

Partner search / FP7 Regions of Knowledge

University of Vaasa (Finland, region of Ostrobothnia) is looking for cooperation opportunities within FP7 CAPACITIES: Regions of Knowledge. Our target partner is a consortium preparing a proposal on topic

REGIONS-2010-1 (Boosting the competitiveness of health-related economy)

In particular, we are looking for a consortium **focusing on social and health management and welfare issues**. University of Vaasa is a leading actor in a recently established regional research driven cluster BoWer (Bothnia Welfare – Coalition for Research and Knowledge). BoWer aims to develop a sustainable, innovative and future oriented welfare model to the region of Ostrobothnia. Welfare sector is facing major challenges in the future and multi-level reforms of organizing and managing public and private welfare services are needed. BoWer produces information on changes affecting the welfare services, provides suggestions for alternative methods for organizing welfare services, reports on the state of Ostrobothnian welfare (welfare barometer, welfare portal), conducts multidisciplinary research projects, organizes training for different actors and disseminates good practices and innovative solutions of social and health management. BoWer is established as a classical triple-helix cluster. Members of BoWer are welfare service providers (City of Vaasa, Vaasa hospital district), research units (University of Vaasa, Åbo Academi, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Vaasa University of Applied Sciences, Novia - Swedish University of Applied Sciences) and several private and third sector actors working with welfare and development.

We are interested in developing our activities through cooperation with other European actors and hope to find partners with similar and/or complementary aims. For this particular Regions of Knowledge call we would prefer to join a consortium as partner and not as a coordinator.

INFORMATION OF ORGANIZATION	
Name of organization	University of Vaasa Faculty of Public Administration, division Social and Health Management
Organization type	University
Organization size (no. of employees)	450
Short description of organization	University of Vaasa is a multidisciplinary business-oriented university located in Vaasa, Finland. Faculty of Public Administration is focused on administrative sciences. The main academic fields are Public Management, Public Law, Social and Health Administration, and Regional Studies and Sociology. The basic and applied research in the faculty is directed towards administrative and legal theory, comparative methodology, issues

	<p>of public administration, public sector reforms, welfare services, governance, public management and legal basis and control of government and use of public power (administrative and constitutional law), and the structure, function and actors of regional economy. The research group of social and health management focuses on the complex features of the welfare system and analyses the structures, management, operation models and services of welfare system from the point of view of change.</p>
<p>Experience in international cooperation</p>	<p>University of Vaasa has experience in European R&D projects funded by FP7, FP6 and FP5 as well as projects funded through LL (Lifelong Learning) programme. Most recent projects include INNODRIVE (FP7), ResGEN (FP7), CATER (FP6), CRIPO (COST).</p>
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