

THE KEY TO CITIZENSHIP: participation, self-determination,
freedom of choice and support through personal budgeting

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- Over 50 projects annually, national and international funding instruments, 3 M€/year (Diak: annual turnover 25 M€)

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- Key concepts: participation, self-determination, freedom of choice and support through personal budgeting
- The main target groups: adults who have started a family and become parents at an early age, and adults with families who have a stressful life situation and have a need for basic social and health care services.
- What happens, if the client could decide on the use of resources spent on services? What impact does this have on the client's well-being and on the other hand on the services?

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- The project develops a new type of operational model that is based on the client's choice through personal budgeting.
- A client-centered and participatory working culture where the client is empowered and is also the expert in developing the services.

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- The three-year project (1st June 2016 – 31st May 2019)
- to **develop and pilot the PB model as a part of practical work** with clients in several municipalities in Finland.
- **The main coordinator is Metropolia UAS** and the cooperating partners are Saimaa UAS, Diaconia UAS, and
- **20 municipalities or cities** from the different part of Finland.
- Other co-operation partners: Finnish Foster Care Association, Kasvatus- ja perheneuvontaliitto, Suomen avohuollon toimijat Sulat ry, Helsinki Deaconess Institute and voluntary organisations.

- You are very warmly welcome to Diak and to the conference.