



# Call for regions and municipalities and their healthcare and social care service providers

Open December 21st 2022 – February 20th

We can provide you with support to establish the necessary conditions for integrated healthcare and care through distance spanning solutions.

## Aim of this call

This call aims to establish the necessary conditions to implement solutions for integrated healthcare and care through distance spanning solutions, via co-governance between different actors.

- Inspiration on activities to develop, solutions to implement and actions to take can be found in iHAC publication "[Integrated Healthcare and Care through distance spanning solutions – for increased service accessibility](#)".

## This call, in numbers:

- Preliminary 6 projects
- We welcome applicants from all Nordic countries
- Especially welcome is applicants from the self-governing areas of Faroe Island, Greenland and Åland
- 210 000 SEK per project

The support will be provided during the timespan of 1st of April 2023 until the end of October 2023.

## How can the funds be used:

Funds can be divided between:

- 80 hours of expert support, consultative support – maximum SEK 100,000\*
- 2 workshops – maximum SEK 55,000
- 1 inspiration visit to a Nordic model area - maximum SEK 55,000

## What is our collaboration about?

The project, "integrated Healthcare and Care through distance spanning solutions" (iHAC) form part of the Nordic Council of Ministers work programme: [Vision 2030](#). The project is a continuation of earlier project "Healthcare and Care – through distance spanning solutions 2018-2021".

The objective of iHAC is to contribute for the Nordic region to become the most sustainable and integrated region in the world.

The focus and angle of entry is social sustainability, although the entire spectra of sustainability have to be taken into account: How can joint healthcare and social care service provision generate more positive values for the citizens, demonstrate cost efficiency and contribute to a positive climate impact through reduced Co2 emissions.

## Three main objectives of iHAC

- Mapping and presenting Model Regions/ Areas of integrated healthcare and care – publication launched September 2022 (2021-2022)
- Map national and regional models for distributed data approach, integrated use of health data (2022-2023)
- Two calls - Identify and exemplify new Model Regions/Areas of integrated healthcare and care (2022-2024)

## Summary

We will through the publication "Integrated Healthcare and Care through distance spanning solutions – for increased service accessibility" showcase best practice examples of joint governed service models and collaboration structures, for inspiration.

The project will also initiate the development of model areas, sometimes new model areas, with integrated healthcare and care service and ambitions.

Find out more about iHAC at our website

[www.integratedhealthandcare.com](http://www.integratedhealthandcare.com)

Two experts are identified as collaboration partners in connection with the calls:

- [Health Innovation Academy](#) – Eeva Kiuru
- [LiTH Consulting](#) – Lisbeth Kjellberg

\*The experts will be available for at least 80 hours of consultative support + preparation time for each model area granted. The expert budget line also includes money for any trips that the experts must undertake, or other similar expenses.

All approved model areas can choose any expert they prefer, also in addition to the two experts listed above. However, the experts must be well acquainted with the previous results of previous project VOPD and iHAC, the iHAC publication from September 2022 "Integrated Healthcare and Care through distance scanning solutions – for increased service accessibility", the implementation guide - "Roadmap for Service Innovation", grasping the understanding of the sparsely populated area perspective as well as the iHAC's contribution to the Nordic Council of Ministers' work program - Vision 2030.

## Who are we looking for?

Applicants will have to announce their interest to receive implementation support through an expression of interest.

A set of selection criteria/requirements has been established to inform service providers in municipalities and regions on the organizational readiness level that is expected. In general, we expect organisations to join forces to achieve integrated healthcare and care through distance spanning services, via co-governance between different actors.

The following criteria/requirements will be used to rank applicants:

1. The applicants shall propose how their intended development will help to empower the targeted citizens, for example improve the possibilities for prolonged and /or in depended life.
2. Demonstrate why this development is good from the citizens point of view and reflect on the expected value to be created for the citizens, and possibly how the value impact can be measures.
3. Priority will be given to applicants (region/county/collaborating municipalities) which have a formal decision or similar mandate to initiate joint service development based on co-governance of both healthcare and care.
  - The ambition shall be to eliminate/reduce the distance between the citizen and the service provider, through joint use of distance spanning technologies or other solutions providing the same effect.
4. Alternatively, project proposals can be accepted that aim to secure co-governance between different entities involved in a patient journey where several professional categories are involved.
  - The ambition remains to eliminate/reduce the distance between the citizen and the service provider, through joint use of distance spanning technologies or other solutions providing the same effect.
5. The applicant must familiar themselves with the iHAC publication "[Integrated Healthcare and Care through distance spanning solutions – for increased service accessibility](#)"

6. The applicant must describe if they work in relation to the described components in the theoretical framework in the publication;
  - Communication and Knowledge sharing
  - Shared and Common goal
  - Trust
7. Applicants shall use guides with a strong emphasis on insight and anchoring stages in the service innovation process, and in particular use of “Norwegian Vejkart for tjenesteinnovasjon” , in English “Roadmap for service innovation”.
  - “Roadmap for service innovation” can be found [here](#).
8. Priority will be given to applicants in sparsely populated areas, and applicants that fight with similar geographical challenges such as long distances = long time to travel to services and insularity.
9. Demonstrate how gender balance and equity between different citizens are taken into account.

## Time period for submission of expression of interest

**The call will open on the 21st of December 2022 and close at the 20th of February 2023.** Selection of actions to be supported, will be announced no later than by the end of March 2020.

Please submit your Expression of interest to Niclas Forsling at Centre for Rural Medicine in Storuman, Sweden and Bengt Andersson at Nordic Welfare Centre in Stockholm, Sweden:

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### Annexes:

- Expression of interest
- Short summary of the collaboration - integrated Healthcare And Care 2021-2024