

20. september 2019



Innovation and Technology in the Field of Social Services in Iceland

Þór Garðar Þórarinnsson

Stjórnarráð Íslands
Félagsmálaráðuneytið

Content



Headlines in strategy.

How can VOPD help?



Trends and visions

Policy and strategy presented in 2015.

Clear vision and goals for innovation in welfare service.

Focus on cooperation between all stakeholders.

How can technology be useful for the citizens in the following areas:

Care

Assistance

Assistive technology

Planning

Training

Rehabilitation

Support in the labour market.



Tasks to solve

- Action taken should help:
 - support users to cope with their lives
 - Increase quality and improve working conditions in the welfare services.
 - Create new possibilities for cooperation between the local community, users and other stakeholders.
 - Increase the possibility for users that need help so they can stay longer at home.
 - Increase the possibilities of universal design in society.

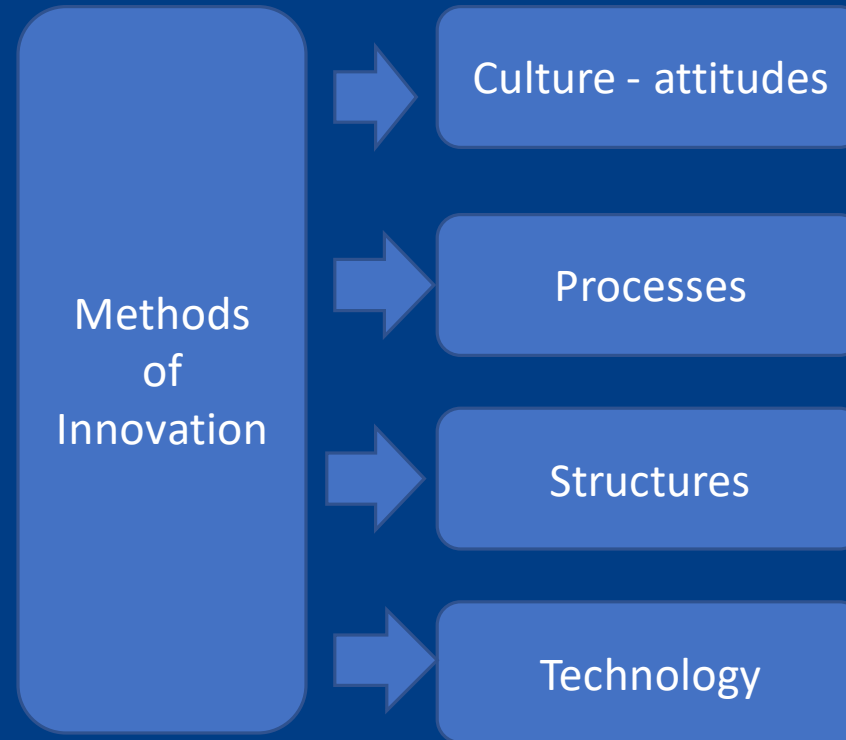
Headlines in the strategy



Main parts of the strategy

- Preparing for change
- Increasing knowledge and capacity
- Providing Solutions
- Ways to disseminate solutions

The perspectives





Cooperation

- Actions in other Icelandic strategies in the field.
 - Regional plans for Iceland 2018 – 2024.

Nordic collaboration in forming and creating quality in solutions in social services.

- Developing welfare technology - Nordic Welfare Centre
- Innovative Nordic Welfare Solutions – Nordic Innovation.
- Nordic Welfare Solutions – Nordic Innovation.
- Connect – Nordic Welfare Centre.
- Vård og omsorg på distans (VOPD).

How can VOPD help?



VOPD projects are in accordance with the strategy of the Ministry of Social Affairs. It supports the emphasis in chapter three in the policy.

- It supports solutions that can be accessed online.
- It focuses on technical solutions that make life easier.
- It focuses on easier communication between users and professionals.
- It focuses on using new methods of innovation between all stakeholders.

The VOPD project and Iceland



Welfare technology and VOPD is supporting:

- It support the ethical imperative of new development 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

“ No - one left behind.”