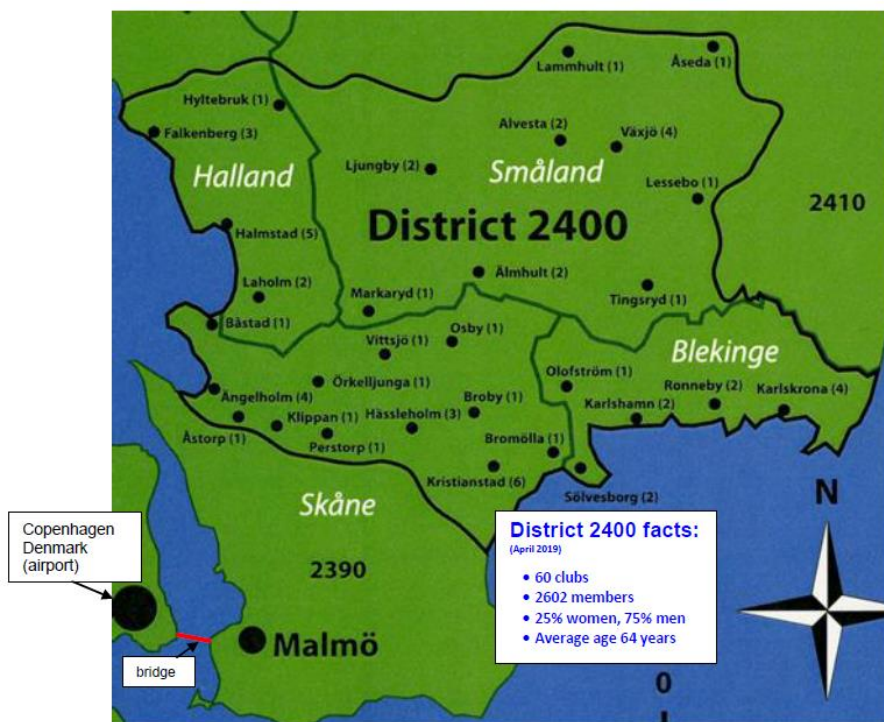


## District 2400 in Sweden



The district is situated in the Southern part of Sweden and stretches from the North Sea coast on the west side of the country to the Baltic Sea on the east side and includes four counties – **Skåne**, **Blekinge**, **Småland** and **Halland**. The area of D 2400 comprises all kinds of nature except from very mountainous country. For instance you can find archipelagos, lovely beaches, forests, agricultural areas and wetlands. Sweden has a long history and parts of our region belonged during 350 years to Denmark until the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century, so we have a very rich and diverse culture. Entrepreneurship is on a high level all over the region. Here the European Union is a practical reality and development a tangible result of cooperation between society, business and higher education.

In **Skåne** the city of Malmö, the third biggest city in Sweden, is linked to Denmark and the Danish capital Copenhagen by the impressive Öresunds Bridge, which was opened to traffic in 2000. In Northern Skåne during the 17<sup>th</sup> century there were fights between the "Snapphanarna" (i.e. guerrillas, who fought on the Danish side) and the Swedish troupes after the Swedish conquest of Skåne.

The city of Kristianstad, founded in 1614 situated in the middle of wetland has a Unesco status. The famous Swedish vodka ABSOLUT is produced within the municipality of Kristianstad.

The city of Karlskrona in **Blekinge** has the status of Unesco World Heritage because of the best preserved Navy Base in the world from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The base is still in active operation.

In **Småland** we have the Kingdom of Crystal where handblown glass has been made since

1742 with the well known glassworks of Orrefors and Kosta. IKEA, the worldwide furniture company has its origin in Älmhult. Carl von Linné, the famous botanist and scientist, was born in this region. The biggest city is Växjö situated beside at a beautiful lake.

**Halland** is an area where summer tourism is important and it has some of the best beaches in Sweden. The biggest city is Halmstad. North of Halmstad is Grimton the World Heritage Radio station, which in the 1920s connected Sweden to Long Island in the USA.



**Karlskrona**



**Växjö**



**Kristianstad**



**Halmstad**

**Welcome meeting us in the Midnight District, District 2400**