

## **In 2000 the Church of Sweden was divided from the Swedish state to become a self-governing congregation**

- 20th Century Sweden; a “one-culture-one-religion-nation-state”, recently rural, economy based on steel and timber industry
- 2012 - Sweden – one of the most urbanized countries in Europe, multi-cultural and globalized, high tech, experiences and service industries
- A more heterogeneous population (migration, income, education, religion etc), rapid changes in values, involvement and priorities

## **An independent church trying to find a new role in a new society**











## ***Research project: Old Churches – New Values. Use and management of churches in a changing society***

### **The increasing redundancy: a great challenge for local communities, the church and the state**

- Analyse the complex relations between religious and secular values
- Analyse impact of existing legal protection on the responsibility for redundant churches
- Find solutions on redundancy, developed and discussed in an international perspective
- Taking care of and **activate** all values related to churches for the benefit of the society

