



Scandinavian CLC – Newsletter 1 March 2015

Dear Partners within EIT Health Scandinavia

Welcome to EIT Health! After more than three years of close cooperation and preparation the EIT announced on December 10 the Innolife consortium as the winning team for the KIC Healthy living and active ageing. In the weeks since then an intensive period has timed. I would like to extend my thanks to all the people who have worked hard under compressed timelines to get interim offices in place, to work on budgets, activity plans, legal structure, and recruit management teams at the European as well as on local levels, and much more. The structuring of EIT Health – the official name of the KIC – is going fast forward.

The intention is to give you the latest news and information about the development of EIT Health. We will send you a newsletter regularly to keep you informed and involved. Additionally, we shall establish other ways for information distribution via web, social media and occasional physical meetings.



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Setting up EIT Health

EIT Health is a pan-European organization with headquarter in Munich and with six Co-location Centres, (CLCs), spread across the continent;

- London (UK/Ireland)
- Stockholm (Scandinavia)
- Barcelona (Spain)
- Paris (France)
- Heidelberg (Germany)
- Rotterdam (Belgium-Netherlands)

All in all we are 50 core partners and 90 associate partners connected to these CLCs. In addition, there are also six InnoStars regions connected to EIT Health: Wales, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Croatia.

Read more about the goals for EIT Health here: <http://eit.europa.eu/eit-community/eit-health>

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- The Scandinavian CLC has set up
- an interim office until
- permanent staff is recruited. The
- interim office has coordinators
- reflecting different competen-
- cies needed during this setup
- phase of the KIC.

CEO and Management Level

- On the European level, the Executive
- Committee (Exco) that has been the
- highest governing body during the appli-
- cation phase will be replaced during the
- course of 2015 with a Supervisory Board
- (SB). Alexander von Gabain, previously
- Chairman of the EIT Governing Board
- and currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor for
- Innovation and Commercial Outreach at
- Karolinska Institutet and
- Søren Bregenholt, Corporate Vice
- President, R&D External Innovation and
- Stakeholder Relations at Novo Nordisk
- will represent the Scandinavian partners
- on the SB.

- The EIT Health headquarters is
- currently being set up and this work is in
- the interim phase coordinated by
- Roche. The interim CEO for the whole
- KIC is Ursula Redecker, Spokesperson of
- the Executive Board at Roche Diagnostics
- Germany, who is supported by an
- Interim Management Board consisting of
- six persons, where Magnus Persson is
- representing the Scandinavian CLC.

- Andy Browning of Uppsala University is
- the interim Director of Business
- Creation for the entire KIC and Ulla
- Wewer of University of Copenhagen is
- the interim Director of Education for the
- KIC.

Business Creation

The two main areas that we are working on currently are the definition of the funding schemes and the definition of the services to be provided through the Accelerator. The work on funding schemes is central to the whole KIC and has been prioritised at the moment.

Out of the three funding schemes planned, the most specific for business creation is funding for Head Start Projects.

The exact criteria and format for Head Start Projects are still under consideration, but this program will be very important tool to accelerate the commercialization and market access for new products/solutions. The Innovation by Ideas funding could result in a good base of high quality projects that can create new products, solutions, and businesses that can enter into the Accelerator.

As for the setting up of Accelerator and its potential services, the discussions are advancing both at the CLC level and European level. Further discussions will ensure a greater cooperation and dialogue with all representatives of the Scandinavian partners.

Education

The European Education Committee calls upon all nodes to submit expressions of Interests to support and contribute towards program development feeding into the business plan. This process is a broad scoping exercise with the aim of gauging the particular interests and needs of the consortium. The deadline for submissions is no later than 18th March 2015.

- Interest in contributing to the particular parts of the STELLAR approach with courses, programs, teachers, internships and facilities (year 2016-2018) shall be the main focus.

We are particularly scoping for:

- Short activity based courses/summer schools/workshops and case competitions for young academics, company recruits, public servants and other professional groups.
- Crash courses and activities aiming to attract high level officials from knowledge centres, business, public services, politicians and policy makers, banking and insurance industry, and allied professionals from the media.
- Existing MSc programs within the thematic areas of EIT health that are eligible for KIC labelling. Suggestions for future MSc programmes and new Business PhD programs within the thematic areas of EIT Health and with strong components of business exposure and I&E elements either incorporated or as add-ons.
- The adoption of and contribution to the EIT Health Flagship programs (E-Lab and Innovation Fellowships).
- Exploiting digital technologies for outreach and wider engagement of the wider general public (MOOC, social platforms, web etc).

Innovation

Great efforts are being put in to formalize criteria for projects suitable for KIC-cooperation and how EIT Health-partners can make use of each other to achieve successful innovations. The criteria definitions will be decided during mid March and the work on the projects and programs will start directly after. The criteria's will be routed to the partners innovation responsible peoples as soon as they are available. We plan to hold a Scandinavian CLS Innovation summit during the latter part of March.

The Scandinavian node has initially also focused on ways to cooperate between public partners and industry leading to the possibility to take advantage of registries, biobanks, technology and computational sciences, health economy analysis and quality of life analysis.

Legal

The main focus on both European and local levels is the setting up of legal entities and finalisation of partnership agreements.

Communications

A LinkedIn group open for partners who signed the MoU before the application deadline has been set up. Brief news updates will be published in the group and membership is requested via Krister.halldin@uadm.uu.se

We intend to launch a dedicated webpage with all news regarding education, projects and more.

You can follow the EIT Health on social media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EITHealth> or Twitter: https://twitter.com/eit_health

Major Deadlines EIT Health Start-Up Phase 2015

