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Welcome to the first IDERHA newsletter of 2026; Happy reading!

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Happy new year from IDERHA!

been iterated and implemented in a secure test environment, our core workflows for metadata publishing, data discovery, access negotiation, and federated analysis are in place and federated learning has been demonstrated through early work in the lung cancer use case.

Alongside this technical work, the consortium has strengthened the foundations that make this usable in practice-common standards and interoperability, clearer governance through updated DMP and DPIA processes, and real progress on clinical data onboarding and approvals across multiple sites. The team has also advanced the policy-shaping work around real-world data and real-world evidence, supporting alignment with emerging European health data frameworks and setting out the next steps for engagement and practical guidance as the project scales. We are also planning for sustainability by shaping a long-term operating model, including the creation of a legal entity that can carry IDERHA forward once IHI funding ends.

The task ahead is to keep that steady pace: make the platform easier to use, connect more real datasets, and turn the infrastructure into a production level platform that regulators, HTA bodies, clinicians, researchers, and patients can trust.

Phil Gribbon & Christian Muehlendyck



health data

In our ongoing efforts to support data holders in addressing the challenges of sharing health data for secondary use, we need your input! [Read more.](#)



Check out the interviews with our IDERHA members

During our last Annual Meeting, we interviewed our former member Simon Scheider, EAB member Adrian Thorogood and CAB coordinators Rebecca C. Graebig-Rancourt and Torsten Blum. [Watch all videos here.](#)





IDERHA in the spotlight Part 9: Jens Declerck

In our interview series about the people that drive IDERHA, we spotlight Early Career Community member Jens Declerck. Discover what Jens' TED talk would be about, his ideal day off, and why Interstellar is his favorite movie. [Read the full interview here.](#)



477 km, 4 cities, 3 days, 2 highly motivated men

IDERHA's leads Philip Gribbon and Christian Muehlendyck brought 'taking your bike to work' to another level, riding their bikes from Hamburg to Utrecht this



Implementing the EHDS at the national level: News from Finland

Jaakko Lähteenmäki is a Principal Scientist at IDERHA partner VTT (Technical Research Center of Finland), and as such participated in the TEHDAS Joint Actions, developing the basis for the European Health Data Space and is also a member of the IDERHA consortium. We asked him about the Finnish view of the EHDS. [Read more.](#)



Did you perhaps miss our key LinkedIn posts?

- The IHI Brokerage Event, where it was [explicitly proposed to integrate IDERHA's federated infrastructure in future proposals](#)
- A video interview with Ethics Advisory Board chair Adrian Thorogood [about the importance of ethics](#) in an AI-heavy project like IDERHA
- A look back at our [inspiring Extended Steering Committee meeting in Utrecht](#)
- The [publication of the European Projects Insight Report](#), summarizing key takeaways of the HIMMS Europe conference featuring IDERHA
- A [recap of IDERHA's sustainability meeting in Dortmund](#), where we explored the possibility to make IDERHA's main assets sustainable



IDERHA is a pioneering research project funded by the EU that aims to build a digital platform that integrates health data to help researchers, clinicians and patients to improve patients' outcomes. More information on our [website](#).



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