

The European Union – a major facilitator of eHealth innovations in the Baltic Sea Region

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The use of digitalization in healthcare is a fundamental aspect making healthcare systems run and to provide citizens with appropriate medical supply. In different programs, the European Union supported and still supports eHealth innovations and projects financially and organizationally. At the eHealth Innovation Days 2017 we will present many different innovative projects and ideas, establishing oneself based on European activities in healthcare digitalization. Exemplary for all of these projects, we briefly introduce: TeleCare North and the Baltic Fracture Competence Centre.

TeleCare North

In our session „eHealth in the Baltic Sea Region“, the program Manager of TeleCare North, Helen Houmøller Rasmussen presents experiences and results of home monitoring of COPD patients. TeleCare North was firstly running from 2012 until 2015. Now, as part of the national ICT strategy for Health Care, the results of the project shall be implemented on a national level in all of Denmark until 2019. Therefore, TeleCare North is one of the most successful COPD-projects in Europe.

For more information, please see:

http://www.ehealthforregions.net/fileadmin/user_upload/Virtuelt_seminar_Ehealth_for_regions_2_november_2016.pptx.pdf

Baltic Fracture Competence Centre

Under the lead of Life Science Nord (Germany), 13 project partners from 7 Baltic Sea countries (Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Lithuania, Poland, Estonia and Finland) started a Pan-Baltic fracture cooperation network fostering innovation within fracture management. The primary aims of the project are, amongst others, to establish 4 new regional and 1 transnational fracture registry platforms. The increase of age-related fractures and co-morbidities, such as osteoporosis and infections, makes an improved quality of care necessary. Furthermore, the time cost should be reduced. Using new possibilities of collaboration between industry and healthcare, solutions will be gathered by the project partners and innovations will be created and fostered.

In the open session of eHealth Innovation Days Dr. Thomas Frahm from Life Science Nord (Kiel, Germany) will present the project and its first results.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.bfcc-project.eu/project.html>