

Five years on: what CRANE leaves behind

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Welcome to the twenty-first and final CRANE newsletter. After five years, three rural regions, two validated solutions and one shared conviction — that citizens belong at the centre of their own health data — CRANE comes to a close. This issue is for everyone who walked the road with us, and a look at where the work goes from here.

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A legacy, not an ending

CRANE concludes having shown that citizen-centred digital health can be built and validated in real rural settings. Its two solutions, Data for Care and dHDSI, are continuing to mature through the suppliers' own routes to market. Its value-based evaluation toolkit is available to any public buyer in Europe. And its lessons — on adoption, on local realities, on the trust layer no one yet funds — are now part of the European conversation.

At the consortium's final meeting in Jarandilla de la Vera (27–30 April 2026), partners recorded a legacy video with statements from across the project. It was a fitting close: the people who built CRANE, reflecting together on what it meant.

— THE TIMING IS FAVOURABLE

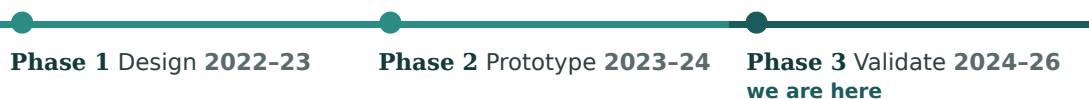
EHDS implementation needs what CRANE showed

As the European Health Data Space moves into implementation, public buyers across the Union will need exactly the citizen-centred, consent-based capabilities CRANE has shown can be built. With the right procurement and funding conditions, the evidence from projects like CRANE can end up where it belongs: in services that citizens and health systems actually use.

Thank you — to every citizen, nurse, doctor, care coordinator, supplier and partner who walked this road with us. This was your project as much as ours.

— CRANE AT A GLANCE

A three-phase journey



WHAT'S NEXT

CRANE ends here — but the questions it raised, and the solutions it proved can be built, are very much still alive. Follow the suppliers' routes to market, read the positioning paper, and carry the lessons forward.

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Thank you — and let's CRANE!