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Two CRANE Solutions Move Through Field Testing Across Three European Regions

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Ten months after the start of Phase 3, the CRANE Pre-Commercial Procurement is in the thick of its most demanding stage. Its two solutions, Data for Care and dHDSI, are being tested in real care settings with citizens and professionals across Region Västerbotten (Sweden), Extremadura (Spain) and Agder (Norway). Field testing began across the regions in mid-2025 and continues today, generating the real-world evidence that lies at the very heart of the project.

This is the moment CRANE has been building towards. Phase 3 takes the solutions off the workbench and puts them in the hands of the people they are meant to serve, under approved research protocols and strict data-protection requirements. Citizens living with chronic conditions, together with the nurses, doctors and care coordinators who support them, are using the solutions under everyday conditions across the three regions.

The two solutions represent complementary approaches to the same goal, putting the citizen in open and trustworthy control of their own health data:

- **Data for Care** places the citizen at the centre of data governance, through a neutral, privacy-preserving model that lets people decide how their health data is shared between organisations.
- **dHDSI** provides a standards-based, decentralised health-data infrastructure, designed for interoperability with European frameworks.

Across both pilots, one observation is already standing out. The decisive factor in adoption is not the technology itself but the trust citizens place in it. Where people understand and control how their data is used, they engage; where that trust has to be earned, it is earned by design, through transparency, security and ethical use at every level. This is the conviction at the very heart of CRANE, captured in the project's motto, **"In CRANE we trust"**: earning the citizen's trust is the foundation on which the success of any digital health solution rests.

Field testing is also surfacing a lesson that reaches beyond the project. Technology readiness, while necessary, is not sufficient on its own: adoption also depends on citizen engagement, professional acceptance, digital literacy and organisational change, each of which needs investment of its own. These insights, alongside the solutions themselves, are shaping up to be among the most valuable results CRANE will leave behind.

With field testing under way, the focus over the coming months turns to completing the pilots, consolidating the evidence and preparing to share the lessons and recommendations with procurers and policymakers across Europe, so that proven solutions can find their way into the services citizens and health systems actually use. CRANE thanks the contractors and stakeholders, and above all the citizens and professionals across the three regions, for their dedication during this phase.

All the best and let's CRANE!

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