

# **Mining Well-being Data for Better Care: Eleven Forerunner Countries in Europe**

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# Activities during the last 2.5 years

5 Study trips

15 International events

2 International reviews and reports

1 International round table meeting

1 Nordic-Baltic meeting

3 National Initiatives Network Skype meetings

# National Initiatives Network

The secondary use of well-being data

**50**

people

**11**

countries

**29**

organisations



Finland, Netherlands, Estonia, Ireland,  
Sweden, Scotland, Denmark, England,  
Switzerland, Australia, Norway

**What's  
happening  
in other  
countries?**



# Curiosity

Boosts achievement

Expands our empathy

Makes us happier



Helps strengthen relationships

Improves healthcare

Makes our brains more receptive  
for learning

# **OVERVIEW ON 11 COUNTRIES**



# Netherlands

**Health-RI research infrastructure** is a joint effort of Dutch infrastructure providers to establish a single service centre for personalised medicine and health research. It provides researchers with a data catalogue, ethical and legal advice, IT tools and FAIRification training.

- Published business plan
- Plans to operationalise and become an own legal entity

## Risk factor

Funding

## Cool factor

National service desk  
for Ethical and Legal  
questions



## Finland

**The Digital Health HUB** enabled by the new Act on the secondary use of health and social data. One-stop shop which offers permits, advisory and access to data for research, development and innovations

- Governmental support
- Temporary steering group and sub groups led by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health are in action since January 2018

### Risk factor

Legislation not passing or postponed

### Cool factor

Innovative legislation (GDPR proof)



# **United Kingdom**

**(Scotland, Wales, England)**

- The cancer registry in England
- UK Secure e-Research Platform (UKSeRP) in Wales
  - High-powered data management and sharing technology
  - Secure platform for managing, sharing and combining data
  - Based on the SAIL Databank, which has been in operation for 10 years
- Projects In Scotland
  - Developing national patient level costing data system
  - High Gains Individuals project

**Risk factor**

Public trust

**Cool factor**

Volume

## **Ireland**

**The Health Research Board** is building a management model for research on healthcare according to the DASSL model.

- Approved funding for a proof of concept

### **Risk factor**

Funding

### **Cool factor**

Ireland received 1st place in EU Open Data Maturity Assessment Initiative

 **Denmark**

**Five regions (Danske Regioner) work together with the government** to establish a data entry point and regional data support centres where researchers can get advice on data access and projects.

**Copenhagen Healthtech Cluster** established a public-private partnership under the Data Saves Lives initiative with three specific proposed solutions: 1) national data map (metadata catalogue), 2) data entry point and 3) data sandboxes

**Risk factor**

Legislation framework

**Cool factor**

High trust in government



## Estonia

**Building a state-level data integration and analysis platform** to allow SME's and scientists to process large amounts of pseudonymised well-being data to create solutions that give more healthy years to people.

- Political initiative is under preparation to establish Digital Innovation Estonia, a single point contact to coordinate different cooperation initiatives related to secondary use of data
- Planned establishment in 2019

### Risk factor

Legal challenges

### Cool factor

eHealth



## Australia

**Secondary use of the Australian My Health Record** – a consolidated electronic health record system.

Planning phase is underway, and it is expected that data will be made available for medical and research purposes by 2020.

Governance is based upon the SAIL model in Wales

### Risk factor

Interoperability  
and public trust

### Cool factor

Active cooperation

# **Switzerland**

**Swiss Personalised Health Network** promotes personalised medicine and health. It creates a dynamic network of existing data sources and funds to make them interoperable nationwide.

Collaboration agreements signed with all 5 university hospitals. 15 projects funded in the first call for proposals.

Setup of a Data Coordination Center and BioMedIT platform

## **Risk factor**

Several languages

## **Cool factor**

Funding and resources,  
Ethical Framework for  
Responsible Data  
Processing

 **Sweden**

**The Swedish Research Council** works to improve access to register data for research purposes. Register Utiliser Tool (RUT) was developed to search and match metadata both in and between registers.

**Risk factor**

Legal framework

**Cool factor**

Metadata

 **Norway**

**Norwegian health data program** improves the secondary use of health data with a primary focus on health registries and RWE.

- Four projects including work on realising a national health analysis platform
- Entering execution phase
- FAIR-mapping of health registries have started

**Risk factor**

Silos

**Cool factor**

Governmental  
funding



**WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED SO FAR?**

1

We all have  
the **same**  
**challenges**

**1**

Interoperability between different IT systems

**2**

Public trust – how to maintain it or gain it

**3**

Siloes and culture in not sharing the data

**4**

Bureaucratic and non-transparent data infrastructure

**5**

Fragmentation of data sources

**6**

Legal framework

1

We all have  
the **same**  
**challenges**

2

We all have  
the **same**  
**goals and**  
**objectives**

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All countries want to use their  
data reserves in a more agile  
manner than at present

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1

We all have  
the **same**  
**challenges**

2

We all have  
the **same**  
**goals and**  
**objectives**

3

We don't need  
to innovate  
**everything**  
**ourselves**

We can learn  
from each  
other



Different countries  
have different  
strengths

**Netherlands**

**Marketing**



**UK**

**Public engagement**



#datasaveslives



People collaborate.  
Not organisations.



# **BENEFITS OF COOPERATION**



**1**


Speed up innovation

**2**

Attract investment  
and companies to  
Europe

**3**

Strength in unity

A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen leaves, with sunlight filtering through the trees in the background. The path leads from the foreground into the distance, where a bright light source creates a lens flare effect. The trees are lush green, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

It doesn't matter how  
you start, as long as  
you start.

# National Initiatives Network

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Two active subgroups:

**1** Synthetic data

**2** Metadata













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from others and you  
will succeed!

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