 SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

**Name of the project**
FinJap Finnish and Japanese elderly care services

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**Partner institution(s)**
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**Objectives of the project**

Main aims of the project were:
1) To compare welfare systems which are related to aging and wellbeing of everyday life of the elderly in both countries
2) To share best practices in Finnish and Japanese service innovations
3) To create a business case study on public/private sector service providers
4) To look for new ways of producing services that support living at home as long as possible in old age

**Goals for the visit I were:**

a) Understanding the differences and similarities between Finnish and Japanese elderly care and the definition of old age in general.
b) Getting to know the school system and each other
c) Collecting data for the theses /innovation project
d) Visiting and getting an idea of the companies that are involved in everyday life of older people
e) Strengthening the ties between Finland and Japan

**Goals for the Visit II**

a) Discussing the education of the elderly care workers
b) Sharing the service innovations in both countries
c) Share the operating models and funding of service providing companies

**Visit III**, did not happen due to Covid-19, and was implemented in online.

**Goals:**

a) Sharing feelings and ideas
b) Sharing the outcomes of the workshops
c) Evaluating together the project (Evaluation workshop)
d) Share finalized business case studies of service providing companies
Achieved results and outcomes

We achieved the results even we could not meet face to face third time. Students got the idea of the elderly care-systems in both countries, they learned to use English language more actively and reflect their ideas. They also learn to know how elderly care organizations work and what kind of education care personnel has. Students created business case-studies interviewing managers of the organizations and shared the results with each others. Outcomes such as PESTEL-analyses in both countries, fictive persons and creating business case -models were also achieved.

Activities carried out during the project

- Students and teachers co-operating regularly during the whole time period via Facebook, Zoom, Teams, e-mails and meetings
- Learning how elderly care has been organized in both countries, using PESTEL- analysis,
- Visiting different elderly care organizations in Finland and Japan
- Interviewing older people in both countries
- Interviewing representatives of the companies, student interviewed and shared the results
- Using service design in creating fictive persons, old people in Finland and Japan, to be able to understand deeply the everydaylife of elderly people in both countries.
- Evaluating together and discussing about effectiveness of the project
- Teachers co- writing an article
- Students and teachers writing other articles and being active in social media, twitter, instagram

Future developments, resulting from the project

Co-operation in projects in different areas of social and health care and also spreading pedagogical methods such as Living Labs and project based learning.