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Learning and Development Network in the Field of Social Welfare

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NKUAS as	Coordinator
Total costs/funding	360 000 €
Funding program	ESF / Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment

Objectives of the project

- to plan an operations model in which the expertise of the staff and students of NKUAS will serve the regional actors in the field of social welfare and health care
- to update working life -inspired learning methods and materials, which encourage co-operation and entrepreneurship in the field of social welfare
- to enhance the competences by the implementation of research and development activities, which will serve the work environment
- to create mutual operations models and methods for the development of the social welfare branch
- to strengthen the co-operation between the upper secondary education and higher education in health care and social welfare

Implementation of the project

- planning the operational environment, including premises and action plans
- piloting the operational environment
- ensuring the introduction of results; includes contracts, the productization of new services and the development of the curricula
- briefing and communication

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Abstract of the project

The aim of the "Learning and Development Network in the Field of Social Welfare" project is to plan and pilot an operational environment for learning, development, and entrepreneurship, which will serve regional interests. A further aim is to contribute to the production of social and technical innovations in co-operation with various actors in health care and social welfare such as students, teaching staff, corporations, and the public and the third sector. The work will partly take place in one physical facility and partly in a network with the regional bodies. As a result of this project, new entrepreneurship will be created in the field of social welfare, and new social and technological innovations will be established. In addition, new learning materials, innovative learning methods for the students in the field of health care and social welfare, and a training environment in which students will be able to produce health care and social welfare services as part of their studies are going to be produced.

The target groups of the project are: teachers, R&D staff and students of NKUAS, students and staff in the field of health care and social welfare at North Karelia Municipal Education and Training Consortium (Joensuu), and public as well as third sector actors and companies in the field of health care and social welfare.