



WG2 Case study profile

WG2. Thematic group	WG2.1b. Older people and people with disabilities: Care and wellbeing
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Title of case study	“Aiming to live at home for as long as possible”. Comparing familiarisation of care services for older people in the Scandinavian countries
Country/region/place investigated	Norway, Sweden and Denmark
Social service sector(s) investigated (Erase non relevant ones) • Care for older people	In Scandinavia, as in many other countries, it has for long been an explicit goal to make the elderly able to live at home for as long as possible. In recent years, and encouraged by national state legislation and financial incentives in Norway, there has been a dramatic change - away from offering places in nursing homes for care needing older people, towards offering equivalent services in assisted housing. In Norway assisted housing is not an “all inclusive” concept, but considered as living in private dwellings. This leaves significant responsibility to the resident and their relatives to organise care services, medical attention etc. We hereby witness a “creeping” familiarisation of care services for older people in Norway, where a side-effect of a policy reform is offloading of public sector responsibility. Sweden and Denmark have followed somewhat different paths in their development of home-based services for older people. The question posed in this project is to what extent the developments found in the other Scandinavian countries reassemble the Norwegian development in direction of increased familiarisation of care services for older people.
Category of case study (‘what’ is investigated) (Erase non relevant ones) • Interplay between meso/macro/micro. • Actor(s) • Place(s)	The project investigates the relationship between national state policy/policy instruments and the development of home-based services for older people in Norwegian, Swedish and Danish municipalities. The analyses will primarily be based on existing studies.
Time frame considered	January 2015 - January 2016
Five ‘perspectives’ (Erase non relevant ones) • Territorial cohesion	The project focus on territorial cohesion within the Scandinavian countries, and challenge the idea of a Nordic welfare state model for in-kind services.
Three processes in restructuring + crisis (Erase non relevant ones) • Cuts/retrenchment/managerial reorganization of public provision	The project investigates national differences in potential familiarisation, as a result of changing managerial arrangements for the provision of 24 hour care services for older people.
Specific questions/focus	The main question of this project is to what extent equivalent developments to the Norwegian - that is, towards increased and “creeping” familiarisation of services to older people - is found also in Denmark and Sweden.
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	Do you intend to set up a LSN: NO

