

## **EIB Provides 200 Million Euro for Finnish Hospital Modernisation**

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Hospital patients in the greater Helsinki region will from 2014 be received in significantly modernised, extended and better equipped facilities thanks to an investment programme partly financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

The EIB will provide up to EUR 200 m to the Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS), under an agreement signed today in Helsinki. Covering a resident population of 1.5 million, HUS has 20 hospitals with more than 3,000 beds and is Finland's largest hospital district. In some areas, HUS provides specialised medical care for the entire country.

The project will help finance the hospital district's 2010-2013 investment programme, more than two-thirds of which will be carried out at Helsinki Central University Hospital. It consists of renovating and enlarging existing facilities and purchasing and installing advanced medical and other equipment. The total project cost is estimated at 415 million euro.

"We are pleased to support this project which, by updating a key medical facility, will raise overall healthcare standards in the region and also provide a better environment for clinical research as well as saving energy," said Wilhelm Molterer, EIB Vice-President responsible for Finland, at the signing ceremony.

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