Danish university of applied sciences searching for research, technology and practice partners for Horizon Europe project on independent living and inclusion for young adults with disabilities

Summary

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Research & Development Request	**Denmark**	**RDRDK20261030016**
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General Information

Short summary

A Danish university of applied sciences is looking for partners to join a Horizon Europe proposal under HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01. The project aims to develop and validate a transferable European model supporting independent living, health and social inclusion for young adults with disabilities and substantial support needs. The partners sought are research organisations, universities, public authorities, service providers, disability organisations and technology developers.

Full description

A Danish university of applied sciences is establishing a Horizon Europe consortium for the call HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01 with a Finnish university of applied sciences as the coordinator. The project seeks to improve opportunities for young adults with disabilities and substantial support needs to live independently, maintain good health and participate fully in society.

The deadline for EOI's is November 12th 2026.
The deadline of the call is February 17th 2027.

The consortium aims to develop and evaluate a transferable European model for independent living that can be adapted and implemented across different health and social care systems. The project will combine evidence reviews, mapping of existing practices, lived-experience research and pilot activities conducted in different European contexts.

The work focuses on five interconnected dimensions:

- Choice, control and supported decision-making
- Personalised and community-based support services
- Continuity of healthcare, habilitation and mental well-being support
- Accessible and health-promoting living environments
- Technology-enabled autonomy and social participation

The project will investigate how assistive technologies, digital health services, accessible communication tools and smart-living solutions can support independent living and inclusion. Activities will include co-design processes with end users, stakeholder engagement, pilot implementation and impact evaluation.

Expected outputs include a validated European model for independent living, practical implementation guidance, decision-support tools, training resources, policy recommendations and evidence on effective technology-enabled solutions.

The consortium currently combines expertise in disability research, digital health, welfare technology, implementation science, co-creation methodologies and living lab approaches. The project emphasises active involvement of young adults with disabilities, families, practitioners and policymakers throughout all phases of development and evaluation.

To strengthen the consortium, additional European partners are sought from academia, healthcare, social care, public authorities, disability organisations and technology sectors. Partners are expected to contribute specialist expertise, access to target groups, implementation environments, pilot sites and evaluation capacity. They will participate in research, co-creation, testing, validation, dissemination and exploitation activities within the project.

Advantages and innovations

The project addresses a significant European challenge related to independent living, social inclusion and quality of life for young adults with disabilities and substantial support needs. By integrating health, social care, community participation and technology-enabled support within a single transferable framework, the project aims to generate evidence-based approaches that can be applied across diverse European contexts.

The consortium combines expertise in applied health research, digital health, welfare technology, technology assessment, implementation science, co-creation methodologies and living lab approaches. The project places strong emphasis on co-creation with end users and stakeholders to ensure relevance, usability and long-term adoption of project outputs.

Technical specification or expertise sought

The consortium has a coordinator and is seeking organisations with one or more of the following areas of expertise:

- Transitions from youth to adult services and life-course research.
- Intellectual and developmental disabilities and substantial support needs.
- Independent living, community-based support and social inclusion.
- Supported decision-making and participatory research methodologies.
- Co-design and lived-experience research.
- Digital health, assistive technologies and accessible smart-living solutions.
- Healthcare and social care implementation and evaluation.
- Access to target groups and real-world implementation environments.

Stage of development

Under development

Sustainable Development goals

- **Goal 10: Reduced Inequality**
- **Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being**
- **Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**
- **Goal 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal**

IPR Status

IPR Notes

Partner Sought

Expected role of the partner

The consortium is looking for:

1. Research and university partners

- Contribute scientific expertise and research capacity.
- Participate in study design, evidence generation and evaluation activities.
- Support development and validation of project outputs.
- Contribute to dissemination and exploitation activities.

2. Practice and target-group partners

- Provide access to young adults with disabilities and relevant stakeholders.
- Contribute to needs assessments, co-creation activities and pilot implementation.
- Support testing and evaluation of project approaches within real-world settings.

3. Technology organisations

- Contribute technologies that support autonomy, health and community participation.
- Participate in co-design, adaptation, testing and evaluation activities.

Type of partnership

Research and development cooperation agreement

Type and size of the partner

- **Big company**
- **R&D Institution**
- **SME <=10**
- **SME 50 - 249**
- **SME 11-49**
- **University**
- **Other**

Call Details

Framework program

Horizon Europe

Call title and identifier

HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01: Addressing Disabilities Through the Life Course to Support Independent Living and Inclusion

Submission and evaluation scheme

Deadline for call: 17.02.2027

Anticipated project budget

Coordinator required

No

Deadline for EoI

12 Nov 2026

Deadline of the call

17 Feb 2027

Project duration in weeks

157

Web link to the call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-HLTH-2027-01-STAYHLTH-01?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=relevance&keywords=:%20Addressing%20Disabilities%20Through%20the%20Life%20Course%2

Project title and acronym

INDEPENDA

Dissemination

Technology keywords

- **11006 - Citizens participation**

Market keywords

- **01006004 - Communications services**
- **05010002 - Cognitive aid**

Targeted countries

- **All countries**

Sector groups involved

- **Health**