# Welcome

HL7 Europe Working Group Meeting and EU-a-thon

10-14 February 2025, Lisbon, Portugal



# HL7 Europe WGM and EU-a-thon – Opening

#### Introductions

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- Phoenix European Cancer Initiative opening and launch Giorgio Cangioli
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- Logistics and event information Kai Heitmann



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## Keynote: Accelerating HL7 FHIR Adoption – Global Trends

Diego Kaminker

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# **HL7 FHIR for EHDS**

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11 February, 2025

Europe

**Rutt Lindström** 

# Presenter: Rutt Lindström







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eHealth Network Subgroup of Semantics



My health @ EU eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure A service provided by the European Union



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# **EHDS Priority Categories**

Article 14

Priority categories of personal electronic health data for primary use



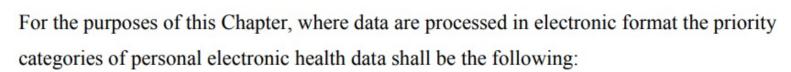
**Patient Summary** 

Medication Prescription & Dispense

Medical Images and Reports -

Laboratory Result Report

Hospital Discharge Report



(a) patient summaries;

- (b) electronic prescriptions;
- (c) electronic dispensations;
- (d) medical imaging studies and related imaging reports;
- medical test results, including laboratory and other diagnostic results and related reports; and
- (f) discharge reports.

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# The Task

#### Article 15

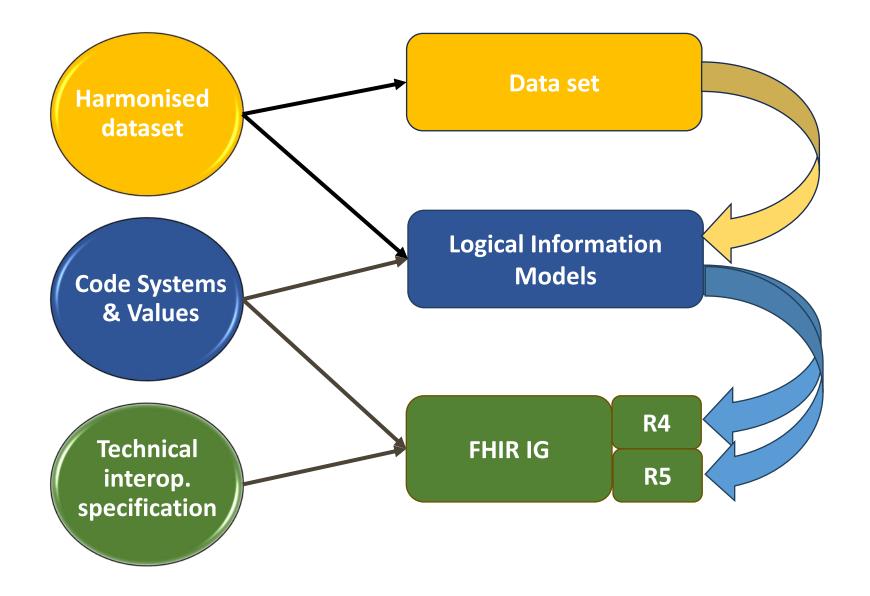
#### European electronic health record exchange format

By ... [two years from the date of entry into force of this Regulation], the Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, lay down the technical specifications for the priority categories of personal electronic health data referred to in Article 14(1), setting out the European electronic health record exchange format. Such format shall be commonly used, machine-readable and allow transmission of personal electronic health data between different software applications, devices and healthcare providers. Such format shall support transmission of structured and unstructured health data and shall include the following elements:

- (a) harmonised datasets containing electronic health data and defining structures, such as data fields and data groups for the representation of clinical content and other parts of the electronic health data;
- (b) coding systems and values to be used in datasets containing electronic health data;
- (c) technical interoperability specifications for the exchange of electronic health data, including its content representation, standards and profiles.

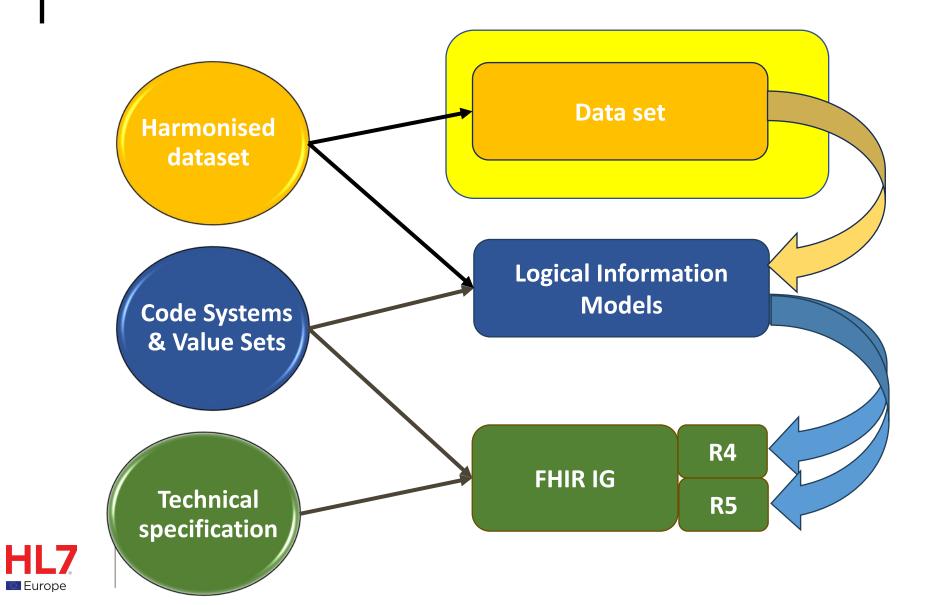


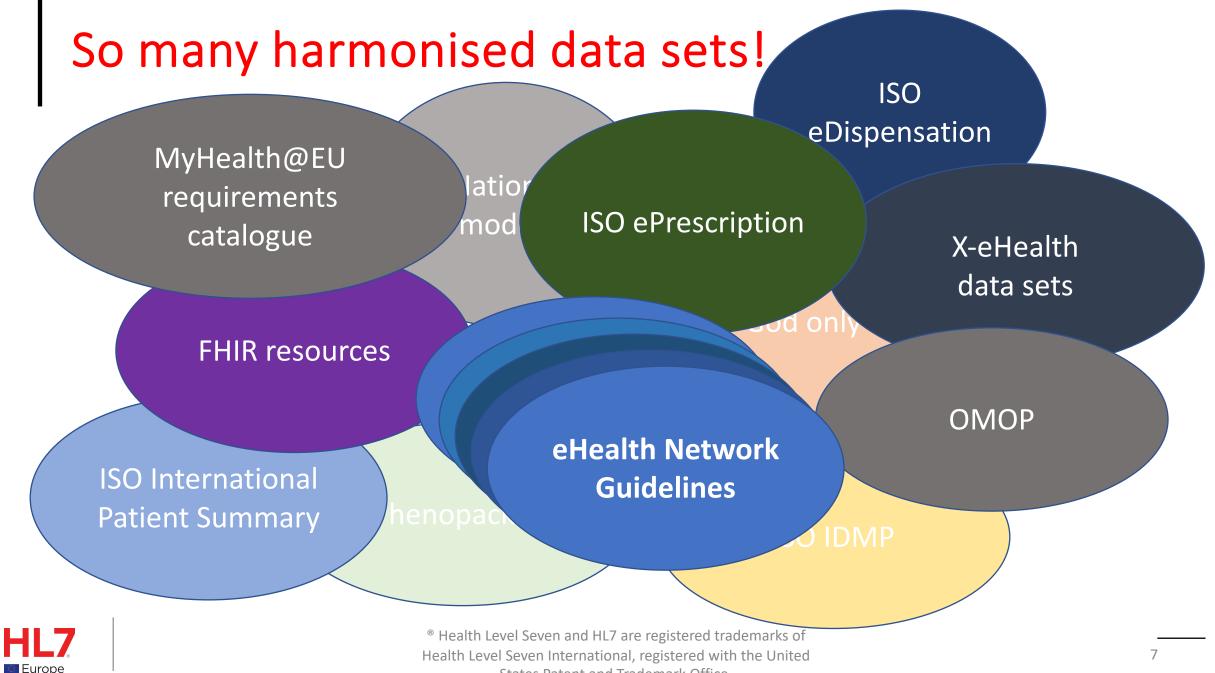
# EEHRxF: European EHR Exchange Format



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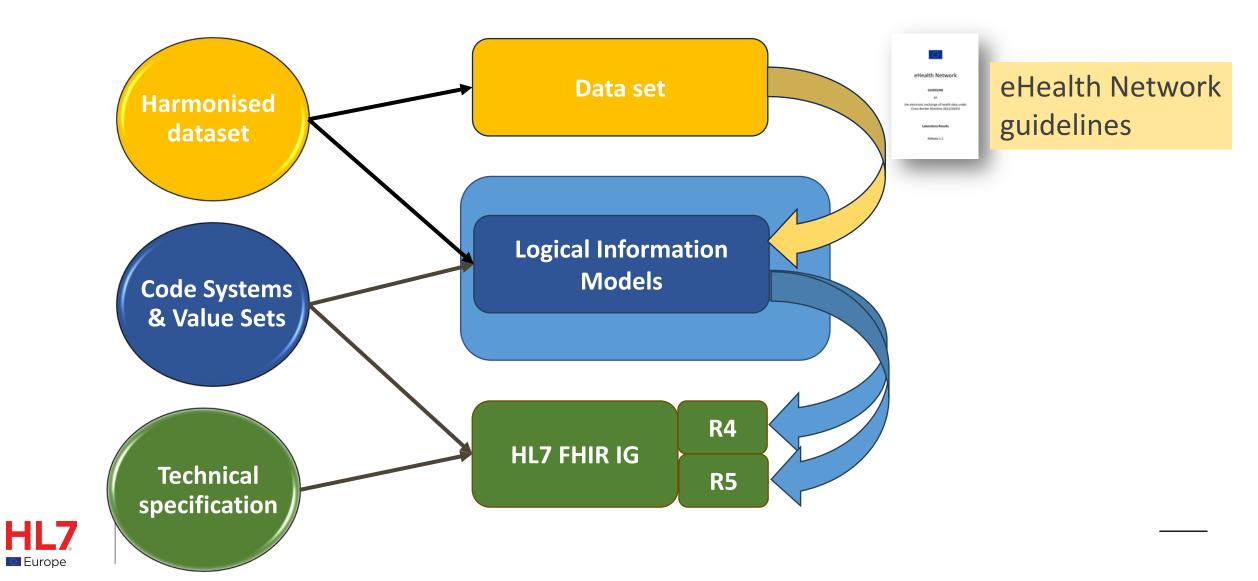
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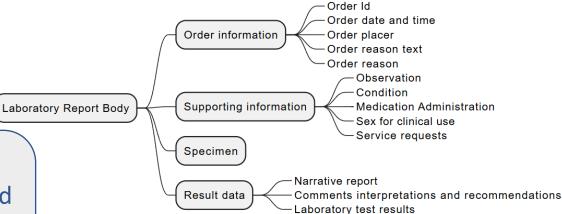


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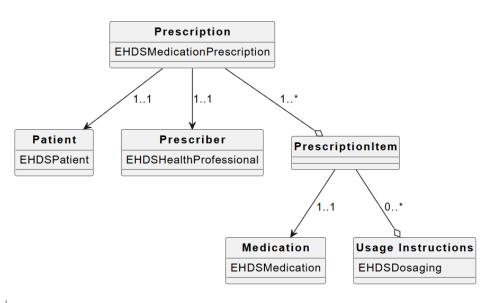
# Logical models – <u>Xt-EHR</u>



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#### **Xt-EHR uses HL7 FHIR for logical information models**:

- Independent from actual data exchange standard
- machine-processable
- Information models approach (ISO 13972)
- UML/mindmap conversions for readability



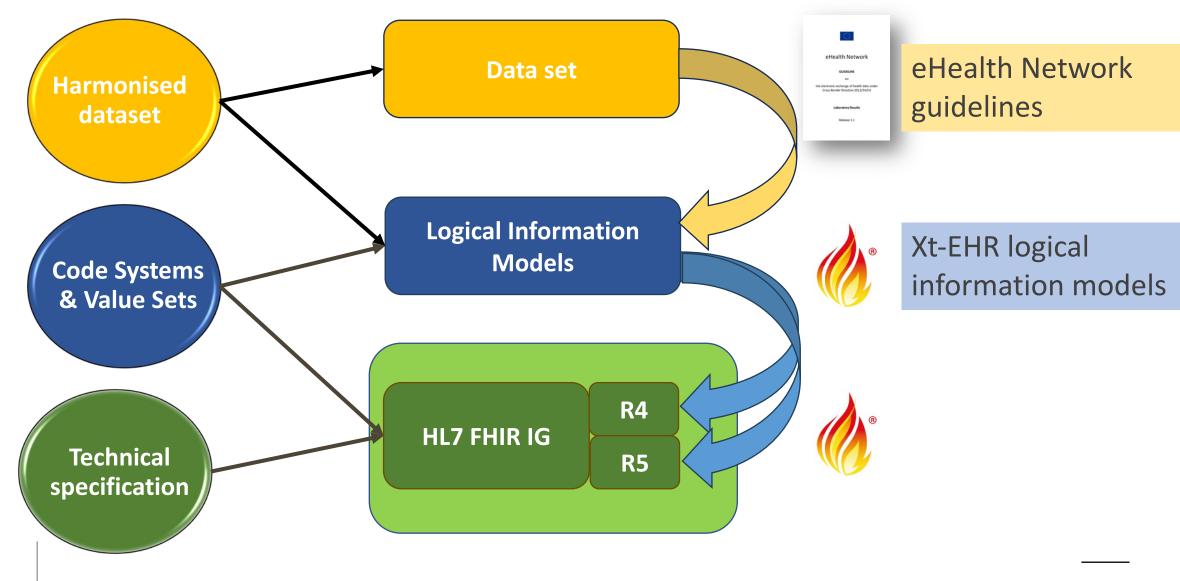
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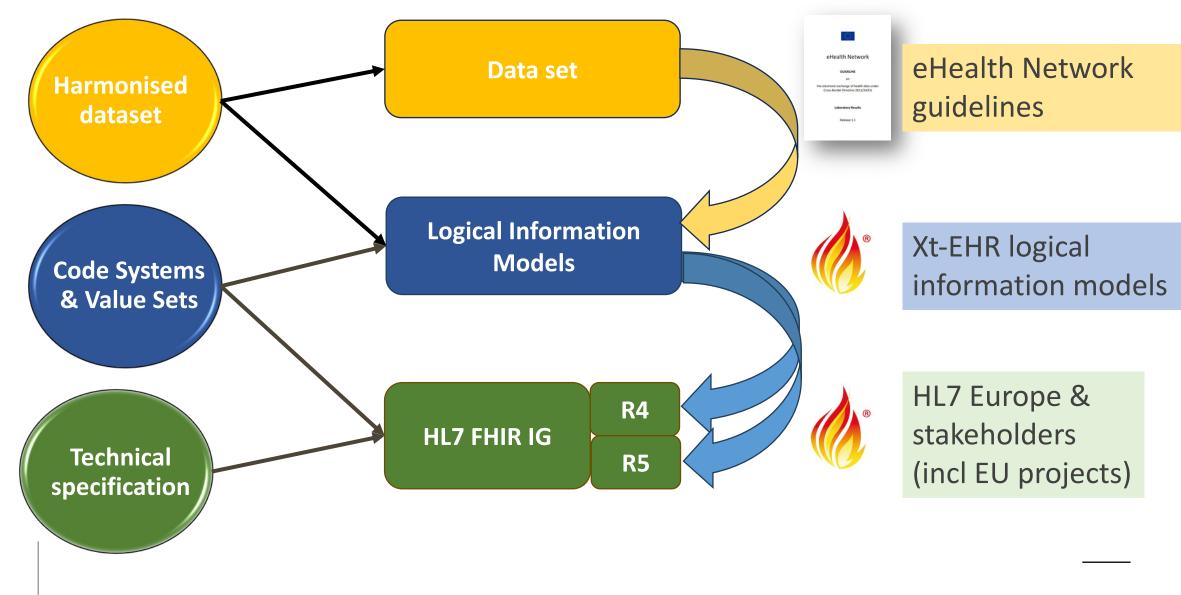
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# EEHRxF: European EHR Exchange Format



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# EEHRxF: European EHR Exchange Format



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# EEHRxF is not one-size-fits-all

high quality. The use of a European electronic health record exchange format should become more widespread at Union and national level. The European electronic health record exchange format could allow for different profiles for its use at the level of EHR systems and at the level of the national contact points for digital health in MyHealth@EU for cross-border data exchange.



# Different flavours of the same implementation guide *Elecible EEHRxFu*

Version: 0.1.0

Scope
Purpose

Background
 Design choiches

Global Profil

Computable Name: H17EuLaboratoryIg

The Laboratory Domain

Navigating the profiles
 Dependencies

Cross Version Analys

Official URL: http://h17.eu/fhir/laboratory/ImplementationGuide/h17.fhir.eu.laborator

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Obligations have been added to this version of the guide only as **Informative** material to collect feedback about their usage.

Clinical laboratory results play an important role in diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of patients. The availability of high quality test results, and the capacity of sharing them, is therefore essential being often the basis for clinical

ecision making. For this reason the Laboratory has been selected as one of the priority domains for the European

Active as of 2024-02-26

1.1 The Laboratory Domain

#### **Crossborder IG**



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#### https://fhir.ehdsi.eu/laboratory/

Crossborder exchange with transformation at National Contact Point





# Fundamental questions to be not answered

#### Which FHIR version?

#### R4? R5? R6?

- If we argue about the version before starting work, we will get no work done in any version.
- In the long run, multiversion environment is inevitable.
- Logical model layer is not affected by FHIR versions.

- European Commission publishes the implementing acts.
- MyHealth@EU publishes crossborder IGs
- Not decided who will own/maintain what after the end of ongoing projects.

#### EEHRxF FHIR IG publication & updates Who? How often? How?



# Status of implementation guides

		<b>Patient Summary</b>	ePrescription eDispensation	Medical Imaging and reports	Laboratory Results	Hospital Discharge report		
J	eHN Guidelines	Since 2013	Since 2014	Since 2023 Nov	Since 2023 June	Since 2023 Nov		
And	Xt-EHR Logical Information Models	Draft	Draft	Draft	Draft	Draft		
	MyHealth@EU crossborder service	In operation (CDA)	In operation (CDA)	Planned live 2026 (HL7 FHIR)	Planned live 2025 (HL7 FHIR)	Planned live 2026 (HL7 FHIR)		
®	HL7 Europe FHIR IG	Started, on hold	Approaching first ballot (R4+R5)	Starting now	R4 balloted. Trial Use.	In good progress		



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# Timeline of EHDS

Europe

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# Thank you! And join our FHIR working groups!

#### **Medication Prescription and Dispense**

- Every other Thursday 16-17 CET
- Together with IHE
- Meeting minutes

#### Patient Summary & Hospital Discharge Report (+ Base profiles)

- Every Friday 10-11 CET
- Meeting minutes

#### **Medical Images Reports**

- Starting during the EU-a-thon
- Join the group and spread the Word!



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## Collaborating to Achieve European and Global Interoperability

Brian E. Dixon





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# Collaborating to Achieve European and Global Interoperability

Brian E. Dixon, MPA, PhD, FACMI, FHIMSS, FIAHSI Professor and Research Scientist; Director, Center for Biomedical Informatics February 11, 2025

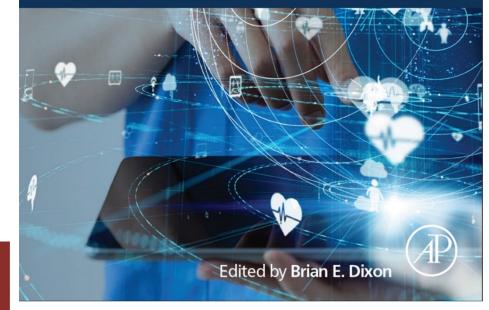




# Health Information Exchange

Second Edition

Navigating and Managing a Network of Health Information Systems



# **Experience and Disclosure**

- Published in 2023
  - Contributors around the world
- Goal of book is to educate health professionals on HIE
  - Includes international case studies
  - Chapters on key HIE technologies
  - Chapters on governance, privacy, security, etc.
- ISBN: 978-0-323-90802-3





• Regenstrief Institute

• Introduction to OpenHIE

• Introduction to LOINC

• Invitation to Collaborate





# The Regenstrief Institute



#### Biomedical Informatics Research

Health Data Standards Development



Implementation of Health IT Systems, HIE, and Standards

**Collaboration and Coordination** 



# Recent Thought Leadership from Regenstrief



Volume 31, Issue 8 August 2024

JOURNAL ARTICLE FEATURED

Cumulus: a federated electronic health recordbased learning system powered by Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources and artificial intelligence



▶ J Glob Health. 2024 Apr 5;14:03024. doi: <u>10.7189/jogh.14.03024</u>

#### Navigating data standards in public health: A brief report from a datastandards meeting

<u>Heather Hufstedler</u><sup>1</sup>, <u>Yannik Roell</u><sup>2</sup>, <u>Andressa Peña</u><sup>3</sup>, <u>Ankur Krishnan</u><sup>1</sup>, <u>Ian Green</u><sup>4</sup>, <u>Adriano Barbosa-Silva</u><sup>5</sup>, <u>Andreas Kremer</u><sup>5</sup>, <u>Clair Blacketer</u><sup>6</sup>, <u>Isabel Fortier</u><sup>7</sup>, <u>Kit Howard</u><sup>8</sup>, <u>Bess LeRoy</u><sup>8</sup>, <u>Eza Hafeza</u><sup>9</sup>, <u>David Baorto</u><sup>9</sup>, <u>M</u> <u>Swertz</u><sup>10</sup>, <u>Lauren Maxwell</u><sup>1</sup>, <u>Thomas Jaenisch</u><sup>1,2</sup>

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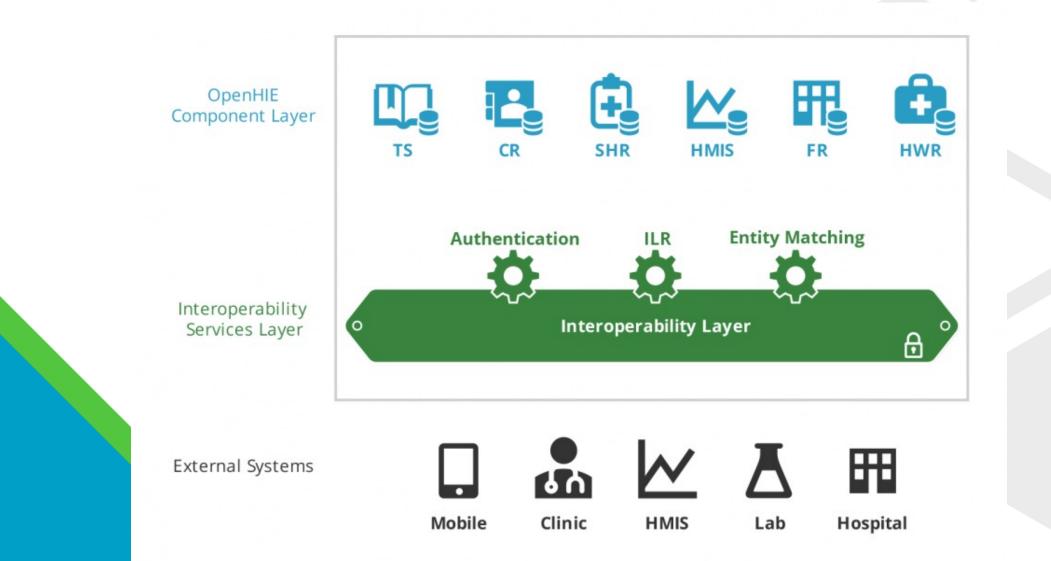


# Open Health Information Exchange

A community of practice, built on experience and expertise



#### **OpenHIE Architectural Framework**





#### **OpenHIE Academy**



#### **Objectives:**

- Improve the development of technical competency for all who engage
- Better courses for next year's Academy
- Reusable platform / process
- Create something that can be shared throughout the world via academics and labs



# LOINC 101: Understanding LOINC concepts and uses

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

Jami Deckard, MS Pamela Banning, MLS(ASCP)cm, PMP(PMI)



LOINC



#### The international standard for identifying health measurements, observations, and documents.

Reference labs, healthcare providers, government agencies, insurance companies, software and device manufacturers, researchers, and consumers from around the globe use LOINC to identify data and move it seamlessly between systems.

#### It's free, but invaluable.



Find quick answers in our Knowledge Base.

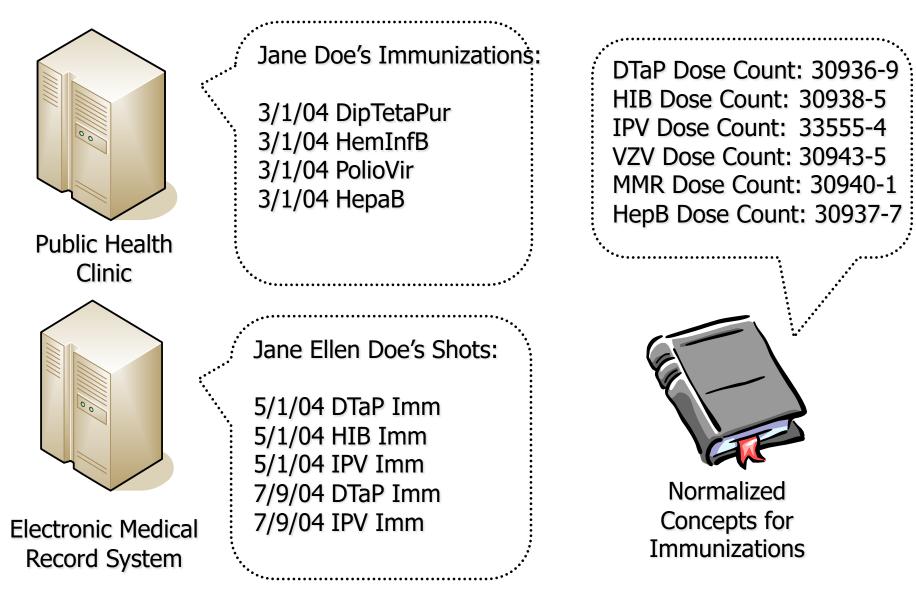


# Can you find the LOINC Concept?

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# The Value of LOINC









## **Opportunities for Collaboration**

#### http://ohie.org

- Individuals working for ministries of health who lead implementation efforts are invited to join the E-health Leaders Forum (ELF)
   <u>ohie.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=129238212</u>
- If you are supporting implementation of HIE as an employee, contractor, consultant, etc. Please join the OpenHIE Implementers Network (OHIN) <u>ohie.org/display/CP/OpenHIE+Implementers</u>





Blog Student Portal

#### Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health



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Center for Health

#### Summer Institute in Public Health Informatics, Epidemiology, and Biostatistics

## Summer Institute in Informatics/Epi/Stats

- Weeklong courses; each ½ day
  - Virtual or in-person

- Past Courses Include:
  - R for Public Health
  - SQL for Public Health
  - Using Data for Public Health Decision-Making
  - Introduction to Public Health Informatics







## **Opportunities for Collaboration**

- Afternoon panel at XiA focused on education about interoperable standards
- Micro-learning to train mappers, ontologists, health IT engineers, standards developers, informatics leaders, and informatics students
- Supporting implementation of terminology services, terminology systems, interoperability, LOINC, and more!



#### Discussion



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# Acknowledgement Awards HL7 Europe WGM Lisbon, Portugal 11 February 2025



# Anne Moen, HL7 Europe BoD, Chair 2022-2024

Professor Anne Moen, RN, PhD, FACMI, FIAHSI, professor in Health informatics and Nursing at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Director UiO:eCoLab.

President of the European Federation for Medical Informatics (EFMI) 2014 – 2016 (first female president of the federation). She served as task leader in EU's eHealth Stakeholder Group topic "Citizen – Health Data" (2016–2019).

- Coordinator Gravitate-Health project.
- Member Vulcan Steering Committee.
- Under her leadership HL7 Europe led the way in the creation of the HL7 ePI IG
- Supported the reorganization of the office

Fun Fact: Anne hosted in UiO:eCoLab the meeting that led the Olso agreement of HL7 - CEN/TC251 on the IPS, with participation of IHE and SNOMED.





## Robert Stegwee, HL7 Europe BoD, Treasurer



Robert Stegwee, PhD is the chair of CEN/TC251.

Robert's contributions to HL7 Europe span many years. He served as treasurer of the HL7 Europe Board of Directors from 2020-2024, and as treasurer in 2022-2024.

He has served many years on the board of HL7 NL.

Collaboration with Robert spans many years and projects: Trillium II, eStandards, xShare.

Fun fact: I met Robert in a taxi going the the HL7 WGM in Kyoto, and we found that we had common colleagues in the area of Theoretical Computer Science.



# Henrique Martins, HL7 Europe BoD, Hospitals on FHIR



🔍 Europe

Professor Henrique Martins, MD, PhD, MLLM

- past president of SPMS, Portugal's Digital Health Agency, where he led National eHealth efforts for close to 7 years, creating the first wallet.
- former Member States co-chair of the EHN.
- Served as Hospital CMIO leading digital transformation
- Supports quality efforts of WHO

Served on the HL7 Europe Board of Directors, in 2020-2024. He is the co-founder of Hospitals in FHIR; maintained the workplan and served as secretary to the Board.

Collaboration with HL7 Europe, long and impressive, EXPAND, Trillium Bridge, Trillium II, x-eHealth, XpanDH, I2X, myH@myH, Gravitate Health

Fun Fact: Henrique is the God Father of the xShare Button.

# Line Andreassen Sæle, HL7 Europe BoD, Communications TF lead

- Line is Enterprise Architect at the Public Health Institute of Norway, and the chair of HL7 Norway (2014-).
- Line has served on the HL7 Europe Board of Directors providing communications leadership from 2020-2024. Line has been involved in HL7 International for many years both as a member of the leadership and as co-chair of the Patient Administration WG and the International Council. She currently serves on the HL7 International Board of Directors.

Fun Fact: We owe Line the website of HL7 Europe..

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# Roeland Luykx, HL7 Europe Advisory Council, Chair

European Advisory Council, Chair

Roeland Luykx is the chair of HL7 Switzerland co-Chair of European Affiliate Council Served on the HL7 Europe Board of Directors 2022-2024





# Christof Gessner, HL7 Europe, Technical Coordination Team (TNT)



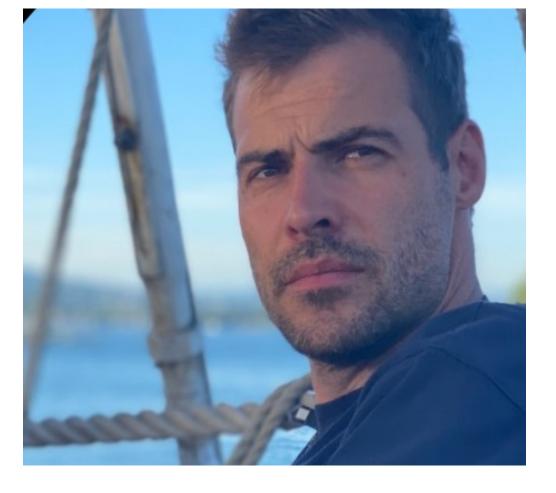
Served on the board of Directors of HL7 Europe from 2020-2022.

- Chair European Affiliate Council, now European Advisory Council.
- HL7 Germany Chair
- Lead IDMP Expert
- Chief Patient Advocate, HL7 Europe



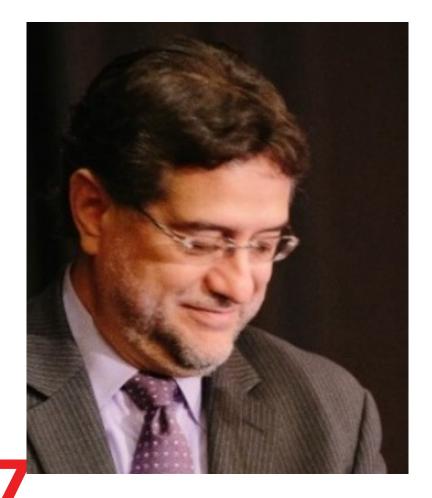
# Jens Kristian Villadsen, HL7 Europe, Technical CoordiNation Team (TNT)

- Past Chair HL7 Netherlands
- Member of the Technical Coordination Team (TNT)
- CTO Trifork, Enterprise architect, open source developer, bughunter, code veteran, hacker, pianist, runner, IT healthcare specialist, standards evangelist, pragmatic practitioner, signer of the agile manifesto, contributor to the HL7 community, rewarded conscript and engineer.





## Walter Suarez, HL7 International, Chair



🔍 Europe

Exec. Director, HIT Strategy & Policy, Kaiser Permanente; Chair, Board of Directors, HL7 International; Member, HIMSS Americas Advisory Board; Former Chair, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)

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## PHOENIX: ADVANCING THE EUROPEAN ACCELERATOR



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Setting the scenes	The PHOENIX Initiative	The Common Cancer Data Model project	Join us !



## The Background



- **Cancer** has a **significant impact** in Europe and globally, in terms of diagnosis and death numbers and economic costs
- Updated strategies in cancer prevention, treatment, and care are needed.
- The European Union has responded to these needs with the "Europe's Beating Cancer Plan" aimed to address cancer comprehensively through prevention, early detection, treatment, and improving patients' and survivors' quality of life.



#### **DATA SHARING** capability is a key factor !



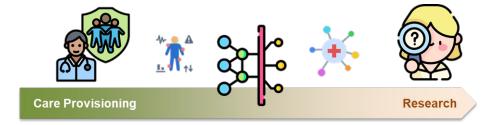
## We have a dream ...





- A Common (European) cancer data model
  - agnostic to the type of cancer;
  - usable across different use cases

.. and its HL7 FHIR representation to enable the cancer data sharing in real life...

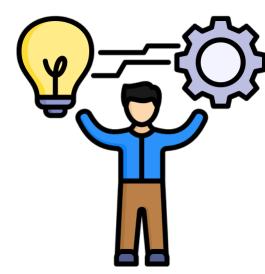




## How turn this into reality ?









Multiprojects/organizations engagement



Neutral collaboration space where institutions and initiatives can cooperate towards a common standard



Assure sustainability

Engaged in governance



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#### How turn this into reality ?



Group of stakeholders, assuring the **sustainability**, working together with **HL7 Europe** to create standardized data models, implementation guides, and other resources and support their adoption.



# HL7 Cancer Initiative

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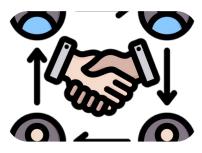














Drive Consistency

Speed Up Implementation

Foster Collaboration

Ensure Relevance





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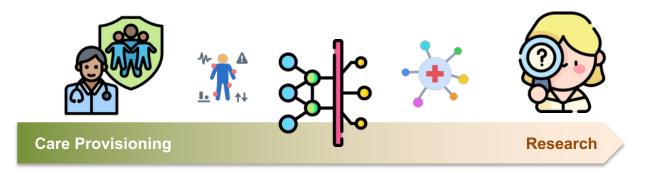


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## The PHOENIX Vision



 A future where seamless data interoperability transforms cancer care and research, enabling breakthroughs that improve patient outcomes and empower collaborative innovation across Europe





#### **The PHOENIX Mission**



To play a **leading role** in the **development and adoption of European digital health standards for cancer** to support cancer research and care delivery through interoperable data standards, by

Promoting a **unified approach,** closing the loop between care and research. Aligning with and contributing to the **European Health Data Space** (EHDS) initiatives. Fostering a **unified ecosystem** to enhance patient outcomes and accelerate innovation.



## The PHOENIX timeline



- Jan '24: The idea of an EU Cancer Accelerator was proposed to support the development of a Common Cancer data Model in the Athens HL7 EU WGM
- Aug '24 today: A core team of founding members set up the Accelerator (scope, governance, sustainability,...)
- Jan '25: first cancer project approved by HL7 Europe (Common Cancer Data Model and HL7 FHIR IG)
- Feb '25: Kickoff of Phoenix
- May '25: First Cancer Model Results shared (HL7 Int WGM Madrid)



## **Core team (not a close group !)**







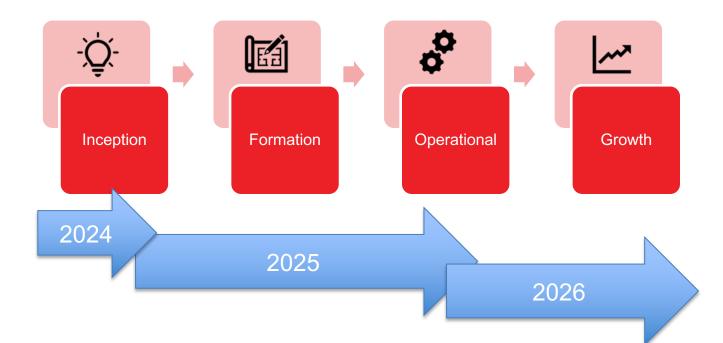






## **PHOENIX Project Phases**







## The PHOENIX 3-years plan (main objectives)

#### 2025

- The PHOENIX kick off (Feb
   <sup>(25)</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> version of Common Cancer Data Model / HL7 FHIR IG Balloted and Published (STU) (Fall '25)
- New members engaged (> 5 by the end of the year)
- Join the HL7 FHIR
   Accelerator Program

#### 2026

- Consolidated educational and dissemination activities
- At least one **-a-thon event** organized
- At least one **proposal for funded projects** submitted
- Pilot adoption of the HL7 FHIR IG for care provisioning and research in at least two countries.
- Membership growth (> 5 by the end of the year)

#### 2027

New standardization project started

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- Revenue from events and funded projects
- Common Cancer Data
   Model used in operation
- At least two -a-thon event organized
- Membership growth (> 10 by the end of the year)



## THE EUROPEAN COMMON CANCER DATA MODEL PROJECT





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#### **Common Cancer data model Project: scope**



- Define a minimal, extensible, non-exhaustive European cancer data model
  - agnostic to the type of cancer;
  - usable across different use cases;
  - leveraging on the experiences of the European projects working with primary and secondary usage
  - taking into account the availability and usability of reliable data in the EHR systems.
- and its HL7 FHIR representation in the form of a HL7 FHIR Implementation Guide



## Common Cancer data model Design principles



- Inclusive and cross-cutting
  - Transversal to different cancer domains and purposes of use
  - Consider the needs of different communities.
- Incremental approach
  - Start with a minimal core set; extend / enhance the model in following iterations
- Designed for facilitating the representation with HL7 FHIR



#### JOIN US !



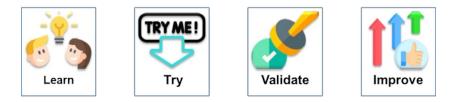


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# Join us at the HL7 EU WGM



• EU-a-thon Cancer Track: Wed Q1-Q3, Auditorium 2



- PHOENIX meeting & CCM Project kickoff : Wed Q4, Auditorium 2
- Common Cancer Model Project: Thu Q2, Auditorium 2





# Thank you !

# HL7 Europe WGM and EU-a-thon – Opening

# EU-a-thon: scope, goals, and further developments

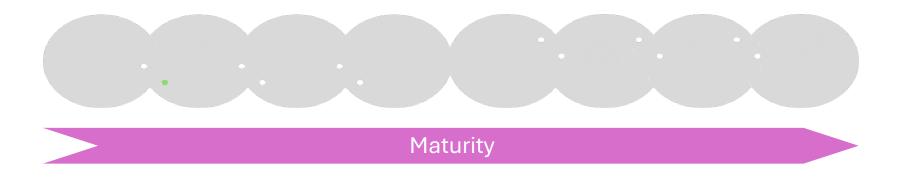
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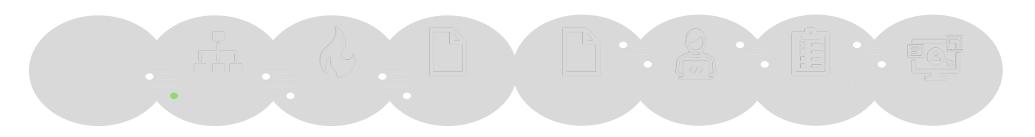
# EU-a-thon: scope, goals, and further developments





How this \*a-thon fits into the "journey" from an interoperability idea through specification until interoperable products

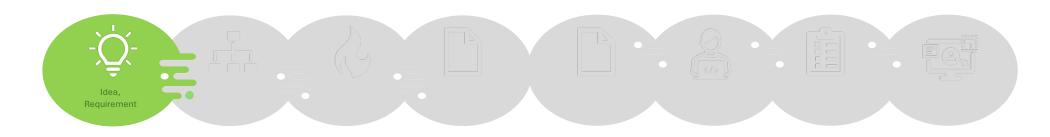


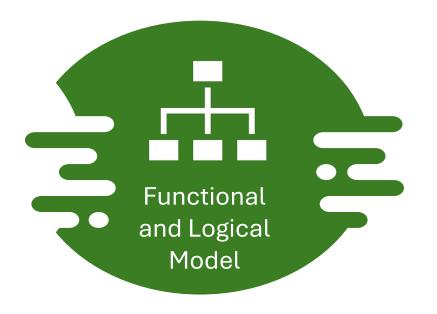




- Document Ideas
- Embrace Requirements
- e.g. eHealth Network Guidelines
- e.g. Future EHDS Requirements

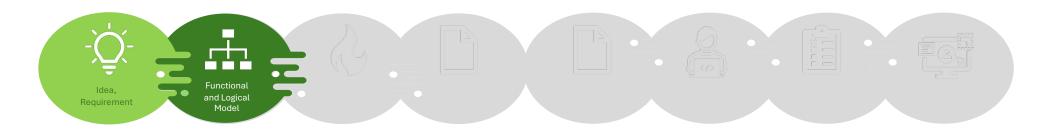






- Functional "View"
- Use Cases, Actors, Transactions
- Dataset
- Logical Model
- (Terminology)

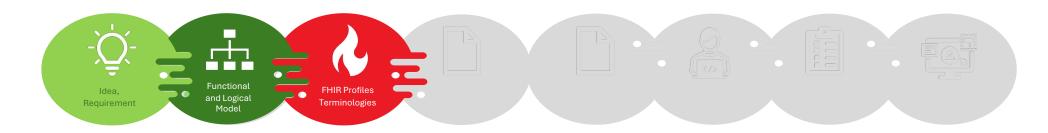






- FHIR Profiles
- Terminologies
- Ingredients for a proper Implementation Guide





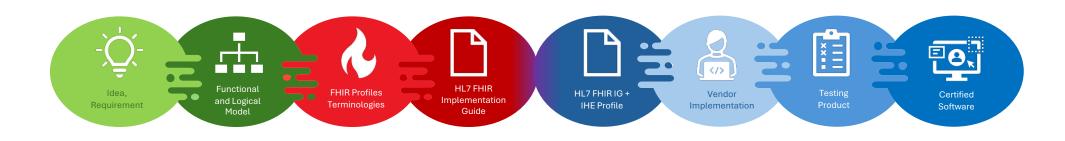


#### • FHIR Implementation Guide





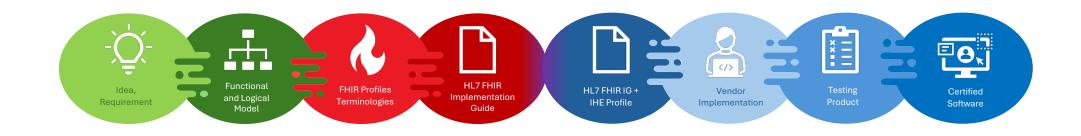




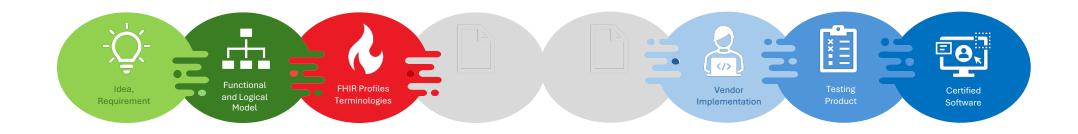
- The Specification: Creation, Testing and Validation Continuum
- The Products:

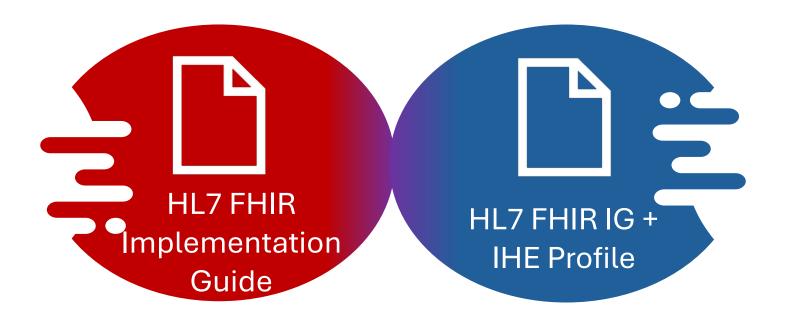
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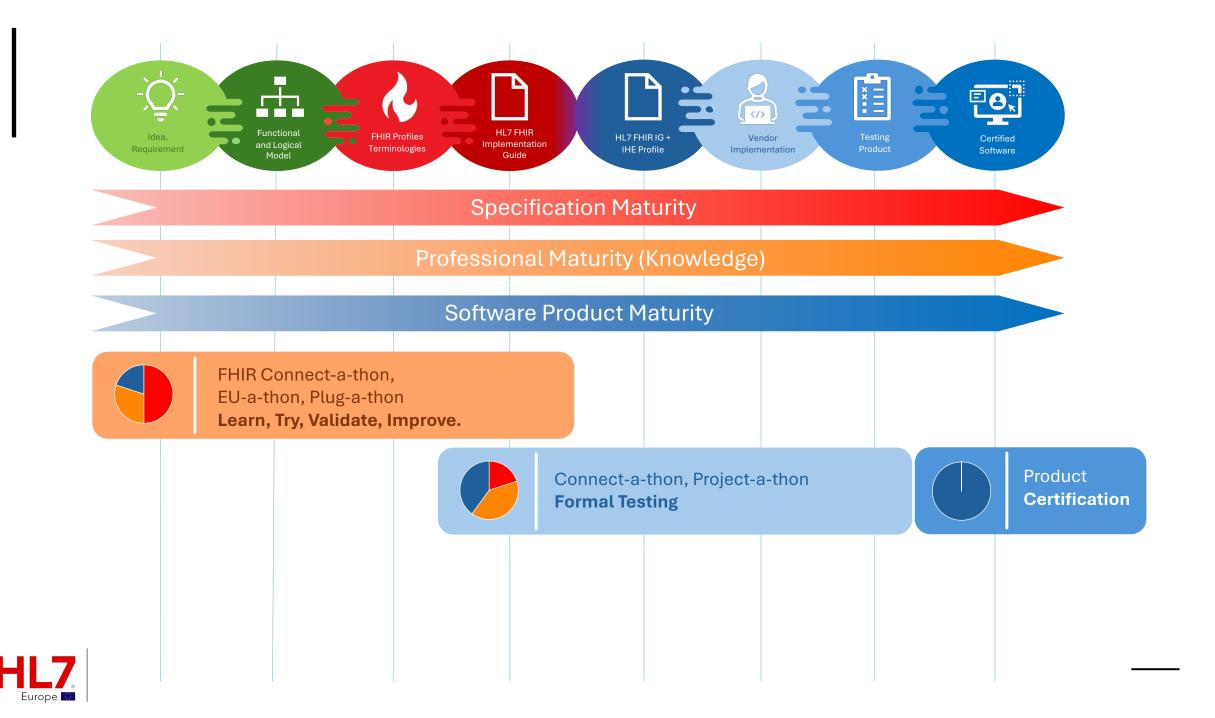








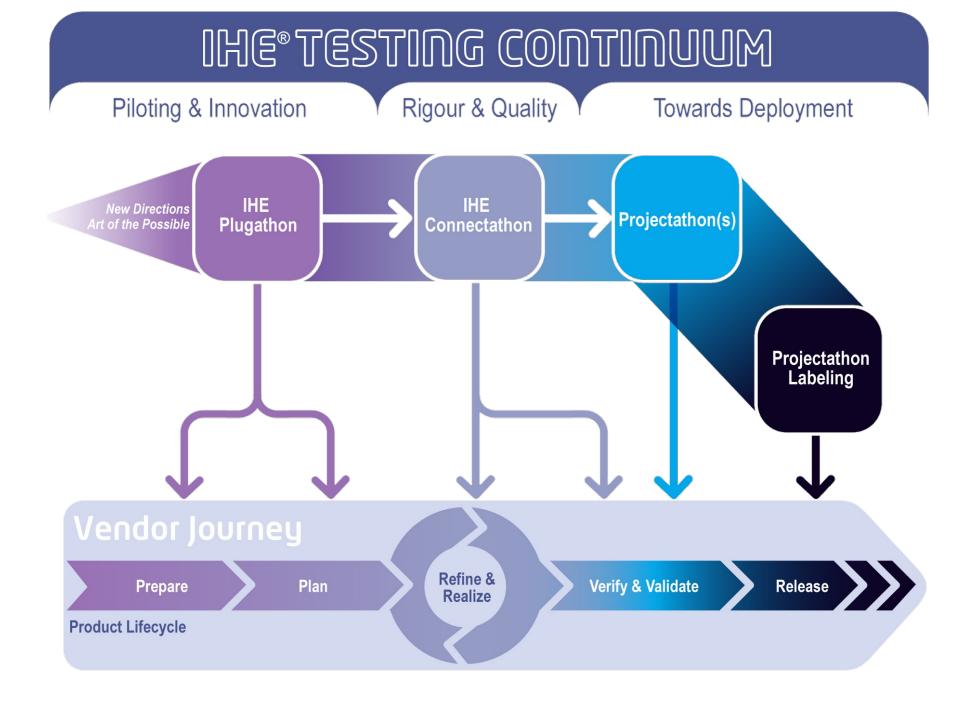


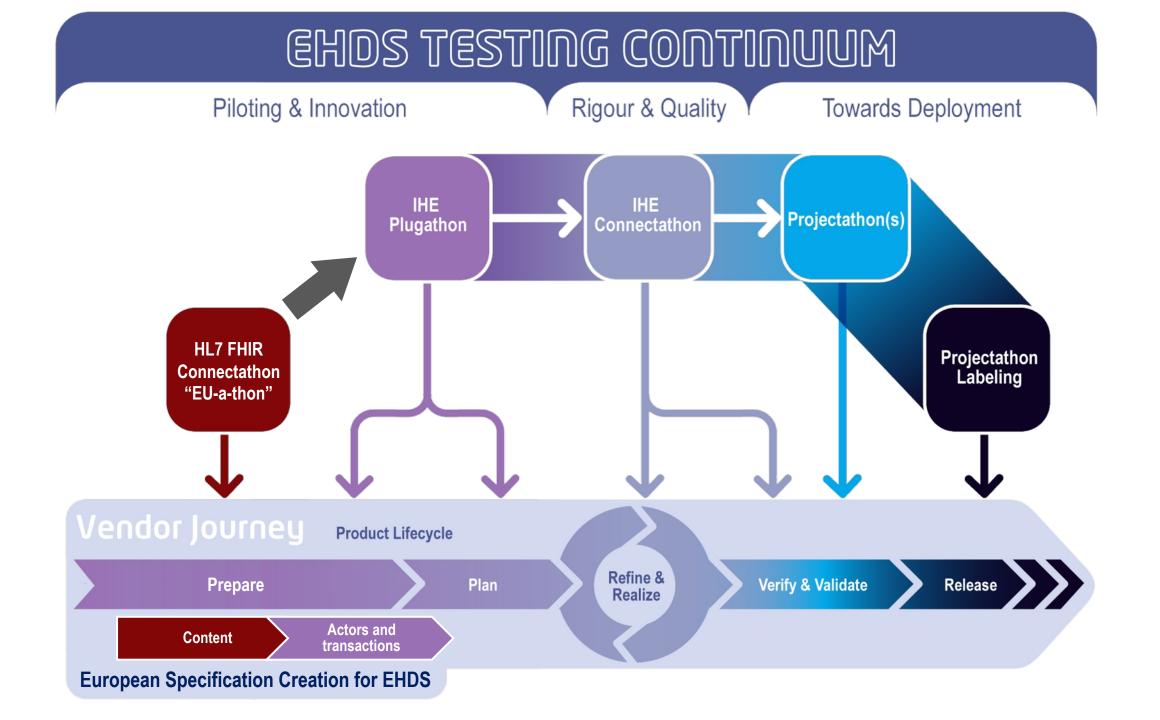


# Maturity: Specification, Professional, Product

	Specification Maturity	Professional Maturity	Product Maturity
FHIR Connect-a-thon, EU-a-thon, Plug-a-thon <b>Learn, Try, Validate, Improve</b>	Draft, Trial, Released	All	Prototypes
Connect-a-thon, Project-a-thon <b>Formal Testing</b>	Trial, Released	All	Prototypes, Products
Product Certification	Released		Products









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#### Logistics and event information Kai Heitmann





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#### All in

Building 4 – Iscte\_Knowledge and Innovation

(Edifício 4 – Iscte\_Conhecimento e Inovação)



No food or beverage allowed in the room



2x Auditório ED4-A302 and ED4-A306 Smaller events is Clube CVTT B332



- Unfortunately, we have no tables, only chairs
- Opportunity to be flexibel with group forming
- Improvise and innovate!





- Clube 332
- TNT meeting yesterday





## "Wearables"

- Meet Matenia and Stratos at the Registration Desk
- BADGES...
- T-SHIRT...

...for every registered person





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