EEHRxF Community of Excellence
Terms of Reference

Objective

The European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) Community of Excellence (CoE) serves as an open, collaborative forum for experts from various sectors - industry, government, academia, and civil society - to exchange knowledge and insights on the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) and the European Health Data Space (EHDS). This Community emphasizes the value of individual contributions and minimizes the need for organizational approvals, creating an environment for dialogue and thought leadership around EEHRxF and EHDS.

Scope

The EEHRxF Community of Excellence is structured as a community for individual experts, not directly representing their organizations, interested in accelerating the health data interoperability in Europe. The experts come from different stakeholder groups in the European digital health ecosystem. This provides the Community with the diverse and balanced view of issues related to the development and adoption of the EEHRxF.

The Community of Excellence is powered by xShare project and will create synergies with xShare's Regulators and Industry Forums. It also connects to the EEHRxF Standards and Policy Hub information, which will be its ultimate home after the end of the project.

Goals

The CoE is established to drive the following goals:

1. **Open knowledge exchange**: Enable individuals to share knowledge, insights, and experiences to raise awareness about and accelerate adoption of EEHRxF and EHDS;

2. **Collaboration and synergy**: Encourage interaction across sectors and fields to maximise the impact of shared insights and developments;

3. **Platform for thought leadership**: Provide a platform for members to generate the thought leadership pieces (articles, interviews, policy papers) about European EHRxF, to be later shared by the xShare project and Under the Hub newsletter.

4. **Contribute to strategic roadmap**: Gather individual contributions to support the development of a roadmap that ensures the business viability of the European EHRxF Standards and Policy Hub (a new legal entity) to and contribute to practical guidance for EHDS implementation.

5. **Contribute to the European EHRxF standards:** Participate and contribute as experts to the development of specifications, testing and validation of EEHRxF-related interoperability assets.

6. **EHDS Board support**: As needed, the Community of Excellence will share best practices and insights that can inform the EHDS Board (Art. 65)[1].

7. **Liaison to the relevant European EHRxF projects and initiatives:** Serves as an informal link to partner projects and initiatives including EHDS Stakeholder Forum.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. **Community of Excellence's Members** (individuals):

   o Actively engage in discussions and participate in quarterly online meetings,

   o Share their unique expertise, knowledge, and perspectives,

   o Have an opportunity to contribute to the Under the Hub newsletter,

   o Post on the dedicated LinkedIn group (xShare Community of Excellence) to foster open dialogue, exchange, learning and collaboration.

   o Contribute individual insights to the strategic roadmap that ensures the business viability of the European EHRxF Standards and Policy Hub, and EHDS best practices.

   o May be invited to expert interviews and to answer surveys and provide opinion on how to be compliant with the EEHRxF and shape the xShare label.

2. **Community of Excellence Facilitators (Karolina Mackiewicz, Innovation Director at ECHAlliance and Dimitris Georgoulis, Innovation Project Manager at ECHAlliance):**

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[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0197.

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- o Coordinate and facilitate quarterly online meetings,

- o Oversee content posted on LinkedIn to maintain relevance and respectfulness,

- o Manage the selection and promotion of particularly insightful contributions in collaboration with the xShare project leadership,

- o Invite selected members to expert interviews,

- o Support content sharing in partnership with ECHAlliance and relevant stakeholders to maximize visibility and impact.

Engagement Structure

1. **Meetings**: Quarterly online meetings will provide a structured forum for discussing the societal, technological, business, and legal implications of EEHRxF and EHDS.

2. **Thought leadership and open posting**: Members are encouraged to post on a dedicated LinkedIn group, with a general oversight by Community of Excellence facilitators and potential promotion of valuable contributions by the xShare project leadership.

3. **Strategic Roadmap Input**: Individual insights will be regularly collected to inform the roadmap and best practices for EHDS and EEHRxF.

4. **Pool of Experts:** Members are part of a pool of experts on EHRxF implementation and adoption.

Expected Outcomes

- A community of engaged individuals contributing to meaningful discussions on EEHRxF and EHDS.

- High-quality thought leadership content, including articles, interviews, policy papers and more, which can be promoted by the xShare project for broader visibility.

- An actionable roadmap and set of best practices, informed by diverse personal insights on EEHRxF and EHDS implementation.

- Diverse and high-quality interviews conducted with Community of Excellence Members, to support EEHRxF implementation and adoption monitoring.

Membership

- Open to individuals across industry, government, academia, and civil society who are invested in EEHRxF and EHDS topics.

- Members are invited to actively engage in discussions, contribute to the CoE outputs, and participate in quarterly meetings.

- The members participate in the Community of Excellence on the voluntary basis.

Review and amendments

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with Community of Excellence objectives. Changes may be proposed by members, with decisions made by consensus among active participants.

This Community of Excellence is established and facilitated by the xShare project. For more information about the project, check the project website.

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