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EDITORIAL

We would like to welcome you to our new [IDERHA](#) newsletter, which will be the first of many over the next five years. The IDERHA project is one of the first to be funded through the [Innovative Health Initiative \(IHI\)](#), a public-private partnership between the European Union and the European life science industries that supports transformative research and innovation.

As project leader (Christian) and academic coordinator (Philip), we represent a highly talented and very diverse team in IDERHA which brings in the clinical, patient, academic, industry and health authority perspectives. The team is fully

committed to addressing the obstacles in accessing, integrating, and analysing health data, and driving policy recommendation or the acceptance of real-world data for regulatory and HTA purposes, with a shared ambition to maximize the availability and value of such data for patient care and medical research.

In the past few years, we have all observed the increased impact of AI and machine learning on our day-to-day lives, from shopping online with help from Siri or Alexa personal assistants to self-driving cars which can identify road hazards ahead. Our goal in IDERHA is to help achieve the same benefits from the application of AI tools in health care. As such, IDERHA aims to more efficiently use health data coming from many different sources such as electronic health records, imaging systems or wearable tech. We will achieve this by building a scalable platform for seamless integration or linkage of diverse real-world health data. This open platform will support healthcare professionals, patients and researchers with new capabilities to improve care and overall outcomes for patients.

To achieve our goals, we have assembled a strong team of experts to address all the challenges we will face: privacy, ethics, patient involvement, security, federated learning, data models, artificial intelligence, clinical decision-making, regulatory acceptance, health technology assessment and policy making. With over 30 partners from academia, government bodies, research institutes, SME's and medtech industry across Europe, we are confident we will be able to bolster innovation. IDERHA has the task to demonstrate that this data-driven approach has an added value for patients where clinical co-decision making and personalized disease management is possible.

IDERHA kicked-off in April 2023 with a flying start. Since we put the patient at the center of our activities, we started with a webinar where people with the experience of lung cancer can give their input about our approach. We are also in the process of recruiting members of our Integrated Data Access Governance Council, which will bring the voice of clinicians, patients, and regulators into our policy development discussions. This will provide a firm basis for our planned future recommendations on how regulatory procedures can best benefit from AI-based analyses of real-world and other health data.

Please follow our progress on the IDERHA [website](#) and our [LinkedIn page](#).

Christian Muehlendyck (Project Lead) & Phil Gribbon (Academic Coordinator)



IDERHA's first 'working meeting' in Seville

On Monday and Tuesday 6 and 7 November the IDERHA consortium convened in beautiful Seville for an extended steering committee meeting. This was the first face-to-face meeting since the kick-off in April. [Read more](#).



Meet IDERHA on Youtube

IDERHA has launched a [YouTube video channel](#). Please subscribe and like to be the first notified when new IDERHA video content comes online.



IDERHA's workshop series kickstarts with patients leading the way

The IDERHA project launched its multi-stakeholder workshop series on 14 September 2023, aimed at supporting its work on developing consensus on policy recommendations concerning the access, sharing, and integration of health data. [Read more.](#)

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