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Halmstad Living Lab

Halmstad Living Lab's main application field is health technology aimed at empowering elderly people. The Living Lab supports IT-innovation processes of products and services that increase independent living for elderly as well as their quality of life.

Description of Concept

Halmstad Living Lab is a co-operation between a multidisciplinary team of researchers, partners from the industry and non-profit organizations and is hosted by Halmstad University. The focus of the Living Lab is to enhance innovation processes for companies as well as providing value adding IT-innovations for the consumer.

We are currently working within the health technology field where users together with SME:s are creating and validating products and services aimed at supporting and empowering elderly people. Halmstad Living Lab plans to expand its domain area to also include the experience industry (the media and tourist sector).

The mission is to offer our knowledge of user involvement in the innovation process to primarily companies, municipalities, academic partners and user groups (e.g. non profit organizations), providing an arena for different stakeholders to meet and get involved.

References and Track Record

Halmstad Living Lab has a long experience regarding user involvement in IT-innovation processes with specific domain knowledge within health technology and the media sector. The models, methods and tools used covers user involvement in every step of the innovation process and therefore concern both the creation as well as the validation of new innovations.

Currently we have a regional coverage in the municipality of Halland on the west coast of Sweden, but our aim is to be a recognized partner both nationally and internationally. Our living lab play an important role in the regional innovation system with the University, the municipality, the Health Technology Alliance and the SMEs in the region. We are also a part of the Open Living Labs Sweden.

Halmstad Living Lab has established a regional user database with different types of users and representatives for stakeholders. The database contains users representing elderly with different life situations as well as next of kin to elderly. Regional care-givers from different positions within the several municipalities are also connected to the Living Lab. We are actively working to get more users to commit to our Living Lab activities. We are also working on establishing a national contact network to be able to involve more stakeholders and end users.

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