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 coorporation

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.

Island: 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 marked
Projektforslaget i oversigt

Projekt

Island  Norge  Sverige  Danmark  Finland

Udarbejdelse af Best Practice værktøjer

Lette adgangen

Mindske ressourcespild

Mindre projektrytteri

Lettere vidensdeling

Styrket nordisk marked

Opsamling af udfordringer til politikerne

Styrke nationale og nordiske indsatser

Lette arebjudet decentralt

Øge implementeringskraften

Styrke nordisk marked
Delayed “icebreaker”
Implementation is key!
Thank you!

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