Transnational Co-operation Agreement

SOCIAL INNOVATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT THROUGH PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (SIEPP) project 2017-2019

1. Parties

The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)
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and

The National Agency for Public Procurement
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2. Object of the agreement

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3. Description of transnational project

3.1 OBJECTIVES
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3.2 PROJECT NETWORK AND THE TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION
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The project network in Finland comprises of the cities of Helsinki and Vantaa, who are responsible for conducting the public procurement pilots where employment requirement is set and THL which is responsible for the coordination of the national as well as international cooperation. In Sweden the project network, comprises of Arbetsförmedlingen, Trafikverket and the municipalities of Stockholm, Gothenburg, Helsingborg and Botkyrka. The National Agency for Public Procurement in Sweden is the coordinating partner.

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3.4 RESULTS

As a direct result of the project there will be work placements, apprenticeships and internship placements for people far from the labour market in Finland. Experiences and information regarding innovative new ways to apply employment requirement will be gained in both countries. New ways and partners for tackling the recruitment challenge will be looked into. Good examples, success factors and challenges will be disseminated. A report on the economic impact of the employment requirement will be published in Finland. A new national model for employment requirement will be developed in Sweden.

3.5 BUDGET

Each project partner is responsible for their own project costs according to the transnational co-operation plan.

3.6 SUMMARY OF TRANSNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBLE PARTNER

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<td>City of Gothenburg</td>
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4. Both parties are entitled to publish information on the Project and the Project results independently from the other Party. Both parties have the right to mention the performance of the project in its references.

5. MODIFICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

The Parties can change the conditions of this Agreement by a prior, mutual, written agreement. Modifications shall become part of this Agreement.

6. VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall enter into force on the latest date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force until the Project has been carried out. Any Articles of this Agreement, the legal effects of which are intended to extend beyond the termination or expiry of this Agreement, shall remain in force.

7. SIGNATURES OF THE COORDINATING PARTNERS

Signed by the lead partners:

7.1 Partner 1:

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3.1 Attachements

Detailed transnational activity plan.