

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STRATEGY 2020–2023



1. VISION AND GOALS

The strategy aims to facilitate high-quality research and innovation, bringing new knowledge to the specialized healthcare sector. This contributes to high-quality healthcare services that are tailored to the patient and the service, aligning with the government's goal of creating the patient's health service.

The strategy provides direction to the collaborative body in tasks within the institutions' areas of cooperation. It captures directives in overarching goals and priorities. The strategy serves as a practical tool for managing research funds in the Western Norway Regional Health Authority (Helse vest) and establishes frameworks for allocating competitive and strategic funds. These frameworks are to be outlined in annually revised guidelines.

VISION

Research and innovation in Helse vest shall have high quality and usefulness, provide new knowledge and contribute to safe and efficient health services.

By this the cooperative body means:

- Research and innovation in the Western Norway Regional Health Authority shall contribute to good health services for the inhabitants of the Western Norway Regional Health Authority. This means that the services are of high quality and safe, that users participate, that practice is evidence-based, that the services are innovative and efficient, and that competent health personnel are available in well-organised enterprises and under good management.
- Research and innovation work must be of high international quality and of key importance to the health service. It must also have an intrinsic value as a bearer of culture and be a foundation for knowledge development and value creation in society.
- There must be good interaction between actors in health and society, such as universities and university colleges, the institute sector, municipalities and Norwegian trade and industry, and increase national economic development shall be an objective.

Goal 1

Research and innovation in Helse vest should be of high quality and benefit the patient and the service.

Measures

- Research funding must be distributed according to scientific quality and benefit to the patient and the service as assessment criteria. The benefit assessment shall be placed on an equal footing with the quality assessment when a decision is made regarding applications for research funding.
- The focus on disseminating research results to users, therapists, authorities and the general public will be strengthened. Those who are awarded funding are responsible for disseminating the research results and the benefits they may have for the service.

Goal 2

Research and innovation in the region must be nationally and internationally competitive

Measures

Implement several stimulation measures to increase the quantity and quality of applications to the EU and Research Council (RCN), allowing repeated success in competitions and the allocation of funds.

The collaborative body will:

- *strengthen cooperation between research and industry to help ensure that research leads to increased value creation, and to give research communities greater influence in the EU and RCN*
 - *work for further development and harmonisation of incentive schemes for the health trusts, universities and Western Norway University of Applied Sciences*
 - *stimulate better cooperation between universities and health trusts when preparing RCN applications and EU applications*
 - *develop better advice and research support for researchers across the region*
- Work to make better use of the research and innovation potential inherent in health data and research biobanks.

Goal 3

User participation in research

Measures

- Be a driving force for real participation in research
- Support and stimulate the exchange of competence and knowledge between users and researchers
- Facilitate information on how user participation will be appropriate for researchers and assessment committees in application processes
- Assist researchers in recruiting the right user expertise.

Goal 4

Collaboration between regional, national and international research actors

Measures

Regional cooperation

- Promote a good collaborative culture and prevent collaboration barriers between sectors.
 - Further develop cooperation on research infrastructure and expertise
- Safeguard and strengthen research cooperation between all health authorities and educational institutions in the region
- Encourage research actors in the region to collaborate with municipalities and the business sector
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National and international cooperation

- Support the establishment of national networks where there is a need for such; guidelines in the assignment documents from the Ministry of Health and Care Services and in the strategy/action plan HelseOmsorg21
- Support participation in national studies
- Support and increase cooperation with leading international academic communities

Goal 5

Innovation – research in combination with innovation that contributes to new treatments, new services and knowledge jobs, and new business in the region

Measures

- Help research groups to have a better impact in national and international competitive arenas such as the Research Council and the EU through closer cooperation with the business sector
- Stimulate increased value creation through research and increased cooperation between research communities and industry through the use of VIS (Western Norway's innovation company), Validé and Kunnskapsparken in Sogn og fjordane
- Ensure ICT infrastructure at a secure and high international level, contributing to strengthening, developing, and facilitating good collaboration between research environments, Health vest IKT, and ICT actors in the region.

Goal 6

Linking education, research and innovation – the knowledge triangle

Measures

- Facilitate binding cooperation between the health enterprises and educational institutions on guidance and topics for master's theses, and ensure that this is in line with the needs of the health services
- Facilitate collaboration between the health trusts and educational institutions on research schools and shared positions
- Work to ensure that students to a greater extent are involved in research projects with innovation potential
- Work to facilitate cooperation between the health trusts for specialty registrars pursuing research training
- Contribute to the work of establishing contacts with the business sector in the work of linking education and research to innovation, and contribute to the timing of commercialisation being decided in consultation with the TTO-ane (VIS, Validé, Knowledge Park in Sogn og fjordane)

Limitation

The strategy concerns the areas of interaction between HelseVest, the University of Bergen, the University of Stavanger and Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (cf. the collaboration agreement).

Research and innovation have a universal character, and the research projects have their own worlds through the creation and dissemination of new knowledge. Research, innovation and ties to universities and university colleges are important for maintaining and developing vitality and professional competence in hospitals.

The strategy covers research, innovation and building research competence in the form of research training.



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