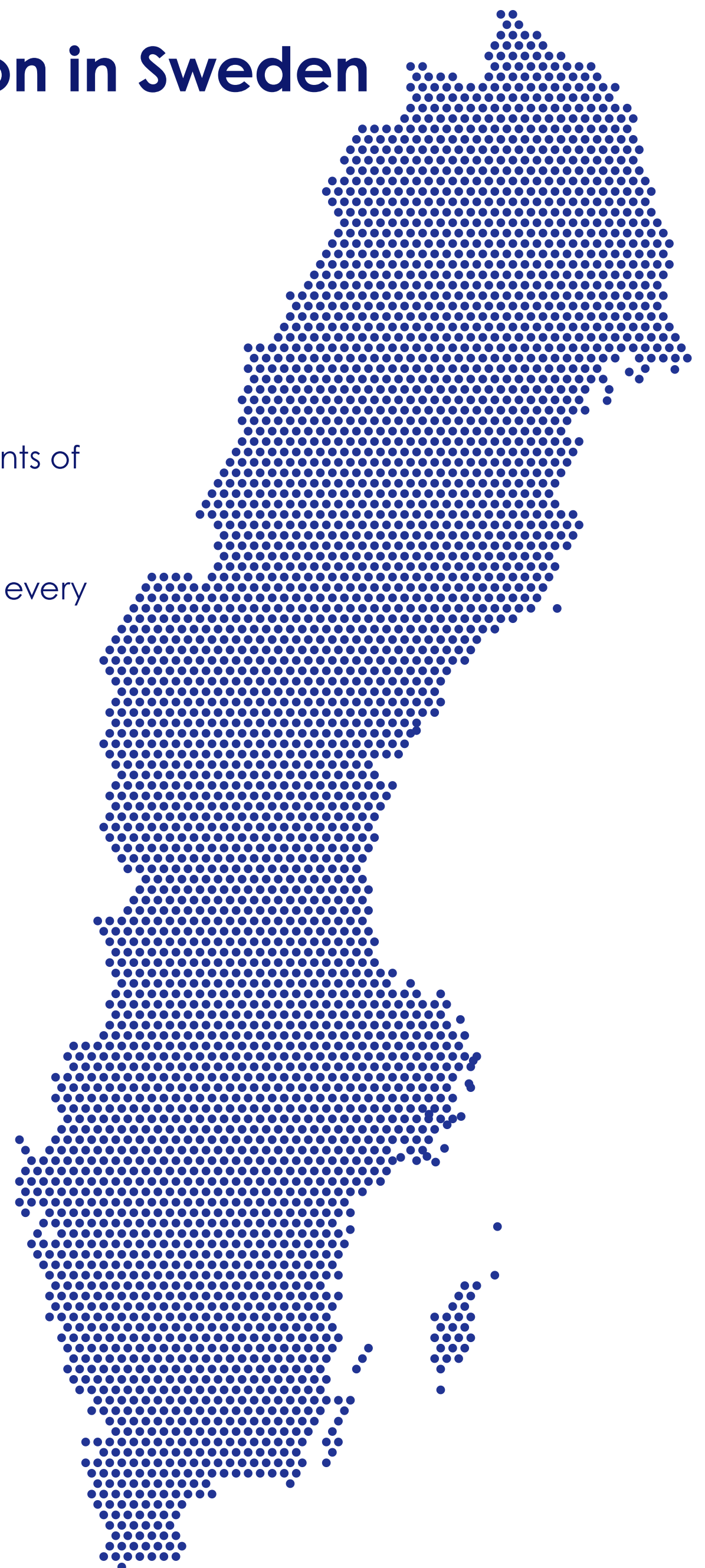
The Agency for Digital Government and the Swedish Post and Telecom Authority merge into a single digital authority in January. Sector guidelines are still being worked through, and the EU Omnibus package is under negotiation — welcome simplification, though Sweden is wary of being levelled down.

FROM THE INTERVIEW

"The system is not more secure than the link that is weak in the chain."

"We are an engineer-driven society. You have industries, you have the guidelines, you have the technology sector-based, and then you have the authorities taking care of it."

"Compliance goes beyond ticking off the box. You need to really fulfil the requirements."



WHAT MAKES SWEDEN DIFFERENT

The broadest scope in Europe, by design. Cybersecurity is part of the national defence programme, sharpened by NATO membership since 2024 — and because regions and municipalities run healthcare, transport and welfare, protecting them protects the whole society.