



**Project Leaflet:**

# SES@M TROMSØ

**Background:**

Early in 2002, the Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine launched the development of a "beacon" project for telemedicine in the nursing and care service. This project was later named "SES@m Tromsø".

The starting point for the content of the beacon project is that patients often move between different parts or levels of the health service, and that the quality of the services provided depends on the same information being available wherever it is needed at any time.

**Purpose:**

The objective is to improve coordination and continuity in the health sector and contribute to harmonized and integrated service, focusing on continuity and quality through electronic interaction between the various units and levels in the health sector.

**Description:**

Telemedicine is in constant development, and has come to be regarded as an essential instrument in realizing top-level health policy objectives. To a growing extent, telemedicine is used as a tool to communicate patient information between institutions and service levels in the health sector. The nursing and care service is currently not included in this network, but are now at the starting point to reap the benefits inherent in electronic collaboration.

The beacon project will help to bring electronic interaction and telemedicine in the nursing and care service a large step further.



*The beacon metaphor indicates that this project is intended to light the way for work on the use of this type of solution in the nursing and care service.*

**Method:**

The aim of the beacon project is to develop a model for using electronic interaction in the nursing and care service which includes technical and organizational solutions, the necessary training, and systems for maintenance and operation. It is thus essential that the project is evaluated formatively and not only summatively. For the process to function as a beacon, adjustments must be made along the way to correct missteps and unfavorable development tendencies. The project will therefore be accompanied by a wide spectrum of research.

**Project Period:**

Start: Jan 2004  
End: June 2006

**Financing:**

NOK 16 mill

**Project Partners:**

- Directorate for Health and Social Affairs
- Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine
- Tromsø Municipality
- Norut social science
- Norwegian Centre for Informatics in Health and Social Care (KITH)
- Thales Norway AS

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