

South Ostrobothnia Region is on developing eHealth in EU

Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia, South Ostrobothnia Health Care District and Seinäjoki Polytechnic are the only from Finland participating on EU-project, which last three years and started this year. The meaning of project is to sort out how the high level health care services can be reached by all the citizens regardless of their place of residence.

The work of international group which was started in July, brought 26 foreign members to Seinäjoki for three days. They discussed problems in five different workshops. The chair of the Steering Committee is Kari Rajala from Mediwest Research Center Ltd and he tells that eHealth partners are exchanging informations and experiences of best practices, developing the interregional strategies and standards and they are also testing and implementing the latest technology.

Rajala says – “There is also ambition for building a international and national netting between different sectors and to promote eHealth cooperation and to develop a common business plan in Baltic Sea Region”.

According to Rajala the made implementations and solutions are later transferable to other European regions throughout they support to modernize European health care system. Kari Rajala points out, that the aim of the project is to utilize particularly the multinational eHealth solutions.

Learning in workshops

One workshop in Seinäjoki considered how the health care was operated in which country. The other one considered the latest operations models and suitable business plans for them. In third workshop they were contemplated technical solutions in other words how the action can be operated in practice and the fourth workshop made solutions both for the public health care system and for the private health care system.

- “The fifth workshop will compare results to an other comparable project group and will consider what the extensive cooperation might signify in EU”.

According to Kari Rajala the latest ICT-technology will come into a prior, so that the people in rural areas can reach the services of specialist.

There is a seventeen partners in cooperation from seven Baltic Sea Region countries in other words from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Lithuania and from the lead coordinator German.