



FUNNKe – Northern Norway as a telemedicine laboratory

The project will establish the region of Troms as a testing laboratory and an international showcase for new telemedicine solutions and knowledge about the health services of the future.

We aim to develop this into solutions that can be sold to other parts of the Norwegian health services, the health industry and the international health market.

Background:

The health services in Northern Norway are at the forefront in using telemedicine and electronic collaboration.

In cooperation with the Norwegian Health Net and the "Broadband Campaign", designed to provide citizens in the county with reliable and fast access to the Internet, we want to ensure secure and efficient communication between health providers - and give the population in the region access to advanced health services that meet the demands of the future.

Facts about Troms

- 155 061 citizens
- 25 954 square kilometres
- 59.6 % of private households have a broadband Internet connection installed (end of 2007)



"Troms County will be a laboratory for developing and piloting future ICT solutions for the health services"

Method:

- Establish close cooperation between the health services, industry and research and development institutes
- Map the technological and organisational framework for a communications platform between GPs, the municipalities in the region and the University Hospital in Tromsø
- Anchor the plans at the level of stakeholders and decisionmakers
- Build a main project that will develop Troms County and the Northern Norway Regional Health Authority as a leading partner in the use of telemedicine and electronic exchange of information in Norway, with cross-border potential

Project Period:

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Project Partners:

The Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine (NST), the University Hospital of North Norway (UNN) and 31 municipalities in and around Troms County

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