

Funding of postgraduate education

– a source for professional development among physiotherapists.

An inspiration for others?



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The Norwegian Fund for Post-Graduate Training in Physiotherapy

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Introduction

In 1974, the Norwegian Physiotherapist Association and the Norwegian government negotiated a unique agreement within the framework of the National Insurance Act, establishing the Norwegian Fund for Post-graduate Education of Physiotherapists.

The Fund receives annual contributions and is managed to ensure annual growth of the basic capital while awarding scholarships to individual physiotherapists and grants to educational and research institutions within the field of physiotherapy.

Since 1974, approximately EUR 70 million have been allocated to professional development of physiotherapists in Norway.

Hopefully, the Norwegian Fund for Post-graduate Education of Physiotherapists could serve as an inspiration for other countries developing models for professional development.

Purpose

Strengthening the competence of physiotherapists and knowledge development in physiotherapy in Norway.

Methods

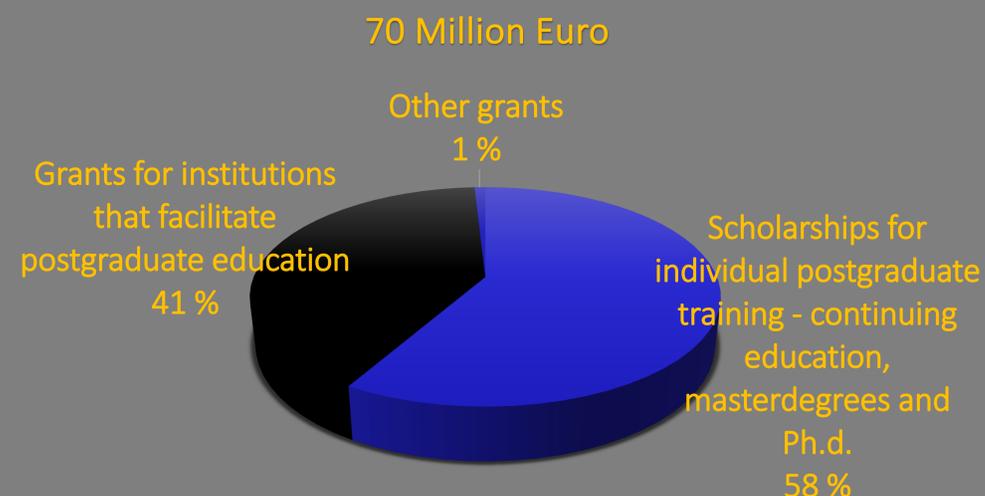
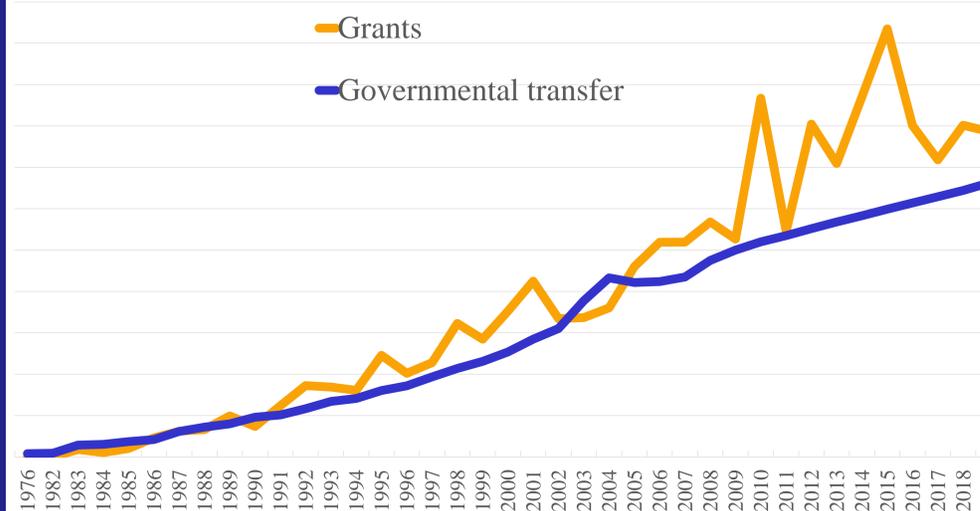
Establish schemes within the framework on national laws.

Long-term asset management allowing growth of basic capital through investments in equities and bonds.

Grants based on political guidelines aiming to strengthen physiotherapists competence through:

- post-graduate training
- academic development
- research

Results



Conclusions

Total disbursement of approximately EUR 70 million, exceeding Government contributions.

- EUR 9 million allocated for physiotherapists participating in continuing evidence-based education
- EUR 7.5 million allocated for five physiotherapy-specific Master's programmes and several post-graduate education programmes
- EUR 12.8 million allocated for comprehensive knowledge-based continuing education programmes in physiotherapy.
- EUR 35 million allocated for development of research qualifications of physiotherapists (PhD-degrees, postdoc) and establishing research programmes related to the Master programmes and primary care.

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