Henrique Martins and **Anderson Carmo,** coordinators of the **XpanDH project** (**Expanding Digital Health through a pan-European EHRxF-based Ecosystem**) co-wrote a really interesting article in the HealthManagement, Volume 23 - Issue 4, 2023 that presents the journey of the development and adoption of the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) and the role of the XpanDH Project in the process.

The paper titled: "**Towards the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format -XpanDH Project Support and Risks of a Delayed Regulation on the EHDS**" also underlines how necessary it is for digital health interoperability to be a reality, and highlights the contribution and efforts of the XpanDH project with a reflection on the risks associated with a delayed or amputated European Health Data Space Regulation.

Key Points

- Digital health standardisation is as much a process as it is a necessary activity to ensure health as a human right is achieved.
- XpanDH project, alongside other initiatives, is there to support the European digital health ecosystem to co-create and adopt the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF). It is central to ongoing efforts while preparing to hand over and expand through other projects and initiatives.
- The EHRxF is more than a set of format dispositions in communications, recommendations and the proposal for a regulation on the European Health Data Space (EHDS); it is a necessary instrument to achieve EU-wide health data interoperability and better care for all.
- There is a risk to the formal dimension of the EEHRxF, if the regulation on the EHDS is not co-legislated in early 2024, or it is but at the expense of significant amputation.

To read the full article please click here:

https://healthmanagement.org/c/healthmanagement/issuearticle/towards-the-european-electronic-health-record-exchange-format