

Welfare Technology in a Nordic perspective



Nordic Center for Welfare and Social Issues

An introduction

- Nordic Council of Ministers
 - Nordic Center for Welfare and Social Issues
 - Welfare Technology within the nordic cooperation
1. Networking
 2. Knowledge sharing
 3. Projects



Background

Why "welfare technology"

- Common demographic and economic challenges.
- In short: More tasks but fewer resources
- Common healthcare systems
- Shared societal values
- Welfare technology and innovation identified as part of the solution in all nordic countries
- A chance to cooperate for the mutual benefit in all nordic countries – CREATE ADDED VALUE



What is Welfare Technology within the Nordic countries – do we agree?

- "Welfare technology" – a uniquely Nordic umbrella term
- Slight differences in definition:
 - Denmark and Finland agree
 - Norway – a municipal thing
 - Sweden – a care thing
 - Iceland – why we are here!
- My personal broad definition:
- *Welfare Technology assists or delivers welfare services*



The Nordic approaches to Welfare Technology

Denmark: The burning platform!

Sweden: Quality and innovation.....or is it?

Norway: A different national structure, means slightly different motivation.

Finland: A combination of economical pressure and national interests.

Iceland: What I am here to learn.



How far are we?

Overall Denmark leads the pack – but only just

The economic motivation means Denmark is slightly better at implementing technology.

The Danish national strategy "Digital velfærd" and a new KL center for welfare technology will be further drivers.

Looking at OECD numbers the Nordic countries have a strong export base for "welfare technology"

Denmark: Have strong indicators in both medtech and assistive technology

Sweden: Strong within assistive technology

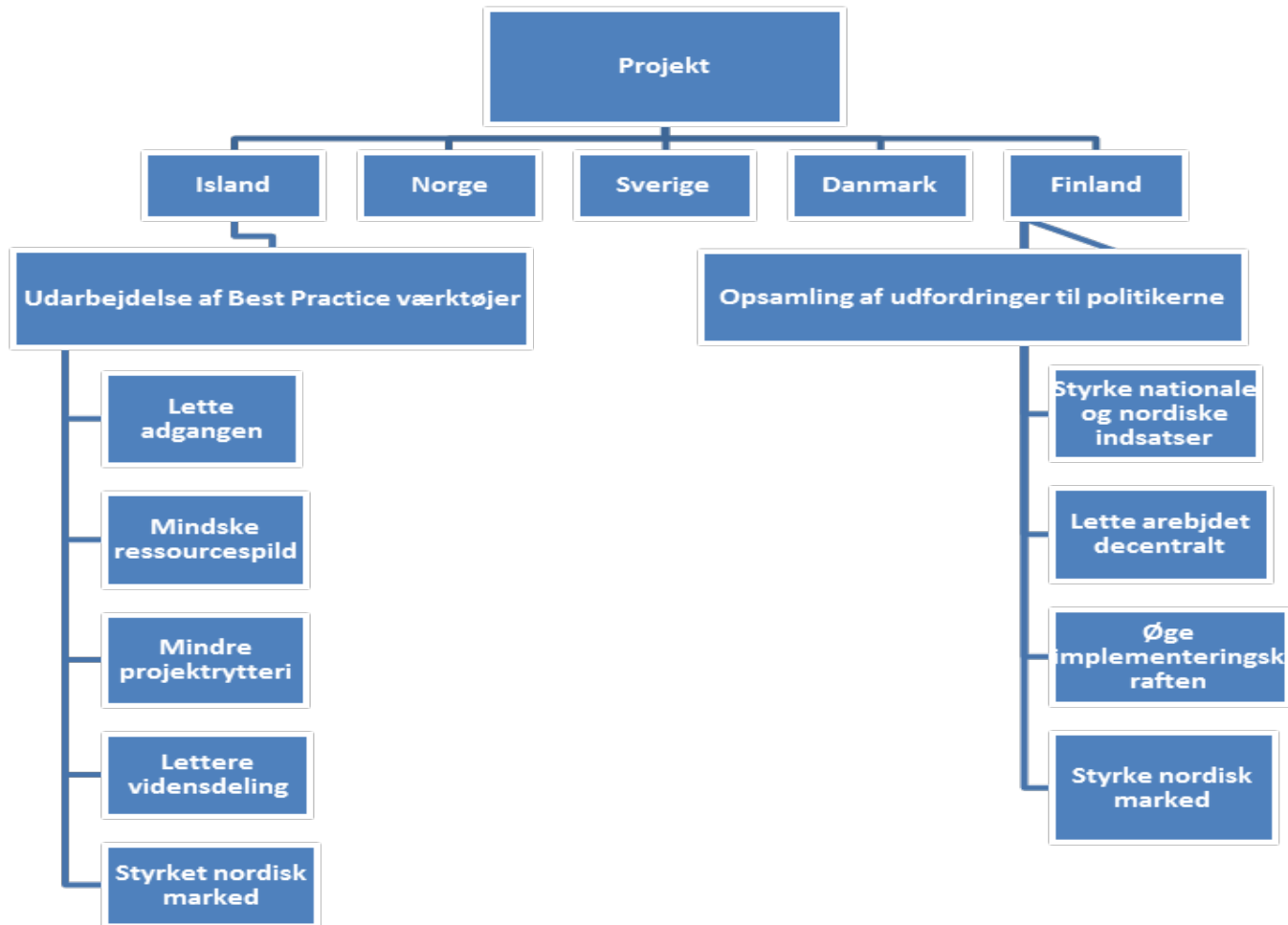
Finland: Strong within medtech.



CONNECT – Collecting Nordic Best Practice Within Welfare Technology

- Large nordic projects
- Best practice, process and tools + Knowledge gathering for political aspects
- Goals:
 - Knowledge sharing
 - Easy access to working with welfare technology
 - Increase municipal competences
 - Better use of resources – less "Reinventing the wheel"
 - Less "projektrytteri"
 - Stronger and more united Nordic market

Projektforslaget i oversigt



Delayed "icebreaker" Implementation is key!

Thank you!



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