



## MedCoast Scandinavia

- *borderless cooperation in life sciences*

A centre for knowledge in science and education, one of the leading bio-regions in Europe and an attractive area for foreign interests and investments - these are some of the goals aimed at by MedCoast Scandinavia.

Another major goal is to facilitate co-operation and knowledge sharing between industry, the academic world and the public health care sector. MedCoast Scandinavia consists of the coastal area between Oslo in Norway and Göteborg in Sweden. In the region are several universities and university colleges with a total of 100 000 students and about 4 000 researchers.

Our vision is that Göteborg-Oslo will become a leading biomedical region in Europe.

### What we do

MedCoast Scandinavia aims to strengthen and develop the biomedical sector in the Göteborg-Oslo region. We work as a catalyst to facilitate collaboration between scientists, companies and the public and health care sector, as well as enhance entrepreneurship and innovations.

MedCoast Scandinavia is an independent member organization with strong regional and political support. MedCoast Scandinavia works closely together with GöteborgBIO and Oslo Bio, which are the two local life science competence networks in the cross border region.

MedCoast Scandinavia is supported by the city of Oslo, Akershus County Council, Østfold County Council, Oslo Teknopol, Region Västra Götaland and Business Region Göteborg AB.

### Focus 2010

In 2010 we focus on collaborations within the sectors of Marine Innovations, Medical Technology, Health and Innovation/Entrepreneurship.

### Membership

If you want to know more about us, our member activities or how to become a member? - Please contact us or visit our website [www.medcoast.org](http://www.medcoast.org).

### A strong biomedical sector

- Successful international biomedical companies.
- Five large and internationally well renowned universities.
- Frontline academic research.
- Three large academic hospitals, among them Sahlgrenska University Hospital which is northern Europe's largest and Radium Hospitalet, one of the worlds best cancer hospitals.
- A number of specialized science parks.
- Emerging innovative biomedical companies.
- Constantly on-going biomedical projects.
- Positive and open attitude towards collaborations.
- Strong local political back up.
- Good geographic position in the middle of Scandinavia, with excellent logistic possibilities.

