



25TH EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023, BRUSSELS

COVER NOTE

15. European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format Summit (*for information*)

1) Introduction

Since the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) Commission Recommendation¹ of 2019, and subsequent inclusion of the EEHRxF in the European Health Data Space regulation proposal², the exchange format has been an intense arena of work within the eHealth community (e.g. X-eHealth project which ended Nov 2022³, forthcoming Joint Action and Horizon Europe RIA projects) to achieve a common vision on the format, its experimentation, further cocreation and subsequent adoption and implementation.

To this end, XpanDH⁴, was started in January 2023 to serve as a Coordination and Support Action for the promotion of the work on the format, in view of handing over by 2024 to other envisioned efforts and possibly work under the new Regulation of the EHDS as per its adoption. Following the request by some MS to clarify the EEHRxF development process, XpanDH in collaboration with EC has organised the European EHRxF Expert Summit that brings individual experts, EU-funded projects and digital health stakeholders together in a 1-day meeting (12th December 2023) in Brussels to work on consensus and consolidation of work on the format and exploration of its further development, value, impact and dissemination.

2) Issues at stake

- Raise awareness of ongoing development work streams
- Co-create a vision for the EEHRxF
- Building a digital health community around the EEHRxF for its development in different domains towards its wider adoption
- Defining next steps and priorities in its co-creation journey

3) Summary

XpanDH supports an expanding ecosystem of individuals and organisations developing, experimenting and adopting the EEHRxF starting with the priority personal health data categories, providing a crucial contribution to the emergence of the European Health Data Space. During the expert summit we intend to achieve the following goals:

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/recommendation-european-electronic-health-record-exchange-format>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022PC0197>

³ <https://www.x-ehealth.eu/>

⁴ <https://xpandh-project.iscte-iul.pt/>



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- Aggregation: identify and engage projects, initiatives, workstreams at European and EU Member State (MS) level – including those in industry, with a focus on EEHRxF;
- Alignment: understand the roles of engaged projects in terms of scope and mandate, explore how they can more effectively interact with each other and contribute to the further development of the EEHRxF and transversal themes;
- Community building and outreach: inform, educate, engage new audiences especially industry, policymakers at MS level, and other stakeholders in the primary use domain.

This meeting has been prepared with a series of pre-events to engage projects, identify the needs and barriers and development of a common approach for the conceptualisation and further broad implementation of the format at EU. The meeting will see a final report produced, based on pre-event written materials and inclusive of panel discussions during the event, for wide dissemination.

The Expert Summit will be a hybrid event. Two forms of participation (in person – limited capacity; and online – unlimited capacity) and its preliminary agenda is in annex to this note.

More information on the Summit is available from: <https://xpandh-project.iscte-iul.pt/xpandh-ehr-exchange-format-expert-summit/>

If you wish to participate you can express so in the online form (available at the summit page), indicating you are an eHN member, or simply email us at Henrique.manuel.martins@iscte-iul.pt or <https://xpandh-project.iscte-iul.pt/contact-us/>

4) Format of procedure in the meeting

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