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GERDA

**Gerontological Regional Database
and Resource Centre**



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■ Background

Universities in Umeå, Sweden and Vasa, Finland and the Swedish Polytechnic in Vasa, cooperate within the project **GERDA-Gerontological Regional Database and Resource Centre** in order to study the situation of the elderly.

During 2000-2003 there was cooperation within the EU-project "The elderly in Bothnia". A network was created during that period of time between universities around the Gulf of Bothnia. The project GERDA is a continuation of the former research project.

■ Aims

- To build a **Regional Database** containing information from both sides of the Gulf of Bothnia. This will be done through data collection among the age groups 65, 75, 85, 90 och 95+ in Ostrobothnia, Finland och Västerbotten, Sweden.

This will make it possible to study how medical, social and economical requisites affect the elderly's possibilities to good life.

- To create a **Resource Centre** for the development of the care of the elderly in the region. The Centre will be a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience of Elderly Research Projects. It will also be the administrative and informational unit of the project as well as the coordinator of activities and the administrator of the database.

The Resource centre is a common platform for all stakeholders and will coordinate physical and virtual meetings.

- To create a network between universities – the public sector – the private sector – the third sector and the organizations of the elderly

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