Five Nordic capital cities and Nordic Innovation are looking to establish new alliances and new forms of collaboration and are therefore organising:

Challenge Prize competition on independent living for the frail elderly and disabled

The aim of the competition is to develop new technologies and new solutions that can help frail elderly people and people with disabilities living their lives more independently and be less dependent on costly publicly provided services.

We invite private companies, start-ups, research institutions, student groups, health employees inside or outside the municipal organisations and others to contribute ideas or concepts for new and innovative approaches to help and support the frail elderly and the disabled to achieve a higher life quality on their own terms.

We will welcome contributions both from organisations inside and outside the health and welfare sector. The ambition is to create a fertile meeting place to share new ideas and insights and develop new ones.

Our hope is that we can develop new solutions that will help the frail elderly and the disabled themselves or the professionals who delivers services to them. At the same time, we hope to create business opportunities both for established and new companies alike.

The competition will be organised in three stages:

1. In the first stage, we will invite interested parties to develop brief concept descriptions. We will organise a number of workshops to meet and share ideas and insights, and we will provide you with background material on needs and demands for solutions.
2. Then, about 25 companies or groups will pass on from the first stage to the prototype stage, where ideas and concepts can be developed into real prototype technologies or solutions. We will provide support and mentoring – on the practical applicability of the solutions – and on how they can be commercialised.
3. In the third stage, five finalists will get the opportunity to test solutions in real life settings within the five capital municipalities, and receive support for the further adjustment and application of the developed solutions.

Finally, a cash prize of 1 MNOK will be awarded. We will also support all finalists in bringing their solutions to the market and get one of the Nordic capital cities as their first customers.

Throughout the competition, the five Nordic capital cities will do what they can to assist applicants in the development of ideas and concepts against the perceived needs among the target group and the professionals who work with them. This will be achieved through contact with the cities' own professionals, through contact with professional innovators and business developers, and through contact with international specialists in innovation through challenge prize competitions.