

Speech of Bent Hansen

Dear guests and colleges!

It is with great pleasure, that I am welcoming you all to this event of importance. I address a welcome to each and every one of you for having undertaken a long journey to come here to Viborg today.

We have a vision in common:

Namely a vision for the development of eHealth across borders in the Baltic Sea Region countries and eventually in all of Europe.

Put in a short form – in headlines so to speak – we want to

1. secure a continuous development, also after the current projects in the Baltic Sea region on eHealth have ended their programme period in the middle of 2007,

and concerning the meaning of this wanted development, to

2. empower patients and relatives by informing and involving them in handling their own case,

3. secure development of evidence based medicine, the basis for understanding and treatment of diseases. And to give documentation for reseach in medicine,

4. make it an every-day tool to collect and exchange relevant information to optimize patient treatment,

and finally to

5. make it possible to move capacities and qualities over distance, for instance from country to country to get a second opinion just to mention one of endless examples.

Hereafter I give the word to Dr. Helmuth Körner, state secretary of Frau Dr. Gitta Trauernicht, minister of health in Schleswig-Holstein.

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