

6th Conference on Clinical Trial in the Nordic Countries Gunilla Andrew-Nielsen, Head of Clinical Trials (MPA)



#### **Revision of National Laws and Ordinances**

- Ongoing
  - Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
    - Amendments to the Pharmaceutical Act
    - · Amendments to the Public and Privacy Act
    - · Amendments to the Trade in Pharmaceuticals Act
    - · Amendments to the Biobanks in Health Care Act
  - Ministry of Education and Research
    - Adaptations in law regarding the ethics review of applications for clinical trials



#### **Revision of National Provisions (MPA)**

- Not yet started
  - Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter om kliniska läkemedelsprövningar på människor (LVFS 2011:19) (CTA)
  - Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter om partihandel med läkemedel (LVFS 2014:8) (Trade)
  - Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter och allmänna råd om tillstånd för tillverkning och import av läkemedel (LVFS 2004:7) (GDP)
  - Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter om god tillverkningssed för läkemedel (LVFS 2004:6) (GMP)
  - Läkemedelsverkets föreskrifter och allmänna råd om avsiktlig utsättning vid klinisk prövning av läkemedel som innehåller eller består av genetiskt modifierade organismer (LVFS 2004:10) (GMO)



Regional Ethics Review Board organisation

- · There are six regional ethics review boards
- Independent authorities, divided into two or more sections
  - Make independent decisions on behalf of the regional board
  - Headed by a chairman who is a judge or has been one
  - Ten members with scientific qualifications and five to represent the general public, appointed by the government
  - In each section a scientific secretary is to be appointed from among the scientific members
  - Each of the sections is expected to have 10-12 meetings annually (every 4-6 weeks)





### Government assignment for a new authorisation procedure for clinical trials (S2016/03981/FS) delivered 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 1(3)

- · Collaboration and structure
  - presenting possible forms of collaboration and structures for obtaining opinions from the Medical Product Agency, Regional Ethics Review Board, relevant biobanks and radiation protection committees regarding a CTA



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#### Test in a pilot project

- The Medical Products Agency is instructed that, together with the six regional ethics review boards, also test the forms of collaboration in a pilot project.
  This is to ensure that the handling of the authorities effectively meets the requirements set out in the above mentioned EU regulation
- In these pilot procedures, collaborative forms will also be tested to obtain opinions from biobanks and radiation protection committees to the relevant ethics review board



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#### **Resulted in a National CTA Pilot - conditions**

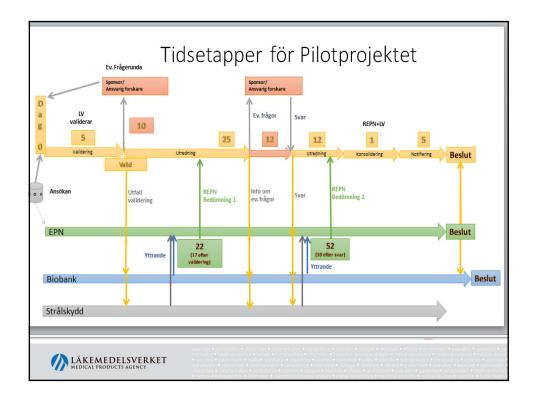
#### Medical Product Agency (MPA)

- National point of contact for CTA
- Validates the applications
- Coordinates the assessments
- Project leader of the pilot

#### Ethics Review Boards

- All six regional ethics review boards are participating
- One single point of contact for the pilot at each board





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### The Pilot Project

- The pilot project is carried out and developed step by step
- Start, Q1 2017
  - Working in segments with evaluation before stop/go decision
    - Q2 2017 2 CTA
    - Q3 2017 4 CTA, to be evaluated Q1 2018
    - Q1-2 2018 ?



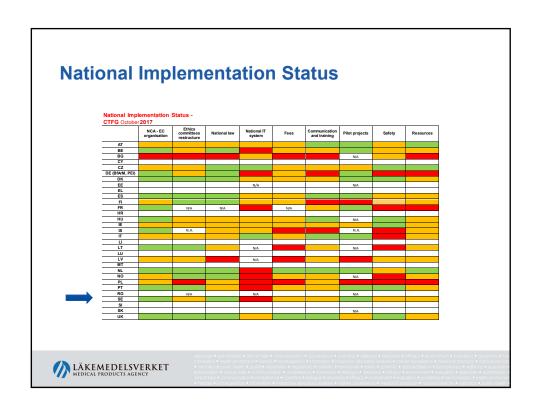
#### **Continued Government assignment in June 2017...**

#### Collaboration and structure

 Continue to develop forms of collaboration and structures for obtaining opinions from the Medical Product Agency, Regional Ethics Review Board, relevant biobanks and radiation protection committees regarding a CTA

Ends when the Regulation is in place





#### National challenges in summary..

- · Future organisation of Ethics Review Boards
  - Number of ethic review boards and volumes of CTA/board
  - Meeting frequency (regularly, once monthly, non-physical)
- The EU-portal..
  - Will there be a space for national collaboration, what and when?
- Fees
  - Under discussion but no final decision
- "Spreading the word.."
  - Information and training



