

Europe agrees on the Health Data Space

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Welcome to the ninth CRANE newsletter. This issue brings a landmark moment for the whole field CRANE works in: in March 2024, the European Parliament and Council reached **political agreement on the European Health Data Space (EHDS)**. At the same time, our contractors and Monitoring Team have been meeting to sharpen two questions that will decide whether any solution survives beyond a pilot — data accessibility and the business model behind it.

— EUROPE AGREES ON THE HEALTH DATA SPACE

A framework CRANE has been anticipating

In March 2024, EU co-legislators reached political agreement on the European Health Data Space — the regulation that will give citizens stronger control over their health data and enable it to flow, under clear rules, between services and across borders. It is, in many ways, the policy embodiment of what CRANE set out to demonstrate in practice.

For a project piloting citizen-centred, consent-based health data sharing across three rural regions, the timing could hardly be better: CRANE is generating real-world evidence exactly as Europe defines the rules that evidence can inform.

— SHARPENING THE HARD QUESTIONS

Co-creation in Madrid, February 2024

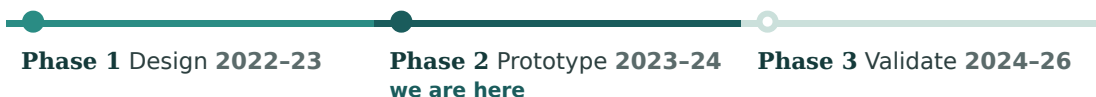
On 7–8 February 2024, the Monitoring Team met in **Madrid** — with the three contractors joining online — for a focused co-creation session on two issues that decide a solution's future: how data is made accessible, and what each contractor's **business model** would look like.

These are not afterthoughts. CRANE's experience is that the question of who buys, operates and sustains a solution must be tackled *during* development, not left open at the end. Bringing it forward into Phase 2 is a deliberate choice.

The alignment: as Europe agrees the rules for a health data space, CRANE is testing — on the ground, with citizens — what it actually takes to deliver citizen-controlled data sharing.

— CRANE AT A GLANCE

A three-phase journey



WHAT'S NEXT

Phase 2 heads towards its conclusion in 2024, with further co-creation and prototype demonstrations — including for EU representatives. We will follow both the prototypes and the EHDS as it moves from political agreement towards formal adoption.

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All the best, and let's CRANE!