

Cross-border Collaboration on Population Breast Health in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein



Project description

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Background

The topic "Breast health" is of great interest to the population and general public in both Denmark and Germany. Initiatives have been started on both sides of the border in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein, in order to further improve on medical provision for the population in the area of breast health. The regional programmes are "Kraeftplan II" (Denmark) and "Betrifft Brust" (Germany). The project "Grenzüberschreitende Brustgesundheit" refers to these programmes.

In five work-packages the partners establish a Danish-German network of medical experts, patient's organisations and further stakeholders. They compare the breast cancer programmes in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein and develop a draft for the "Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre".

Objectives

The higher intention is to create a basis for the construction of an "Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre" to provide and to exchange regularly international medical services in the area of the prevention and treatment of breast cancer in South Denmark and in Northern Schleswig-Holstein.

- We establish a **Danish-German network** of medical, technical and administrative experts, patient organisations and further stakeholders.
- We achieve a **mutual understanding** of the **breast cancer programmes** in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein.
- We develop a medical, technical, and organisational **concept** for a "**Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre**" as well as a **long-term benchmark** of the breast cancer programmes in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein.
- We verify in a **pilot run** the feasibility of the **cross-border exchange of medical services** of radiologists in the field of **curative mamma-diagnosis**.
- We **prepare** the large-scale **implementation** of the "**Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre**" for the regular cross-border exchange of medical services in the field of the mamma-diagnosis.

Work-packages

- WP 1: Project Management
- WP 2: Breast Cancer Programmes in Southern Denmark and Northern Schleswig-Holstein: Structures and Processes
- WP 3: Cross-border Medical Cooperation
- WP 4: Cross-border IT-Network and Security
- WP 5: Administration and Sustainability of the "Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre"

Central Milestones

- Mar 2009 Medical and technical concept for the cross-border pilot run finalized
- Jul 2010 Pilot run of the cross-border exchange of medical services for mammographic diagnosis started
- Oct 2010 Mapping of strengths, weaknesses and cooperation potentials between the breast cancer programmes in South Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein finalized
- Nov 2010 Organisational and business model for the implementation and running phase of the "Cross-border Breast Cancer Centre" finalized
- Nov 2010 Final Conference "Cross-border cooperation is the future – Breast Health is an example"

