

## Small- and medium sized enterprises get increasing involved in research on robots

**NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology** is excited to announce the confirmed funding of LIFEBOOTS-Exchange-Extended (LEE). It is a project bringing together Norwegian companies and public organizations with academic experts to envision the future of **robotics in the healthcare sector**. The [LIFEBOOTS-Exchange project](#) has already enabled collaboration between companies and academic researchers across Europe since it started in 2019. LEE enables an expansion of this work with many Norwegian small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and municipalities.

This approach very much fits with increasing European orientations towards involving small companies in research activities, and EHTEL's own interest in supporting its SME members.

LEE's **nine partners** are:

- [PA consulting](#)
- NatMat AS ([Nina Birgitte Heilemann](#))
- [Hiro Futures AS](#)
- [EGGS Design](#)
- [Eidetomsorgssenter](#)
- [Evondos](#)
- [Jodacare](#)
- [AssiTech AS](#)
- [Ålesund municipality](#) with [Arena for Learning about Welfare-technology \(ALV\)](#).

These partners are bringing together a wide range of expertise on multiple levels of gerontechnologies, from robot-seals, to design-questions, innovative apps, and municipal care perspectives. For obvious reasons, some of the information may be available in Norwegian only.

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