

The Institutional framework for evaluation

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Independent agencies
for evaluation
- a new trend in Sweden

Agencies working with intersectoral evaluation in Sweden

- Under Parliament – the Swedish National Audit Office
- Under the Government - The Swedish Agency for Public Management

Ten sectoral Evaluation agencies:

- the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (BRÅ),
- the Swedish Fiscal Policy Council (FR),
- the Swedish Social Insurance Inspectorate (ISF)
- the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU)
- the Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation (SADEV),
- the Swedish Agency for Cultural Policy Analysis,
- the Swedish Agency for Growth Policy Analysis,
- the Swedish Agency for Health and Care Services Analysis,
- the Swedish Council on Health Technology Assessment (SBU)
- Transport Analysis

Similar but different...

- Big difference with respect to their functions and resources, as well as in terms of government control
- Founded for very different purposes as
 - ✓ checking agencies' efficiency,
 - ✓ making public-sector activities more transparent and obtaining documentation for policy development,
 - ✓ support in controlling other agencies and
 - ✓ help in solving social problems, such as unemployment and criminality.

Not only evaluation...

Most evaluation agencies have also been given other tasks regulated by their official instructions, such as

- ✓ analytical tasks,
- ✓ monitoring of external developments,
- ✓ statistical analysis and
- ✓ methodological development

Independent reviewers or advisors to the Government?

- The evaluation work carried out at several of the agencies is commissioned to a large extent.
- Independence means often from the agency that has the task of implementing policy, not independence from the Government.
- Some of the agencies are rather independent. In other cases, especially in recent years, the Government has emphasised the agencies' advisory role by prescribing that they should assist the Government by providing documentation for decisions and recommendations for action.

Strengths and opportunities

- Knowledge and experience of the sector
- No need for upstart-time
- Easier to prioritize and value aspects

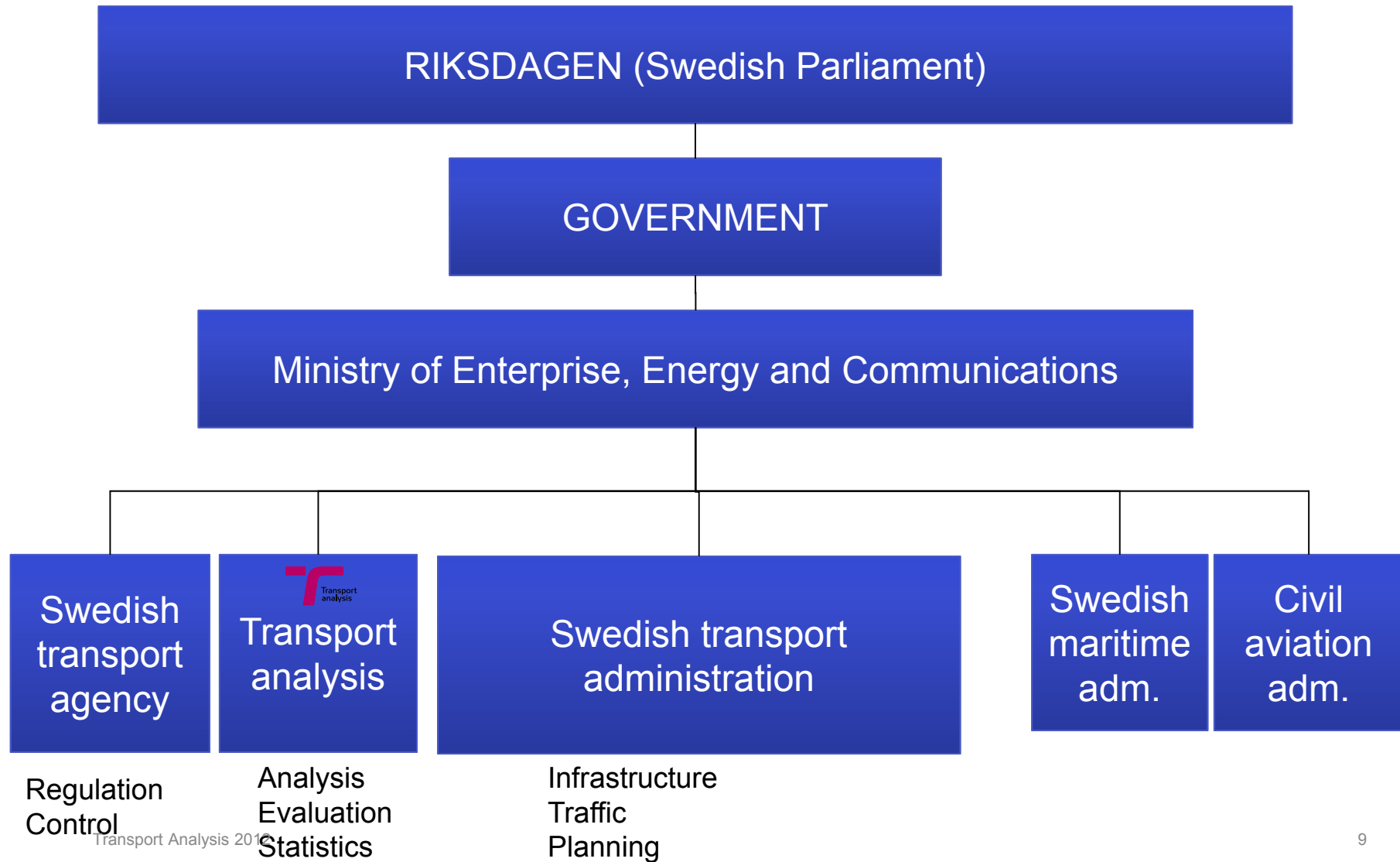
Weaknesses, challenges and risks

- Risk for "falling in love" with you sector
- Keeping faith and legitimacy as an independent actor
- Keeping the trust from the government that you give value for money

Transport analysis
a Swedish government agency
for transport policy analysis



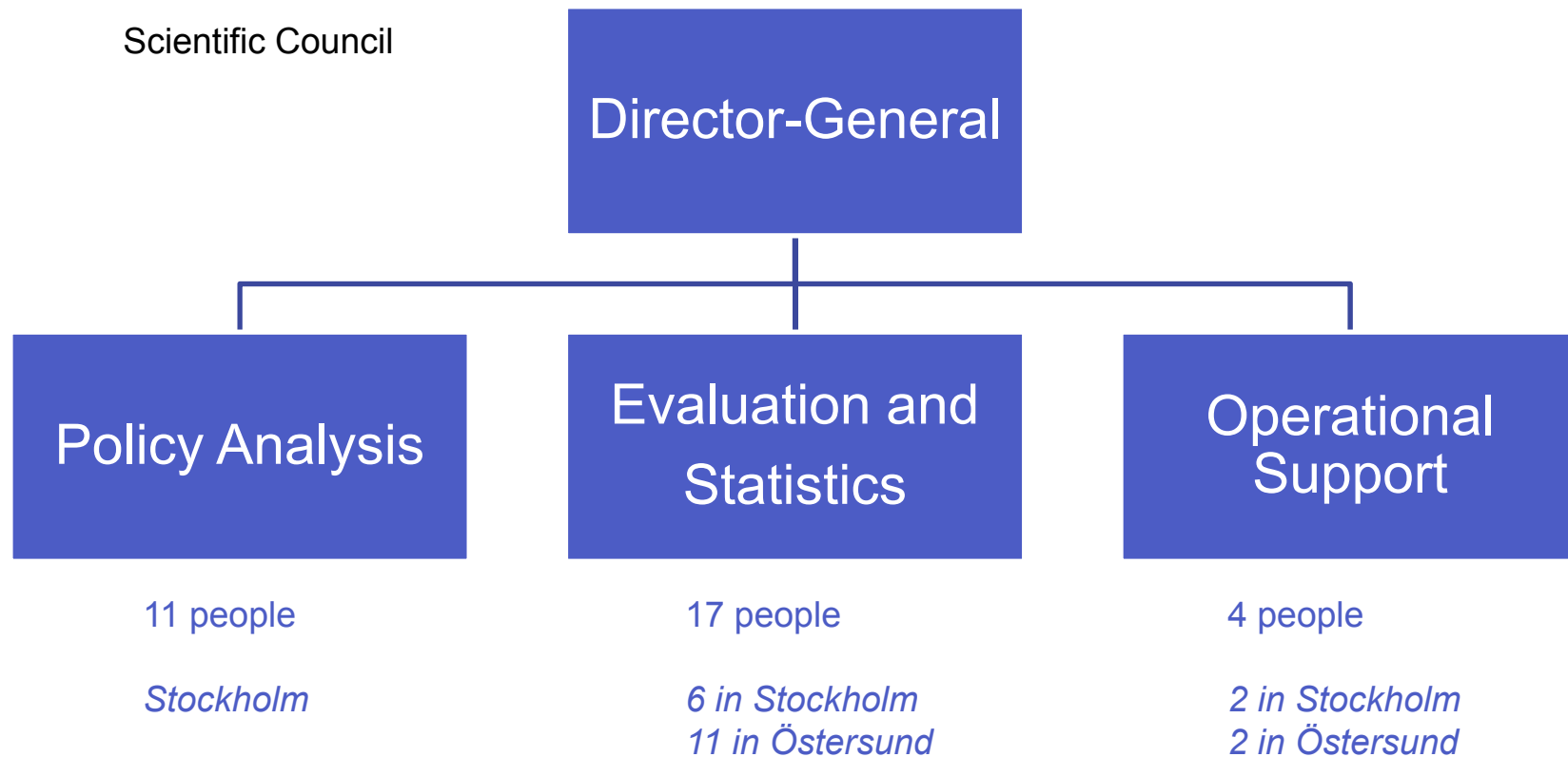
Organisation of the Swedish transport sector



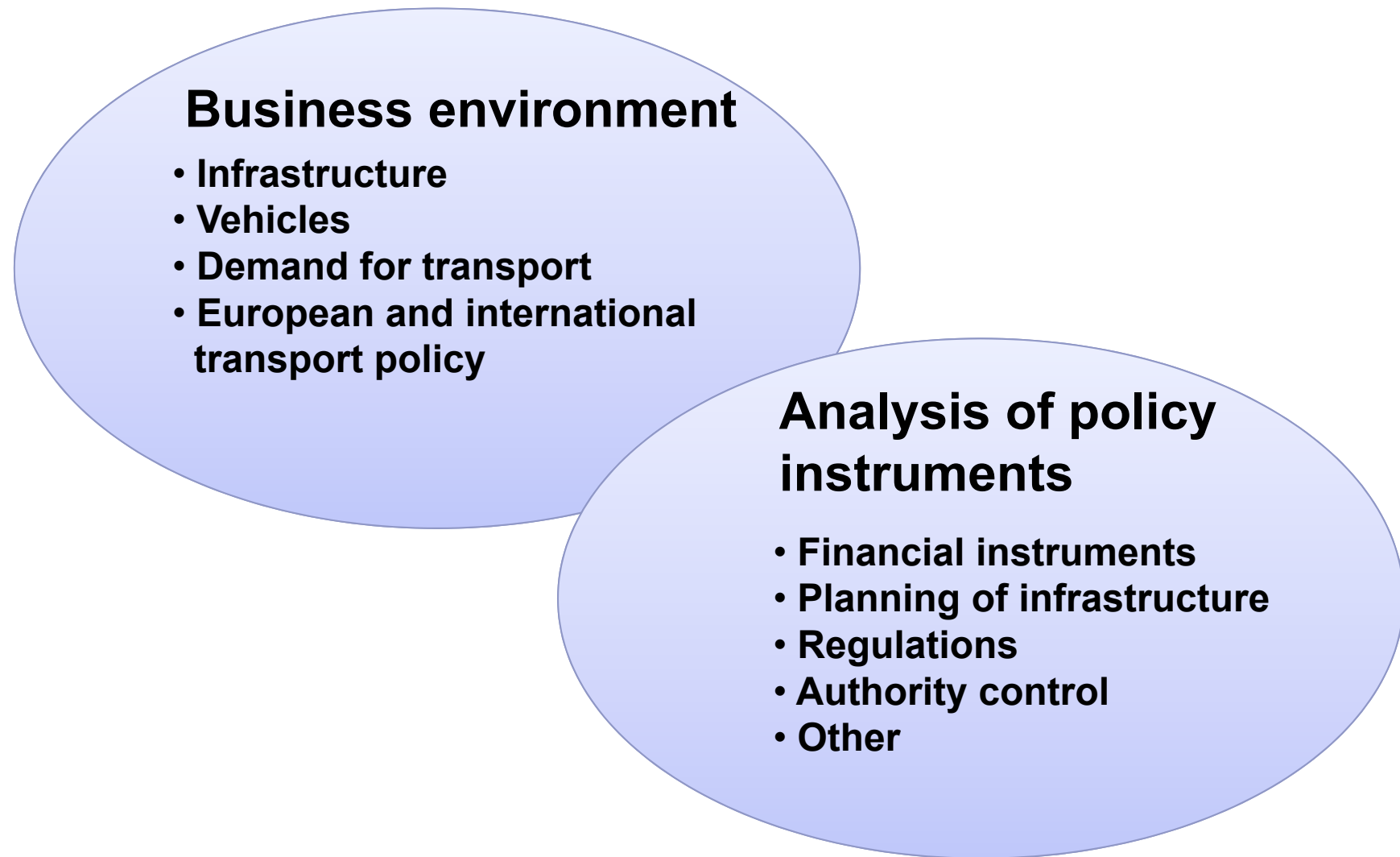
Transport Analysis

- A government agency, established on 1 April, 2010
- Providing decision-makers with sound and relevant policy advice
- Reviewing, analysing, following up and evaluating proposed and implemented reforms and measures in transport policy
- Providing the official statistics (OS) in the transport and communication sectors, including travel surveys and commodity flow surveys

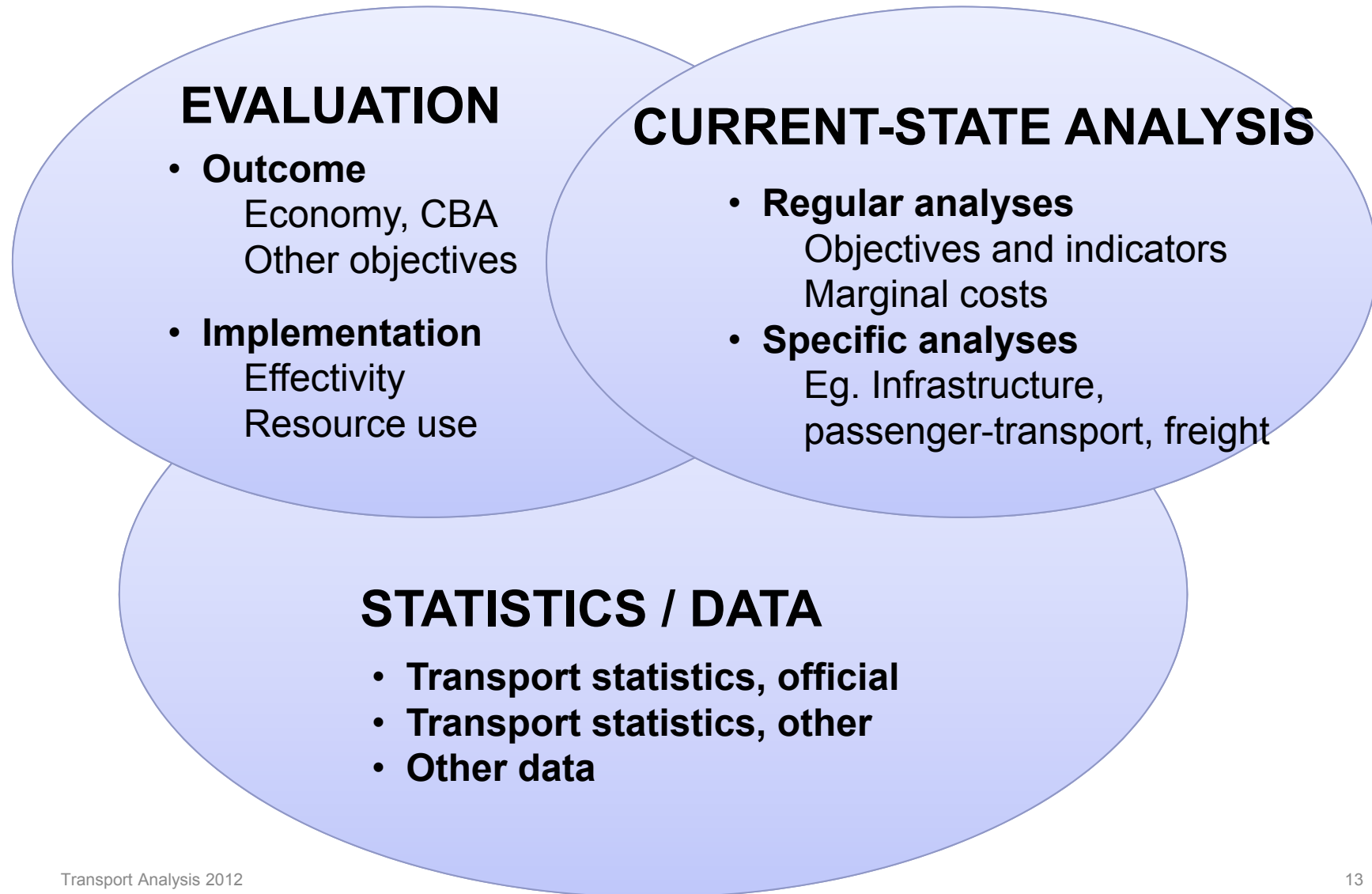
Organisation



Dept. Policy analysis



Dept. Evaluation and statistics



Scientific council

At Transport Analysis, there is a scientific council with the task of quality assurance of the methods produced and applied by the agency and of contributing to their development.

The council has a good scientific breadth and includes representatives from two of our neighbouring countries.

Chairman: **Brita Saxton**, Director General Transport Analysis

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Lars Westin, Professor Regional Economics, Director, Center of Regional Science (CERUM) Umeå University.

Examples on recent commissions

- Follow up and review the opening of markets for public transport and passenger rail
- Create a model for the evaluation of R & D in transport policy
- Examine proposals for new construction projects of infrastructure

Statistics - producing and distributing statistical data and trends

- Official statistics 
 - *Communication patterns:* travel habits, commodity flows
 - *Railway transport:* traffic, passengers & freight
 - *Road transport:* vehicles, road goods, injuries
 - *Maritime transport:* traffic, ports, ships, enterprises
 - *Air transport:* traffic, transport
 - *Public transport:* local, regional, taxi, special transport,
 - *Mail- & telecommunications*
- Eurostat and OECD
- Other statistics
 - Vehicle-, passenger- and tonne-kilometers
 - Infrastructure
 - Transport business

