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Health care professionals are increasingly using digital solutions to deliver personalized rehabilitation while working with clients across various cultures. In addition, the global challenge of ageing requires social and health services to further develop health and functional capacity in a sustainable way. Past collaboration between the partners proves that further work is needed to ensure continuous digital competence development of health care students and professionals. Partners also call for the need to develop international opportunities at EQF level 7 including upskilling opportunities in higher education.

The main aim of the consortium, Savonia University of Applied Sciences (Savonia: coordinator), Turku University of Applied Sciences (TUAS), Jamk University of Applied Sciences (Jamk), and Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) is to develop and implement two (2) similar courses in Global and Sustainable Health (2 x 5 ECTS Credits) at EQF level 7. Both courses consist of 2-credits theoretical studies and a 3-credit intensive week. Each partner HEI recruits 5 students to both courses. Courses will be accredited as part of students' studies with certification rewarded to students after the successful completion. In Savonia, TUAS and Jamk the course will be offered for Master of Health Care students as an elective course. Courses will be accredited as an elective course upon successful completion. In SIT, the courses will be offered to undergraduate students in occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech, and language therapy. SIT students will be in their final year (4th year of studies). Once students complete the courses, students can seek credit exemption for a mandatory Global Health module.

As a result of the project, the Global and Sustainable Health course have been developed and implemented with students gaining a deep understanding on the content. The activities and the results of the project are in line with the HEIs strategies. The strategic themes have an international connection to global health issues. The project supports the competences required today and, in the future, to live, work and study internationally and in multicultural settings. As the Finnish master and SIT final year students rarely have an opportunity for student mobility, project provides an opportunity for them to study in an international environment.

