



# Panel project management

## Input eHealth for Regions network

# The eHealth for Regions Network

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- Founded 2004
- Regions from six Baltic Sea countries
- Financed by the members of the network
- Several BSR projects, 2 Flagship projects  
ICT for Health / PrimCareIT

# The eHealth for Regions Network

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- Main objectives are:
  - to promote collaboration between the partner regions in developing eHealth solutions
  - to assist in writing project applications to get funding for common projects

<http://www.ehealthforregions.net>

# Experiences mainly from two BSR projects

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- ICT for Health, <http://www.ictforhealth.net/> ,  
Flagship project, 19 partners from 8 countries;  
role as leadpartner
- PrimCareIT, <http://www.primcareit.net/> ,  
Flagship project, 16 partner from 7 countries,  
role as WP-leader

# Project phases

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- Preparation phase: searching for funding possibilities, building a consortium, writing application
- Operational phase
- Secure sustainability

# Preparation phase

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- Start building the consortium in an early stage of developing the application
- Meet the partners personally – virtual meetings do not always fit the needs of partners' communication
- Make the aims and the different roles very clear to all consortium members - misunderstandings are time consuming and lead to frustration

# Preparation phase

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- Make sure that the consortium represent all competencies needed
- Discuss all budget issues openly and in a transparent manner
- Define a responsible project manager for each project partner

# Operational phase

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- Consider using the support of professional project management, especially when it comes to large scale projects
- Involve project personal in your organisation which is responsible for the work within the project and for the communication with the partners
- Create a Project Steering Committee with one representative from each country
- Implement guidelines for documentation and communication (for example: MS Share Point)



# Operational phase

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- Organise regular meetings at the different partner organizations
- Organise social events, e.g. to understand the different cultural approaches to project management
- Mind the time line agreed and stick to deadlines
- Make an arrangement to enable budget changes between partners
- Make an arrangement to enable the leadpartner to skip partners out

# Secure sustainability

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- Integrate this issue in all project phases and make sure that each partner has it in mind from the beginning on
- Every project should have a WP about implementation and business model in which all regions need to be involved
- Sign LOI and / or contracts between partners and stakeholders about the implementation and use after the project has ended
- Make an arrangement to motivate all partners to get in contact with relevant stakeholders in order to promote the project and its outcomes

# Secure sustainability

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- Make sure that each partner is aware of the importance of the final report and has calculated the manpower for the writing, even if it happens after the end of the project duration
- Think of founding a network or join an existing network in order to maintain the cooperation and contacts between the project partners, e.g. the eHealth for Regions network



# Thank you for your attention

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