

Core Group – Nordic Research Network: Health and Welfare Technology

Who are we?

The responsibility for the network's ongoing work follows the annually rotating chairmanship of the Nordic Council of Ministers. During 2021, Finland is responsible for chairing the network in collaboration with the Nordic Welfare Centre. The chair is supported by the network's core group that consists of the following members:

- Finland: Helinä Melkas, LUT University (chair); Anna Forsman, Åbo Akademi University (co-chair) and Satu Pekkarinen, LUT University
- Norway: Gunn Hilde Rotvold, Norwegian Centre for e-Health Research and The Arctic University of Norway, and Elin Thygesen and Cecilie Karlsen, both from University of Agder
- Sweden; Christine Gustafsson and Viktoria Zander, both from Mälardalen University
- Bengt Andersson, Nordic Welfare Centre (Stockholm) coordinates the network for the Nordic Council of Ministers

Core Group's tasks

- Supporting the country that chairs the network's activities (see the activity list below for 2021)
- Participation in approximately six meetings per year, online for about 2 hours
- Acting as national contact persons for researchers in each country
- Planning for the upcoming chairmanships in accordance with the annually rotating system, as follows: 2022 Norway, 2023 Sweden, 2024 Iceland, 2025 Denmark and 2026 Finland

Activities in 2021

Planned, ongoing or concluded activities in 2021:

- An internal webpage in action and an active flow of information
- Arranging four webinars, two in the winter/spring – two in the autumn
- One joint research proposal
- Participation in events arranged by the Nordic Council of Ministers in Finland
- A network meeting in December
- Participation in Nordic, national and international conferences, such as EHIN, Vitalis and HIMSS
- Supporting the activities related to the joint PROTECT project

Further information

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