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The remote-controlled airport

Storuman's municipal company AB and Glesbygdsmedicinskt Center (a research and innovation unit at Region of Västerbotten) are jointly providing test bed that involve business, governance and citizens for co-designing and testing innovative products and services to empower remote-control of small regional airports in Vasterbotten.

Issues Faced

Today, there are 37 smaller airports operated in Sweden, mostly municipal owned, where all the owners individually are too small to be able to become a customer of new innovative digital solutions for the operation of the airport. There is need to develop innovative solutions engaging governments, business and citizens.

Key Objectives

The twofold objective is: 1) to provide governments, business and citizens with test beds for co-developing innovative products and services for a better remote-controlled airport; 2) to increase visibility of the rural area's potential as an innovation area.

Main Results

Different solutions facilitating airport access and remote operation and control are under development for Hemavan Airport for verification and testing of remote controlled functions at the airport in operation and Gunnarns Airport for verification and testing of remote controlled functions at an airport without regular traffic.

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