

Update from the ALIVE network

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Background

The ALIVE network has focus on the demographic changes effect on regional policies for care of the elderly. The development of elaborated policies is urgent in order to meet the expected increase in the number of unhealthy elderly, based on the expected changes in demographics.

The ALIVE network has previously produced a number of reports and also applications for funding from Interreg IIIc and Public Health Commission. However, even if these applications were not successful, it was decided on the meeting in Timisoara 2006 to continue the cooperation and it was decided in Pécs March 2007, that a **plan B** would be used.

Plan B: Aims of this project and proposed solutions

- ▶ The main of this activity is to promote further development of regional policies for care of the elderly.
- ▶ This will be done though collection and analyses of present regional policies and information from other sources such as public literature.
- ▶ The major outcome will be a project report and an AER-seminar.

Some administrative outlines

Project management: Västerbotten (Sweden)

Potential participating regions:

- ▶ Västerbotten
- ▶ Noord-Brabant
- ▶ Jämtland
- ▶ Uusimma
- ▶ Østfold
- ▶ Açores
- ▶ Timis
- ▶ and further regions are invited to participate

Major strategies

- ▶ Based on participating regions resources
- ▶ Focus on establishment of best practice based on present policies and literature studies
- ▶ Base for further interregional cooperation
- ▶ Base for further activities through external funding

Major limitations

- ▶ Based on limited resources
 - ▶ about 5 mandays per participating region

Outcome of the activities

- ▶ Increased interregional cooperation in this field
- ▶ Written report with experiences and conclusions from the activities
- ▶ AER seminar with focus on policy for care of the elderly
- ▶ Information for future exchange of information between European regions.