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To whom it may concern

Subject: LifeKIC application to the Knowledge and Innovation Community in the field of innovation for healthy living and active ageing

The Region of Southern Denmark is hosting a co-location centre participating in the LifeKIC Legal Entity to be constituted,

WHEREAS

- 1)
The Region of Southern Denmark is responsible for health care, social institutions, and regional development. Health care implies responsibility for hospital services, psychiatry, health insurance, general practitioners and specialists. Regional development implies the commitment to create the best possible framework conditions for citizens and the business community to support economic growth, high employment, successful entrepreneurs and providing for required competences in the region. This is mainly implemented by means of a regional smart specialization strategy with a strong focus on innovation in health and social care.
- 2)
The Region of Southern Denmark has been recognized as a European Reference Site for Active and Healthy Aging with 3 stars by the European Innovation Partnership in 2013.
- 3)
The challenges identified by the EIT call, and the solutions offered by the LifeKIC correspond with the smart specialization strategy of the region. Interaction with LifeKIC will strengthen the synergies among regional, national and European funds, giving the region more chances to exploit research and innovation results at national and international level.



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The Region of Southern Denmark will support innovation processes linked to themes foreseen by the LifeKIC bid under the umbrella of the Smart Specialization Strategy.

The Region of Southern Denmark will do its best to support the improvement of the LifeKIC activities at regional and national level to meet international challenges.

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