## Project title: IMAGE - International Master in Active and Healthy Ageing

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In IMAGE project, the partners jointly develop a fully new kind of international master programme with a diploma pathway discussing active and healthy ageing holistically. The programme is to be offered by the University of Chile and taught jointly by the University of Chile and Karelia University of Applied Sciences. University of Chile benefits from the master and diploma education tool that ensure sustainability of active and healthy ageing programme development in the country; Karelia benefits from its contribution and long-term global education partnership. Both partners benefit from reciprocal internationalisation of teaching and research, competence and expertise development, new global opportunities and increased prestige of the HEIs.

The joint aim is to be better prepared for the future challenges and educate skillful professionals who will work for the establishment and sustainability of the healthy and active ageing programme in Chile benefitting from the Finnish experiences and long-term development work in holistic health promotion and development of age friendly society. In IMAGE, the project partners will: 1. develop a curriculum and implementation plan for the joint international master & diploma programme in active and healthy ageing; 2. test one of the courses for validation purposes; 3. co-create teachers’ competences; and 4. establish a Clean-Finnish pool of active and healthy ageing research for students’ final master thesis for future collaboration in the field.

**Partners**

University of Chile

Jointly taught international programme would be the key for sustainability and future impacts. The main target groups are first, HEI students from various disciplines; second, teachers and researchers from different disciplines; and, third, professionals coming into contact with the topic of ageing in its widest sense. Indirectly, the proposed Master and Diploma in Active and Healthy Ageing would be of value to a range of stakeholders in all both partner countries and even more widely across health and social care, but also across policy, public service, etc.to create a proactive, innovative, risk-taking and change-managing response, and to provide an opportunity for active participation in society's development and citizen empowerment.

University of Chile and Karelia contribute to the better future society by researching, studying, developing and teaching the know-how and skills needed by the future graduates. Among the educational offering they strongly promote more healthy and active human lives educating doctors, nurses, leaders, supervisors, experts...
and developers to work in many areas of the health sector. University of Chile is the most prestige university in the country and has long highly recognised traditions to educate professionals in many areas of medicine on master and doctoral level. Karelia in its turn is unique, specialised and skillful UAS who offers the only UAS master programme discussing active ageing and age friendly society in Finland.

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