



[#AthensDigitalHealthWeek2024](#) Athens Digital Health Week, brought together projects involved in the digital transformation of health services. The event enhanced interaction and exchange of best practices and was a fruitful interaction between flagship initiatives and projects in alignment with the European Union's overall digital innovation strategy. In this context, the eCAN, Gravitate-Health, Label2Enable, ManagiDiTH, OneAquaHealth, XpanDH, XShare, Xt-EHR and UNICOM projects came together.

In the session on the **European Healthcare Data Space (EHDS)**, **Andreas Klingler**, at a keynote address, emphasized [IHE-Europe](#) IHE's role in reducing risk and expediting eHealth project implementation, particularly within the EHDS framework. He also spoke about the interoperability issues and the need for a testing strategy, which IHE is looking at and the specifications necessary to develop optimal solutions in the best possible time, with the aim of reducing the implementation time to operate digital products and solutions that have been tested and certified to international standards.

Christos Schizas, President of the National e-Health Authority of Cyprus, during his opening speech, referred to the necessity of the European Health Union to prepare countries to protect the health of citizens and prevent future pandemics. He stressed that the creation of the National Electronic Health Record will provide reliable data for primary and secondary use and that it is funded by the European Commission to organise a Europe ready for the digital age.

Lorena Androutsou, Project Officer, European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), described the services offered by HaDEA and said that between 2020-2027 €20 billion in funding is planned, with most of the amount going to projects that promote health (such as EU4Health), protect against serious threats, ensure that medicines are accessible to citizens, giving a clear message that public health is a priority for the EU.

XpanDH 'Expanding Digital Health through a pan-European EHRxF-based Ecosystem' successfully participated in the ADHW 2024. The event showcased XpanDH's commitment to advancing digital health solutions. XpanDH, with a mission to empower individuals and organizations in adopting digital health solutions, organized workshops, including the X-Bundle Retreat and the XpanDH Readiness Model Workshop. These sessions fostered collaboration, aligned strategies, and raised awareness

about the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF). A highlight was XpanDH's participation at the joint launch event of the xShare project, a significant milestone demonstrating real-world experiments with early adopters of EEHRxF. XpanDH's presence at the ADHW underscored its dedication to fostering interoperability and innovation in digital health.

Moreover, in collaboration with the XpanDH project, IHE-Europe animated a workshop on the **XpanDH readiness model**. The workshop aimed to familiarize participants with the developed readiness model, emphasizing its relevance for upcoming projects, especially within the xShare framework. Representatives from various stakeholders, including the European Commission, users, and vendors, provided practical insights on aligning and benefiting from the EEHRxF and the XpanDH readiness model, fostering a collaborative environment for exploring its reuse in future healthcare projects.

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