



Exploring Efforts in Europe to Integrate Clinical Research with Clinical Care

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2. Europe Digital Decade and European Health Data Space (EHDS)
3. Projects towards EHDS
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Exploring Efforts in Europe to Integrate Clinical Research with Clinical Care

- European Union / Commission has for several decades supported research in Europe through Framework Programmes (FP)
- Focus for many of the initiatives under these FPs has been to create cross border collaboration, elevate research and create innovation leading to new jobs
- Since 2012 under this also the worlds largest public, private partnerships frameworks: Innovative Medicines / Health Initiative (IMI, IMI2, IHI) has been funded



EU Framework programmes

Public Health

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EU4Health programme 2021-2027 – a vision for a healthier European Union

Two important instruments under EU4Health:

Horizon Europe
Innovative Health Initiatives

Research and innovation



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Horizon Europe

Work Programme 2023-2025

4. Health

(European Commission Decision C(2024) 2371 of 17 April 2024)

Destination 5. Unlocking the full potential of new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society 169

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Innovative Health Initiative (IHI)

Transforming research to innovation

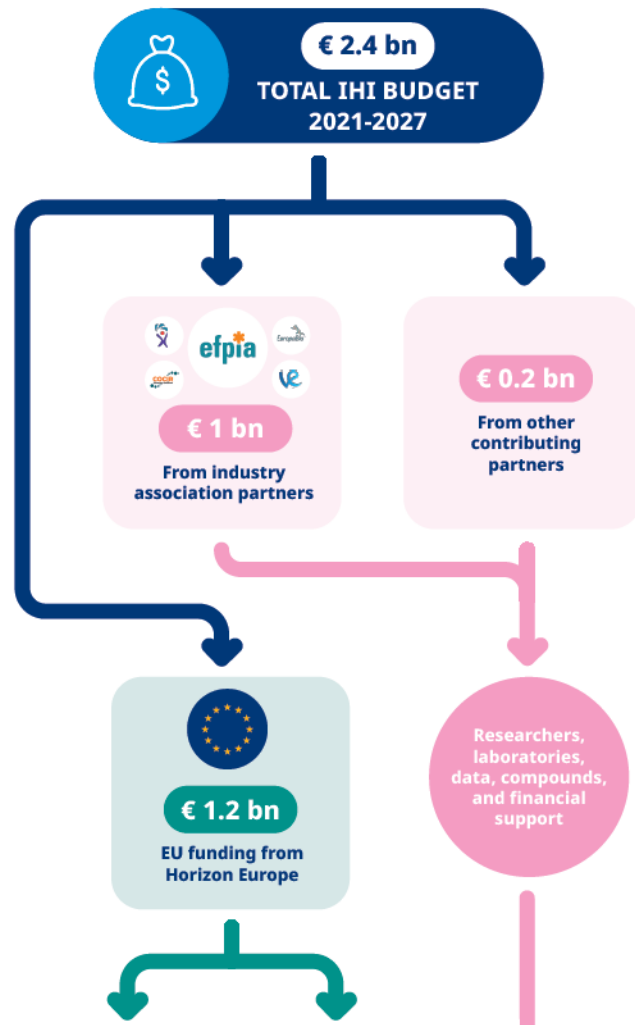
- Formerly the **Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)**
- World's largest Public-Private Partnership framework within health technology and life sciences



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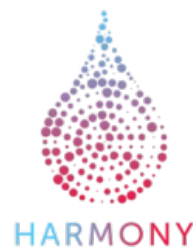


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Real World Data in IMI & IMI2

<https://www.ih.europa.eu/projects-results/project-factsheets/>





<https://www.ih.europa.eu/projects-results/project-factsheets/ehr4cr>

Facts & figures

Start Date 01/03/2011

End Date 29/02/2016

Call IMI1 - Call 2

Grant agreement number 115189

Type of Action:
RIA (Research and Innovation
Action)

Contributions €

EU funding 7 194 044

EFPIA contribution 7 555 883

Other 1 893 502

Total Cost 16 643 429

Objective:

Develop a platform to reuse electronic health records for clinical research while ensuring data privacy and security.

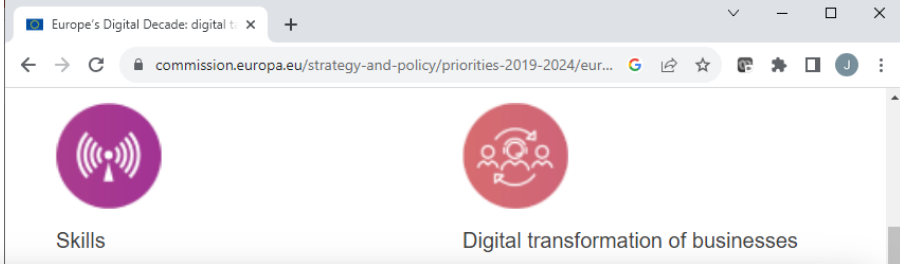
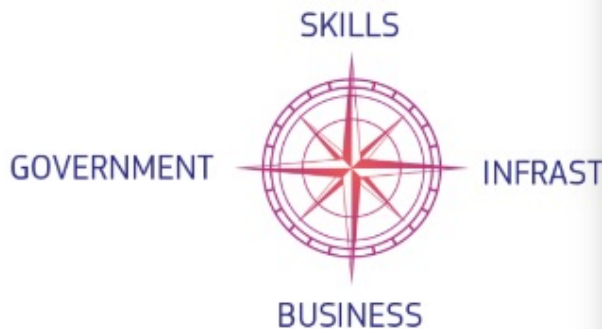
Focus:

Interoperability of EHRs, data integration, and use in clinical trials.



Europe Digital Decade and European Health Data Space (EHDS)

Europe's Digital Decade: digital targets for 2030



Digitalisation of public services

Key Public Services: 100% online

e-Health: 100% of citizens have access to medical records online

Digital Identity: 100% of citizens have access to digital ID

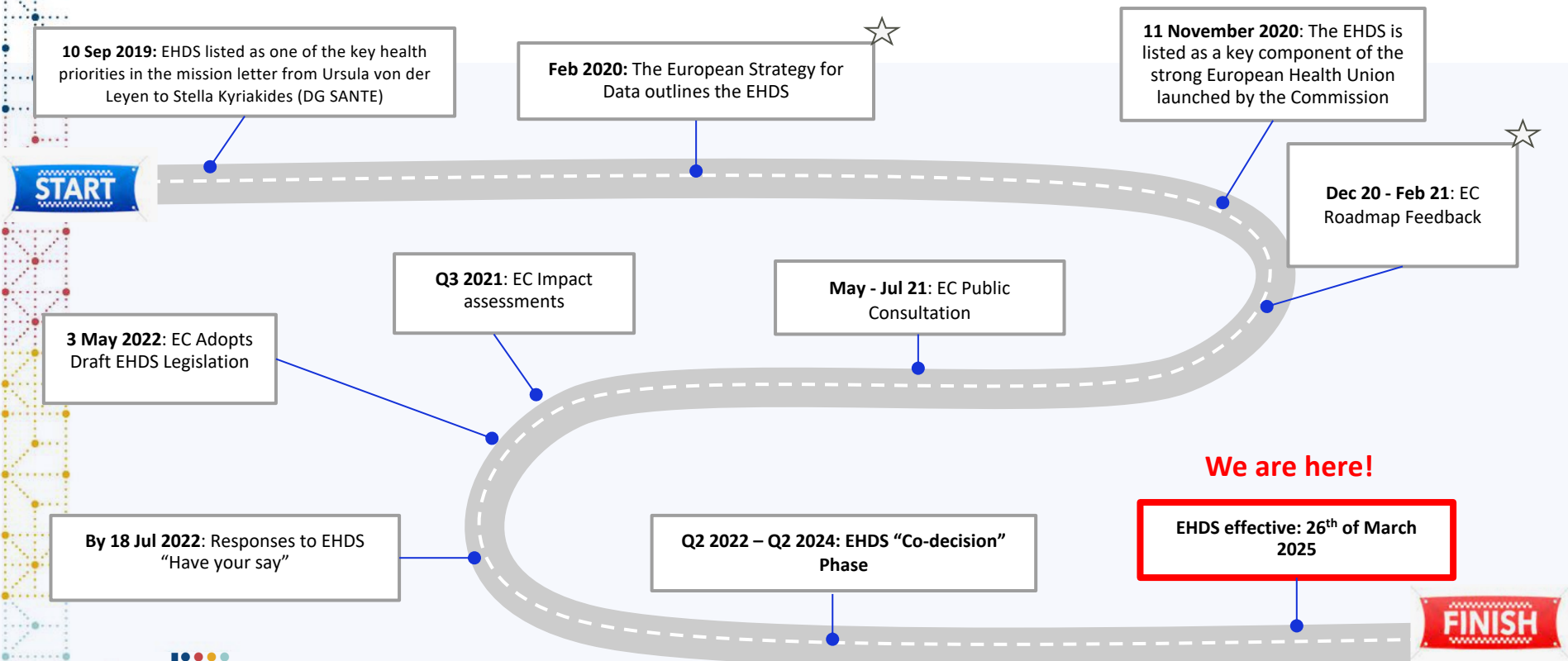
A common European Health Data Space (EHDS)



"The EHDS will be a crucial component of a strong European Health Union. It will enable EU-wide collaboration for better healthcare, better research and better health policy making. I invite all interested citizens and stakeholders to take part in the consultation and help us leverage the power of data for our health. This will have to rest on a strong foundation of non-negotiable citizens' rights, including privacy and data protection."

Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

The EHDS History



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Article 34(1). DELETED IN ARTICLE 33(1)(o) AND AMENDED

The EHDS: Another Policy in a Rapidly Evolving and Highly interconnected Data and Digital Policy Landscape



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

- Unifying data privacy laws across the EU and approved in 2016

Data Governance Act (DGA)

- Awaiting formal adoption by EP and Council
- Rules to apply 15 months after adoption

Data Act

- Draft legislation published on 23 Feb. 2022
- EP and Council debating proposal

European Health Data Space (EHDS)

- Part of the Pharma Strategy for the EU
- Draft adopted on 5 Apr. 2022

EMA/HMA Big Data Steering Group



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act

- Proposal published in April 2021
- Discussions ongoing in EP and Council
- Rules to apply 15 months after adoption

Cybersecurity

- Review of (NIS2) Directive - in trilogue (negotiations between EP, Council and Commission)
- European Cyber Resilience Act (released Sept 2022)

Digital Service Act (DSA)

- Proposal published in Dec. 2020 and adopted in Jul. 2022
- Expected to be implemented in 2023

Digital Market Act (DMA)

- Proposal published in Dec. 2020 and adopted in Mar. 2022
- Expected to be implemented in 2023

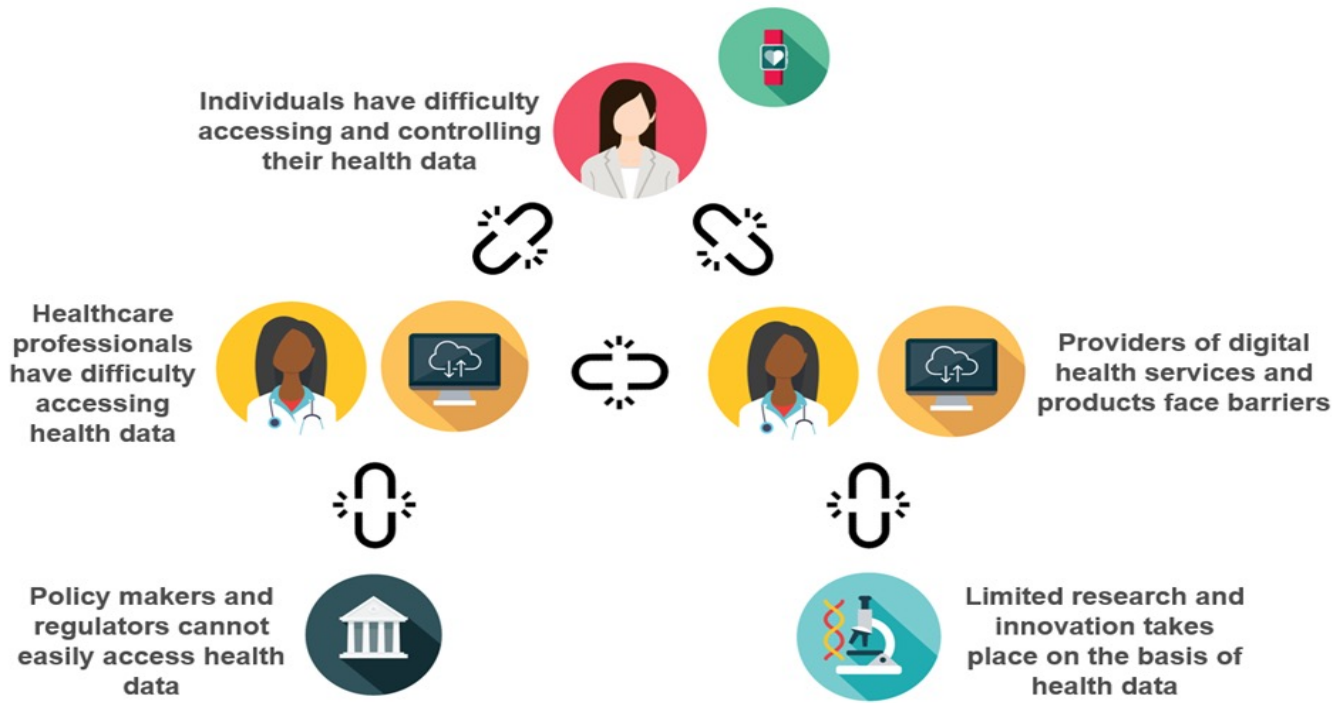
The EHDS is also connected to many other EU initiatives: EU Pharmaceutical Legislation, Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, EU MDR and IVDR, European Digital Identity initiative, DARWIN, TEHDAS...

European Health Data Space

Harnessing the power of health data
for people, patients and innovation



Main challenges in harnessing the power of health data



European Health Data Space (EHDS)

OBJECTIVES

Effective use of health data

SCOPE & EXPECTED IMPACT

Use of health data
(primary,
MyHealth@EU)

- Empower individuals to control their data
- Standardization and mandatory certification of EHR systems
- Voluntary labelling of wellness apps
- European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format

Single market for health data, data protection, free movement of people, digital goods and services

Re-use of health data
(secondary,
HealthData@EU)

- Health data access bodies
- Purposes for use and forbidden use
- Data permits, secure environments, no identification

Facilitated Research & Innovation
Better Policy Making

MEANS

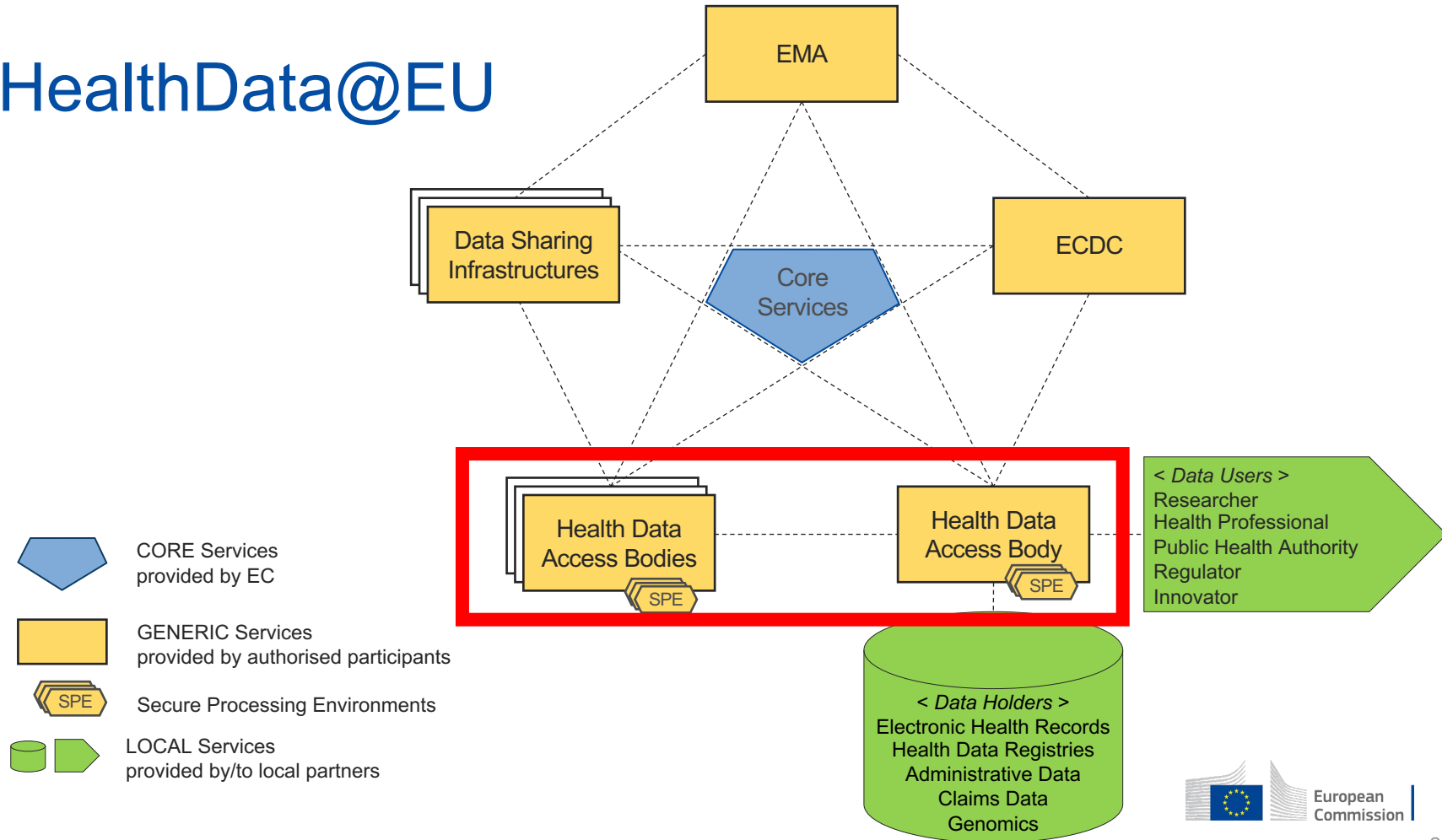
Legal / Governance

Quality of data

Infrastructure

Capacity building/digitalisation (MFF)

HealthData@EU





Projects towards EHDS

EU projects to support and develop EHDS



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TEHDAS2

Towards
European
Health
Data
Space

TEHDAS2 joint action advances the cross-border secondary use of health data in Europe to improve research, innovation and policymaking.



What is our goal?

Our goal is to develop common guidelines and technical specifications to facilitate smooth access to health data and strengthen European collaboration in using data efficiently. Secondary use of health data enhances competitiveness of European research and innovation in the health sector.

<https://tehdas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/tehdas2-brief-leaflet-7.pdf>



TEHDAS

Towards European Health Data Space

1. Draft guideline for Health Data Access Bodies on **fees and penalties for non-compliance** regulated to the EHDS regulation
2. Draft guideline for Health Data Access Bodies on **minimum categories and limitations on the reuse of health data**
3. Draft guideline for data holders on **making personal and non-personal electronic health data available** for reuse
4. Draft guideline for Health Data Access Bodies on the **procedures and formats for data access**
5. **Data Access Application Management System (DAAMS)** – Draft technical specification for health data access bodies
6. Draft technical specification for Health Data Access Bodies on **data minimisation and de-identification**
7. Draft technical specification for Health Data Access Bodies on the **implementation of the common IT infrastructure**
8. Draft technical specification for Health Data Access Bodies on the **implementation of secure processing environments**
9. Draft guideline for Health Data Access Bodies on implementing **opt-out from the secondary use of health data**
10. Draft guideline for Health Data Access Bodies on implementing the obligation of **notifying the natural person on a significant finding from the secondary use of health data**



Health Data Hub

European Health Data
Space Pilot

Use cases



Surveillance of antimicrobial resistance

Led by



Comparing Nationwide Health Data
to evaluate European
interoperability of
an application to cardiology

Led by



EHDS

Deliverable 9.1

Use Cases report

December 2024



xShare: Expanding the European EHRxF to share and effectively use health data within the EHDS



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xShare vision:

Everyone can share their health data in EEHRxF with a click-of-a-button in the European Health Data Space



Three are the main elements of implementing this vision:

- The **Button** (the yellow button): illustrates this capability
- The **HUB** (the EHRxF HUB): brings together global standards with industry and government to steward EHRxF specifications and accelerate adoption
- The **Label** (the industry label): demonstrates the commitment and capability of the industry to implement EEHRxF



The xShare Consortium



Coordination

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European EHRxH standards Hub (6 SDOs)

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Action line #1 Data portability

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INFORMATICS

LNINOVA

Action line #3 Clinical Research

iHD

EUCROF
European CRO Federation

Action line #2 Population Health

EHTEL

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X-Share Xbubbles: Demonstration & Scale up (9-11 countries)

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HAIKA
Hellenic Association of Informatics in Health

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DANISH HEALTH
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SMEs (6) and Trade Associations (3+)

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INFORMATICS

DIGITALEUROPE

MedTech Europe
from diagnosis to cure

telemedicine
technologies

CINECA

Datawizard

MEDIQ

EUCROF
European CRO Federation

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Capacity Building, Security & Privacy, Innovative Procurement

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Stakeholder Engagement/ Expert Roster

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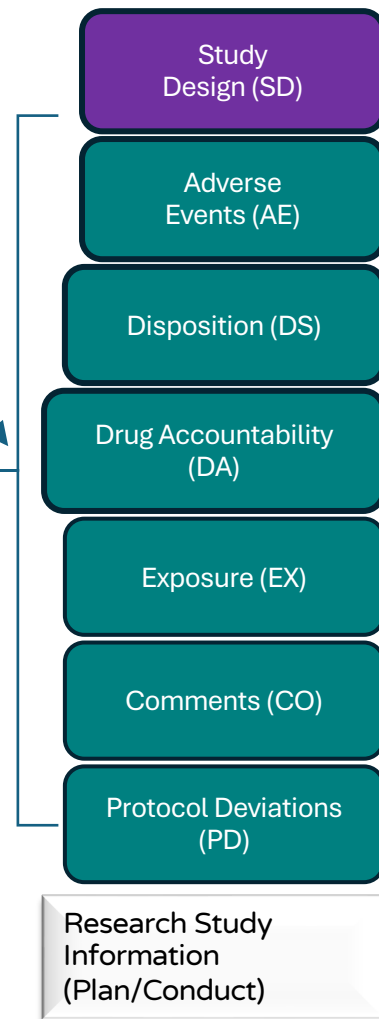
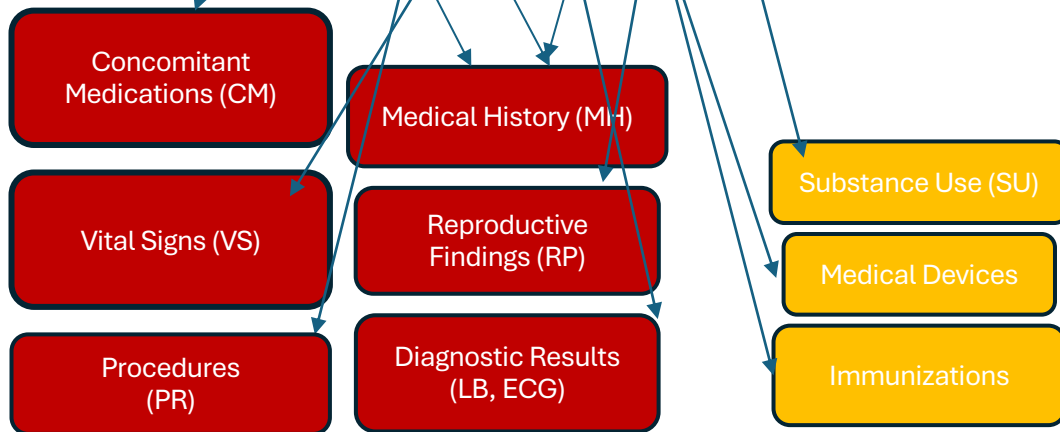
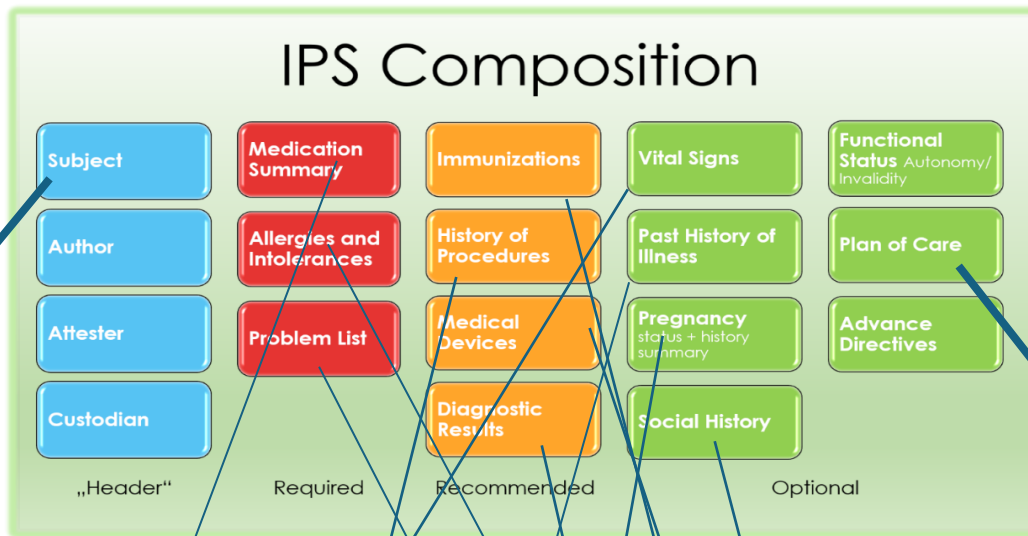
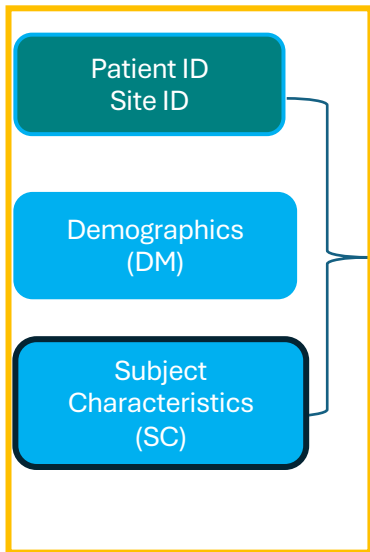
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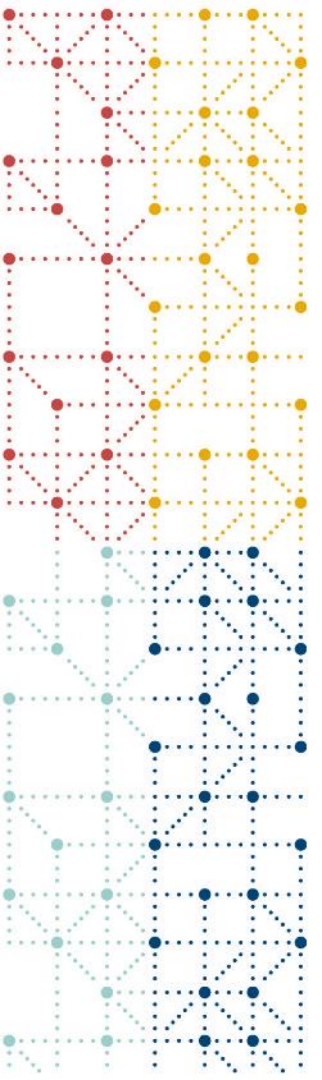


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IHI projects: a peek into the future

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Testing, improving, and co-creating Guidance and Tools for Real World
Evidence Generation and Use for Decision-Making in Europe



Topic 3: AI-Powered Signal Detection in Pharmacovigilance



Safeguarding innovation in secondary use of health data in the European Health Data Space (EHDS)

HORIZON-JU-IHI-2025-10-02-two-stage

RWE Guidance from regulatory and HTA bodies

FDA, USA

2017 - Use of Real-World Evidence to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Medical Devices

2018 - Use of Electronic Health Record Data in Clinical Investigations

2021, draft - Assessing Electronic Health Records and Medical Claims Data to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products

2021, draft - Assessing Registries to Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products

2021, draft - Data Standards for Drug and Biological Product Submissions Containing Real-World Data

2022 - Submitting Documents Using Real-World Data and Real-World Evidence to FDA for Drug and Biological Products

2023, draft - Considerations for the Design and Conduct of Externally Controlled Trials for Drug and Biological Products

2023 - Considerations for the Use of RWD and RWE To Support Regulatory Decision-Making for Drug and Biological Products

2024, draft - RWE: Considerations regarding NIS for Drug and Biological Products

EMA, EU

2021 – Guideline on registry-based studies

2023 – Data Quality Framework for EU medicines regulation

ICH, M14

General principles on plan, design, and analysis of pharmacoepidemiological studies that utilize RWD for safety assessment of medicines

ENCePP, EU

2023 – Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology, Rev. 11

Swissmedic, CH

2023 - Swissmedic position paper on the use of real world evidence

HAS, FR

2021 - Real-world studies for the assessment of medicinal products and medical devices

MHRA, UK

2021 – Guidance on the use of RWD in clinical studies to support regulatory decisions

2021 – Guideline on randomized controlled trials using RWD to support regulatory decisions

NICE*, UK

2022 – NICE RWE Framework

Health Canada

2018 - Use of Electronic Health Record Data in Clinical Investigations

Canada's D&HTA* (+ Health Canada)

2023 – Guidance for reporting RWE

PMDA, Japan

2014 – Guidelines for the conduct of pharmacoepidemiological studies in drug safety assessment with medical information databases

2017 – Basic Principles on the use of medical information databases in post-marketing pharmacovigilance

2020 – Points to consider for ensuring the reliability of post-marketing database study for regenerative medical products

2021 – Basic Principles on utilization of registry for applications

NMPA, China

2021 – Guidance for Real-World Data Used to Generate Real-World Evidences (Interim)

2022 – Guidance on the Use of Real-World Evidence to Support Drug Development and Regulatory Decisions

2023 – Guidance on Communication with Regulatory Agency on Real- World Studies to Support Product Registration

2023 – Guidance on the Design and Protocol Development of Real-World Studies for Drugs

* Health Technology Assessment Agency



Conclusions

Europe has 2030 focus on a digital decade and under this to enable EHDS

The solutions to EHDS are being established through both national investments but moreover through common approaches agreed via the different projects under EU4Health

It is estimated that savings in health care can reach 11 billion Euros over a decade across the EU through better use of data

Horizon Europe and IHI have a range of initiatives that will drive the development of EHDS and a better integration of clinical research with clinical care through the primary and secondary use of data



Thank You!

