



Preconference

# WHAT IS METADATA? COMMON STANDARDS AND PROPERTIES

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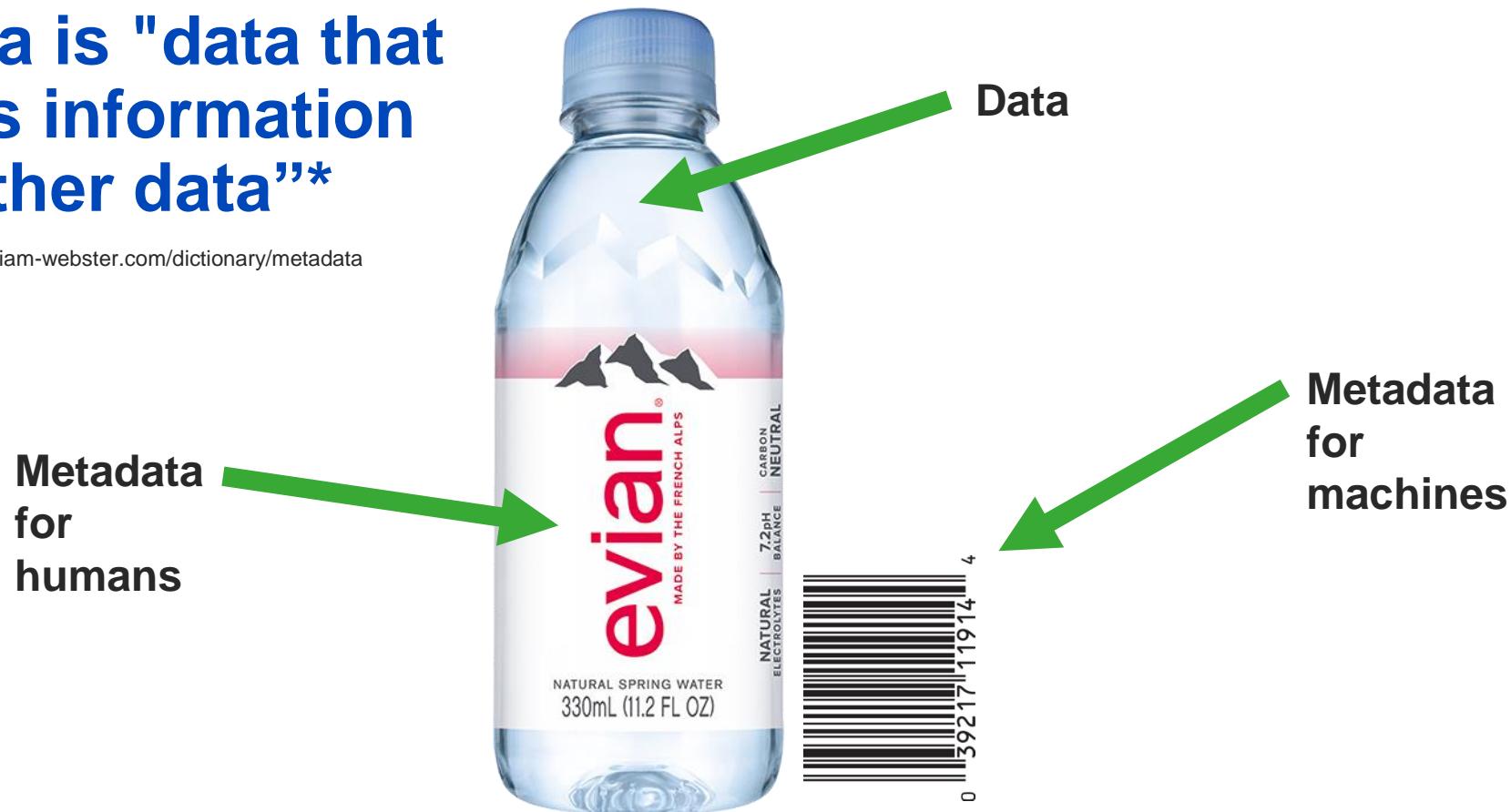
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# What is metadata?

**Metadata is "data that provides information about other data"\*\***

\* Source: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/metadata>



# Standards for dummies



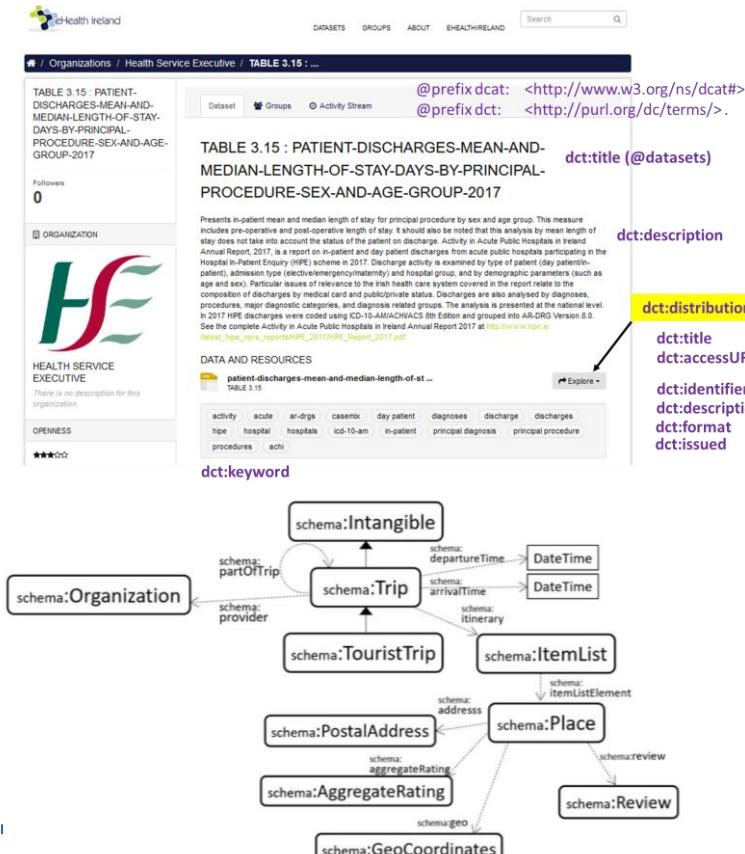
# Standards used to structure metadata

## Descriptive metadata standards:

Descriptive information about a resource. Used for discovery and identification. It includes elements such as title, abstract, author, and keywords.

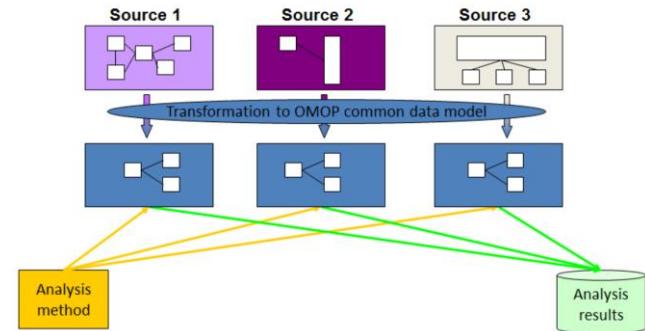
- DCAT-AP

- Schema.org



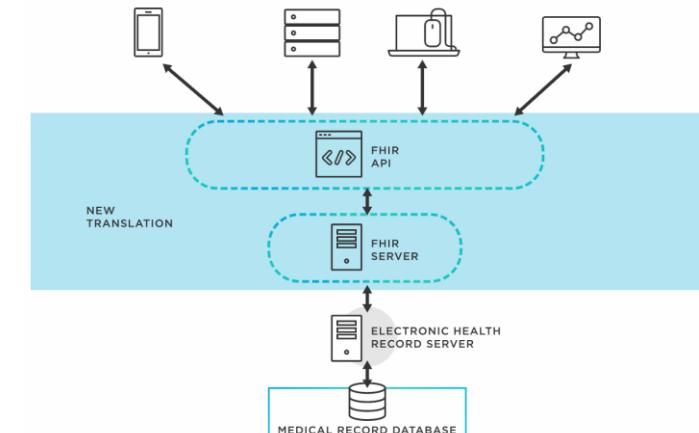
## Structural metadata standards:

- **OMOP**  
A common way to describe datasets at variable level



## Standards used for data exchange:

- **HL7 FHIR**  
To enable health data, including clinical and administrative data, to be quickly and efficiently exchanged electronically.



# Standards used to structure data

## Standards used for semantic interoperability/ontology:

- ICD9-11 (international classification of diseases)
- SNOMED-CT
- LOINC
- ORPHACODE: standardising ontology for rare diseases

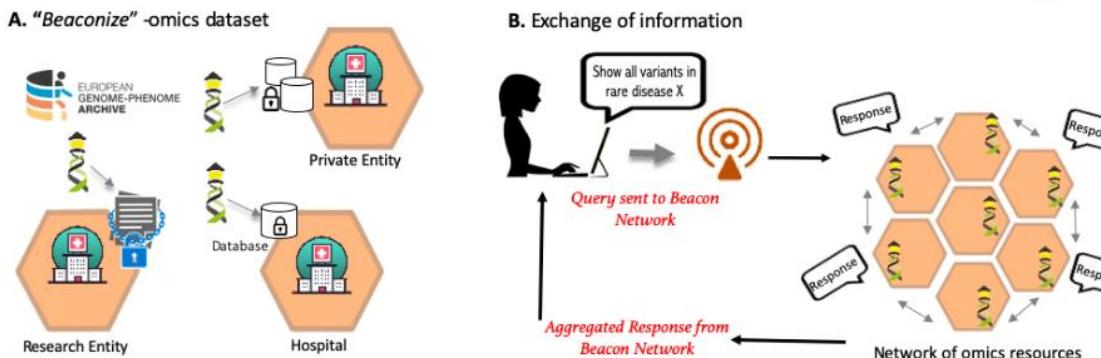
## Standards used to structure images:

- DICOM



## Standards used to make genomic data discoverable:

- BEACON





# Agenda

## Setting the scene and Inspirational cases

- 13.40 - 14.20: **What is metadata? What are common standards and their properties? Why is metadata important for researchers?**
  - **Truls Korsgaard** Norwegian Directorate for e-Health, Oslo, Norway
- 14.20 - 14.40: **Why we need metadata for public health data sources?**  
Illustrated with the European Health Information Portal and the ambition of the European Health Data Space (EHDS2 pilot).
  - **Hanna Tolonen**, Challenges and Solutions on Population Health and Welfare, Finish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland
  - **Petronille Bogaert**, EU Health Information System Unit, Sciensano, Brussels, Belgium
- 14.40 - 15.10: **Break**



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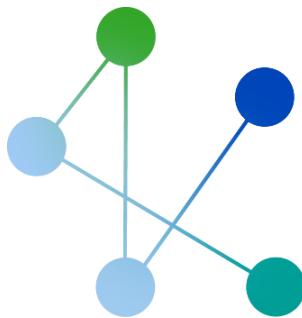
- 15.10 - 15.30: **Assessing FAIRness levels of health data within HealthyCloud**
  - Irini Kesisoglou, EU Health Information System Unit, Sciensano, Brussels, Belgium
- 15.30 - 15.45: **FAIRsharing and the FAIR Cookbook: helping you choose and use metadata standards**
  - Susanna-Assunta Sansone, ELIXIR



# Agenda

## Practical exercise

- 15.45 - 16.50: **Create your own metadata documentation using DCAT standard**
  - **Group work facilitated by: Pascal Derycke, EU Health Information System Unit, Sciensano, Brussels, Belgium**
- 16.50 - 17.00: **Wrap up and key messages**
  - **Petronille Bogaert, EU Health Information System Unit, Sciensano, Brussels, Belgium**



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## Why is metadata important for researchers?

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# What is metadata?

- Metadata is information about for example a health registry.  
For example:

- Title
- Description
- Contact point
- Keywords
- Coverage

- Metadata helps you to find the registry you are looking for
  - Filtering
  - Browsing
- And helps you to discover more information about the registry

Search gave 73 hit(s) among datasets, 3 hit(s) among APIs, 46 hit(s) among concepts 5 hit(s) among information models

Norwegian Cause of Death Registry

All (127) Datasets (73) APIs (3) Concepts (46) Information models (5) Services and events (0) BETA

Sorted by relevance Sort by last published

**Norwegian Cause of Death Registry**  
Dataset

Owner: Direktoratet for e-helse nb en

The Norwegian Cause of Death Registry covers deaths amongst those registered as inhabitants of Norway, and include history from 1951. Deaths of non-citizens is included after medio-2012. The registry is the source of the official cause of death statistics for Norway.

Health

[csv](#)

**Brønnbaner**  
Dataset

Owner: Oljedirektoratet no

Dataset is public

Brønnbaner

Energy Regions and cities

[vnd.shp](#)

**NorNE - Norwegian Named Entities**  
Dataset

Owner: Nasjonalbiblioteket

Dataset is public

NorNE (Norwegian Named Entities) is a text corpus composed of the same texts as the Norwegian Dependency Treebank (NDT), but is in addition tagged with named entities. The corpus contains approx. 300,000 words of running text for Norwegian Bokmål and Norwegian Nynorsk, respectively

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# How is metadata?

- In our context metadata is information about a datasource not the micro-data itself
- Metadata may be structured or not structured, or a combination of both
  - Like a health record
- Metadata may be standardized or not, or partly
- Metadata may be machine-readable or not
  - Excel, CSV, PDF files for downloading are not machine-readable
  - Standardized JSON-files provided through an API-interface or an URL are machine-readable
- FAIR metadata have to be based on common standards, controlled vocabularies and be machine-readable
  - Or there will be too much work.....

Owner: Direktoratet for e-helse

Metadata quality: 49 %

Description

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Distributions (1)

Dataset usage

Provenance

Keywords

Restrictions

Contact information

Data Community

Do you have questions or comments regarding the dataset?

dct:description

dct:distribution  
dct:title  
dcat:mediaType  
dct:accessURL  
dct:description

dct:accessRights

dct:keyword

DCAT-AP

Property	URI	Range	ReqLevel	Card
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identifier	<a href="#">dct:identifier</a>	<a href="#">rdfs:Literal</a>	M	1..n
publisher	<a href="#">dct:publisher</a>	<a href="#">foaf:Agent</a>	M	1..1
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keyword/tag	<a href="#">dcat:keyword</a>	<a href="#">rdfs:Literal</a>	R	0..n
landing page	<a href="#">dcat:landingPage</a>	<a href="#">foaf:Document</a>	R	0..n
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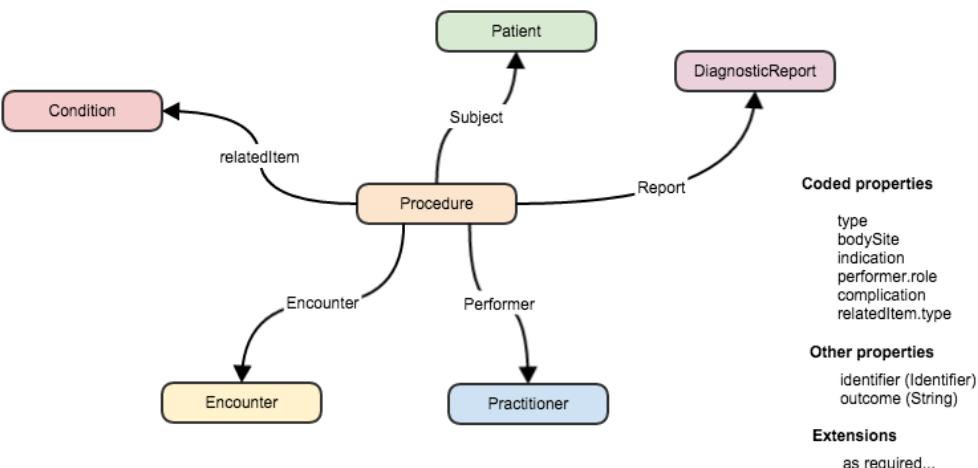
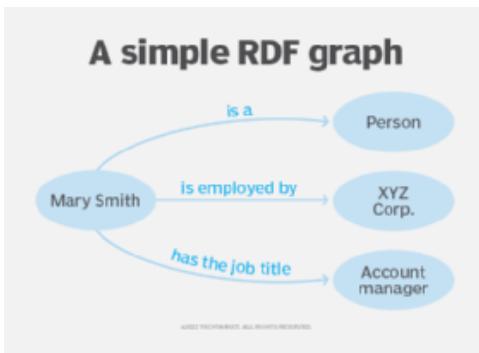
# What is DCAT?

## Data Catalog Vocabulary (DCAT) - Version 2

W3C Recommendation 04 February 2020

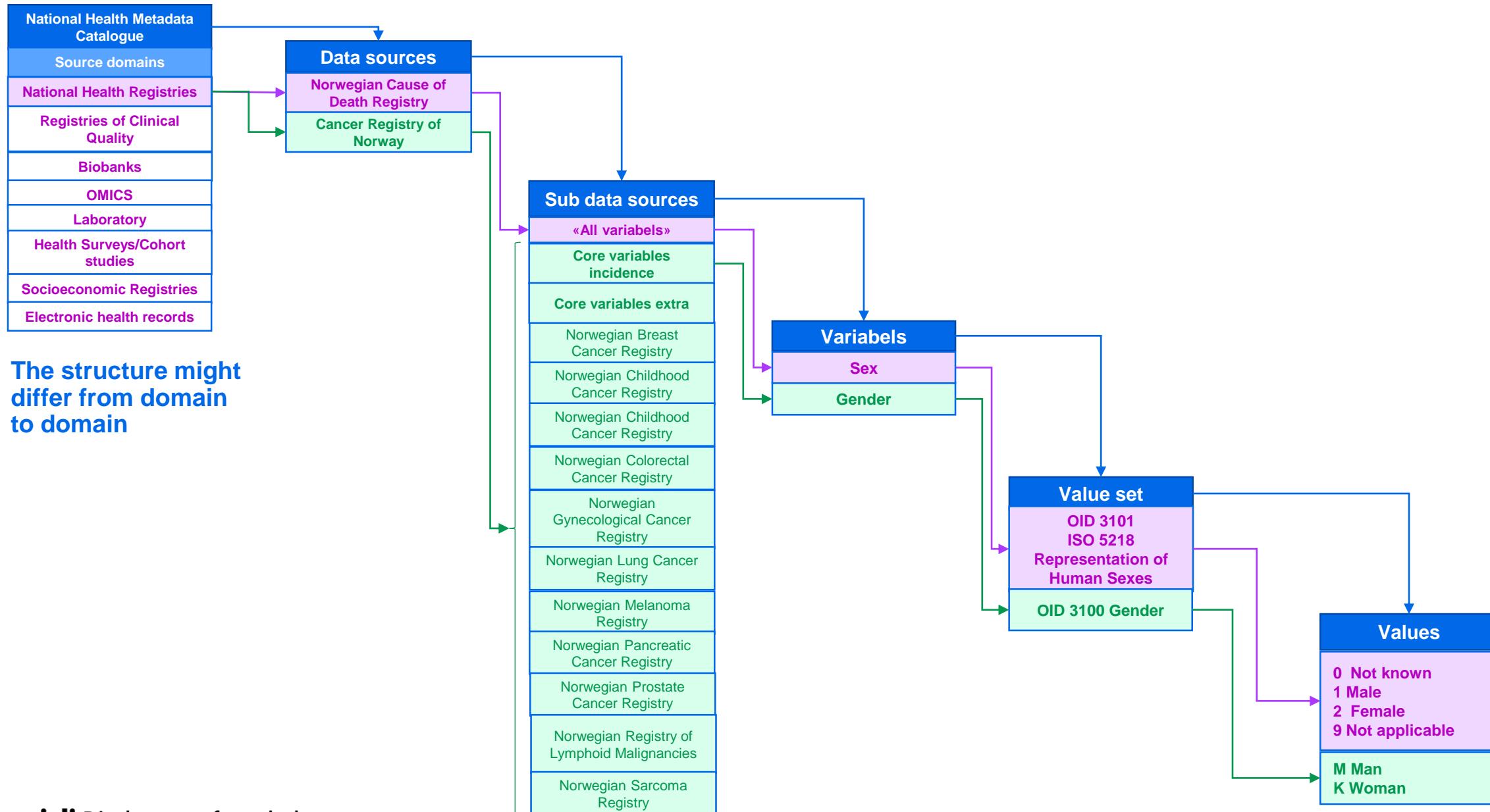
DCAT is an RDF vocabulary designed to facilitate interoperability between data catalogs published on the Web. This document defines the schema and provides examples for its use.

DCAT enables a publisher to describe datasets and data services in a catalog using a standard model and vocabulary that facilitates the consumption and aggregation of metadata from multiple catalogs. This can increase the discoverability of datasets and data services. It also makes it possible to have a decentralized approach to publishing data catalogs and makes federated search for datasets across catalogs in multiple sites possible using the same query mechanism and structure. Aggregated DCAT metadata can serve as a manifest file as part of the digital preservation process.

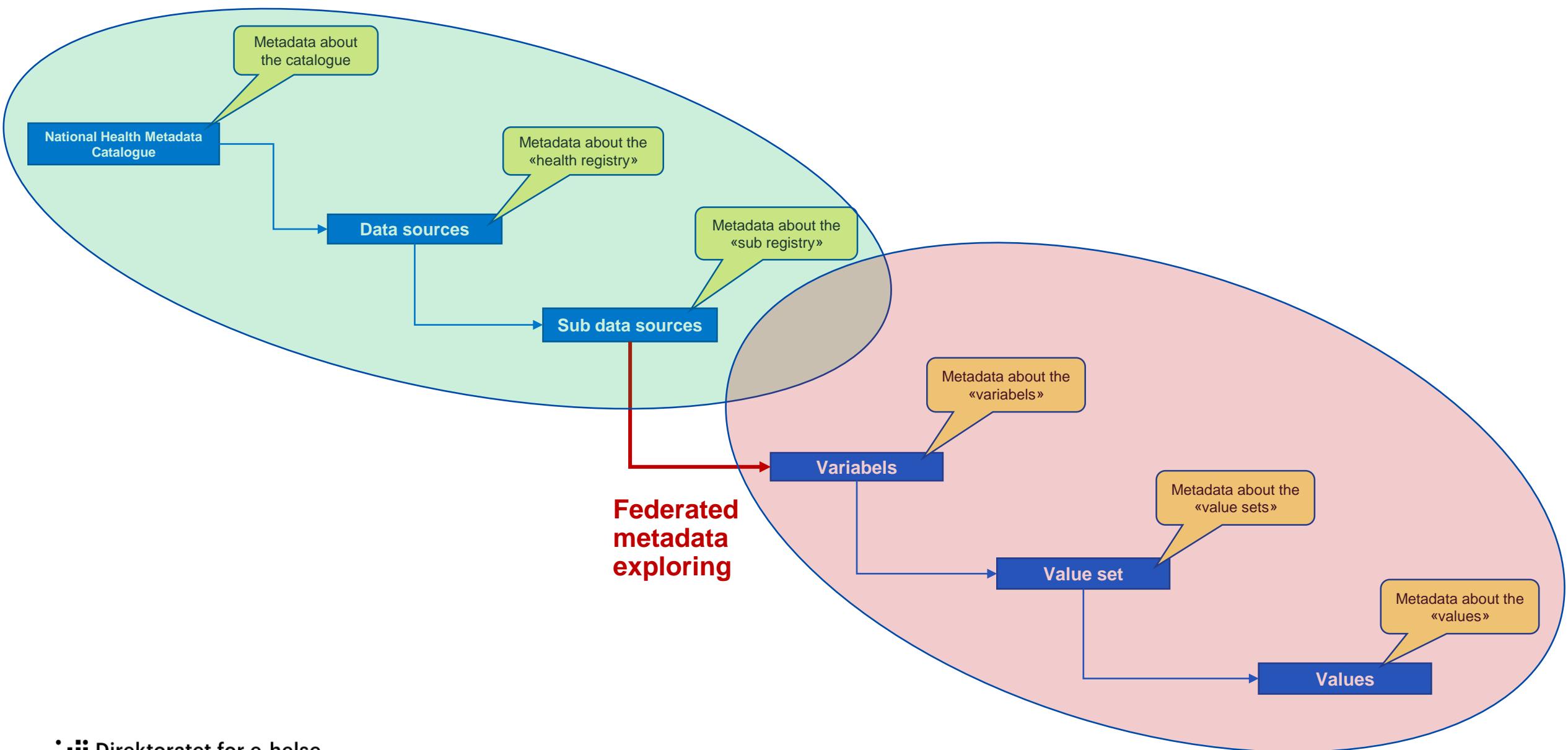


- RDF vocabulary
- Interoperability between catalogs
- Describe datasets and data services
- Vocabulary (controlled)
- Decentralized approach and federated research across catalogs
- Using the same query mechanism and structure
- **This can increase the discoverability**

# Common understanding of the break down structure of data sources



# DCAT covers (so far) metadata on register and sub-register level (about datasets)



## National Data Catalogue

# Norwegian Cause of Death Registry

Dataset description published in Felles datakatalog on 08.06.2022

Owner: Direktoratet for e-helse

Metadata quality:  49 %

 Non public data

Health

Description

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## Distributions (1)

### Norwegian Cause of Death Registry

 csv

#### Format

csv

#### AccessURL

<http://helsedata.no> 

#### License

<https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/2014-06-20-43> 

#### Description

Helsedata.no provides guidance and tools to access high quality health data for research and innovation purposes.

## Dataset usage

[More information about this dataset](#) 

## Provenance

### Update frequency

annual

### Issue date

01.01.1928

## Keywords

Health, Health registry, Health data

## Restrictions

### Spatial

<https://publications.europa.eu/resource/authority/country/NOR> 

## Contact information

### Contact point

[https://helsedata.no/no/forvaltere/folkehelseinstituttet/do\\_dssarsregisteret/](https://helsedata.no/no/forvaltere/folkehelseinstituttet/do_dssarsregisteret/) 

## Data Community

This dataset has no mentions in our data community 

Do you have questions or comments regarding the dataset?

The comment will be visible for others and may be answered here.

[Log in to post a question](#)

National Health Metadata Catalogue

# Norwegian Cause of Death Registry

Norwegian Institute of Public Health • National health registry • 1951 •

The Norwegian Cause of Death Registry contains information on deaths and causes of death in Norway from 1951 until today. The registry is an important source of information about the state of health and mortality in the population, and about the changes in causes of death over time.

[Other](#) [Physical health](#)

**Contents**

- [Variables](#)
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- [Apply for access to data](#)
- [Contact](#)

## Variables

 Go to the variable overview to create variable lists and to see detailed information about the variables in this data source.

[View variables from data source](#)

## Criteria for data access

The data sources have different purposes and are regulated by different laws and regulations. In order to access information from the data sources, what you plan to use the information for must be in accordance with the purpose of the data source.

The types of approvals and documents you must submit to access information depend on what you are applying for, what you are going to use the information for and how you are going to process it. We therefore recommend that you take the time to familiarize yourself with the application guides before starting the application process:

[Application guide for anonymous, aggregated data \(statistical data\)](#)  
[Application guide for personally identifiable data](#)

## Apply for access to data

 You can apply for access to data from the registry via the application forms at [helsedata.no](#).

[+ Create new application](#)

## Contact

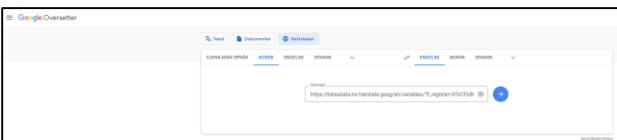
 [datatilgang@fhi.no](mailto:datatilgang@fhi.no)

**LINKS**

[Data source homepage](#) 

The screenshot shows a user interface for managing variables. At the top, a search bar and a 'Log in to save variables' button are visible. Below the search bar, a sidebar titled 'Data sources' lists several categories, with 'The cause of death register' expanded to show sub-options like 'All variables (39)', 'Deceased (8)', and 'Sex'. The 'Sex' option is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'Find variables (8 hits)' and displays a table with columns for 'Variable', 'Data source', 'Data collection', and 'Variable group'. Each row corresponds to a variable from the cause of death register, such as 'The cause of death register', 'All variables', 'The deceased', and 'Sex'.

Variable	Data source	Data collection	Variable group
The cause of death register	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
All variables (39)	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Deceased (8)	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Sex	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Resident in Norway at the time of death	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Identifier type: identity	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Date of death	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Date of birth	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased
Age in years	The cause of death register	All variables	The deceased



Kjønn	The cause of death register	All variables
<b>Kjønn</b>		
Description	Data source	
Avdødes kjønn.	Dedsårsaksregisteret	<a href="#">Alle variabler</a>
	Variable group	
	Avdøde	
<a href="#">Data</a>	<a href="#">Details</a>	
		
<b>Value set (Codes) with statistics</b>		
Values	Categories	Distribution
0	Ikke kjent	0 %
1	Mann	<div style="width: 48.2%;"><div style="width: 48.2%;"></div></div> 48.2 %
2	Kvinne	<div style="width: 51.8%;"><div style="width: 51.8%;"></div></div> 51.8 %
9	Ikke spesifisert	0 %
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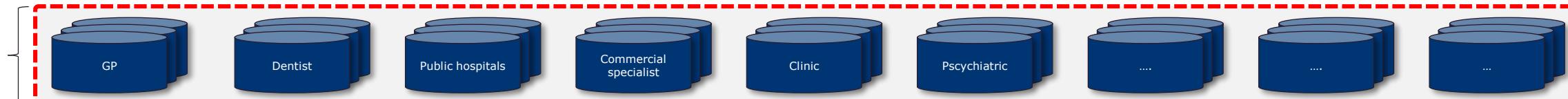
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# Makes it easier to find the right data source for your purpose

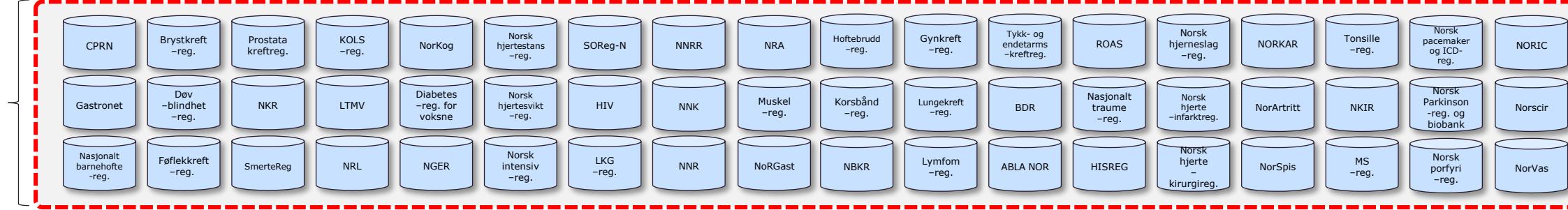
## Patient journals



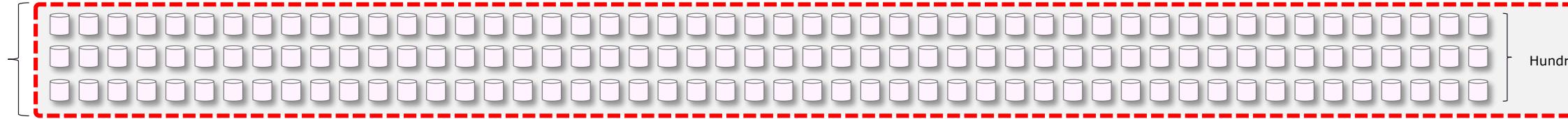
## National/Central health registers



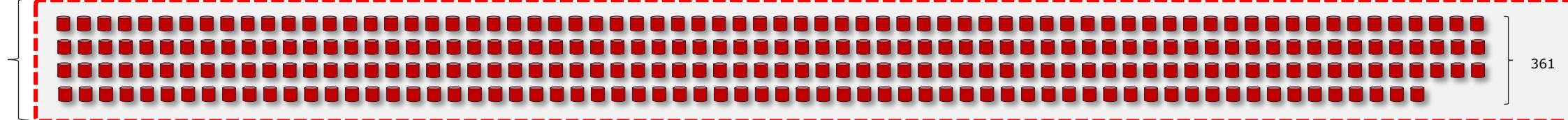
## National medical quality registers



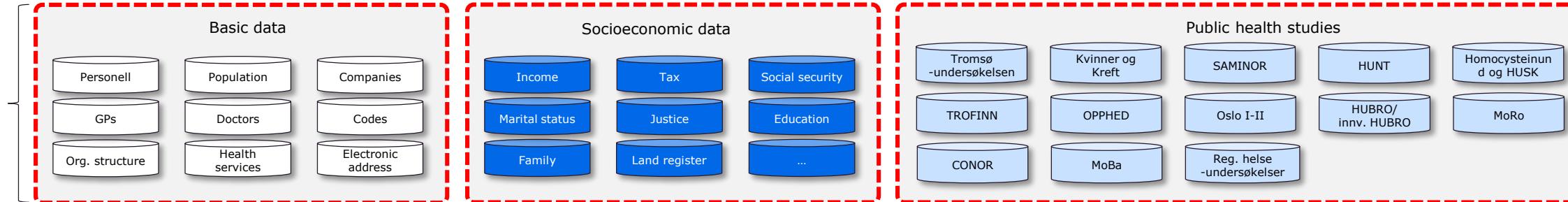
## Other medical quality registers



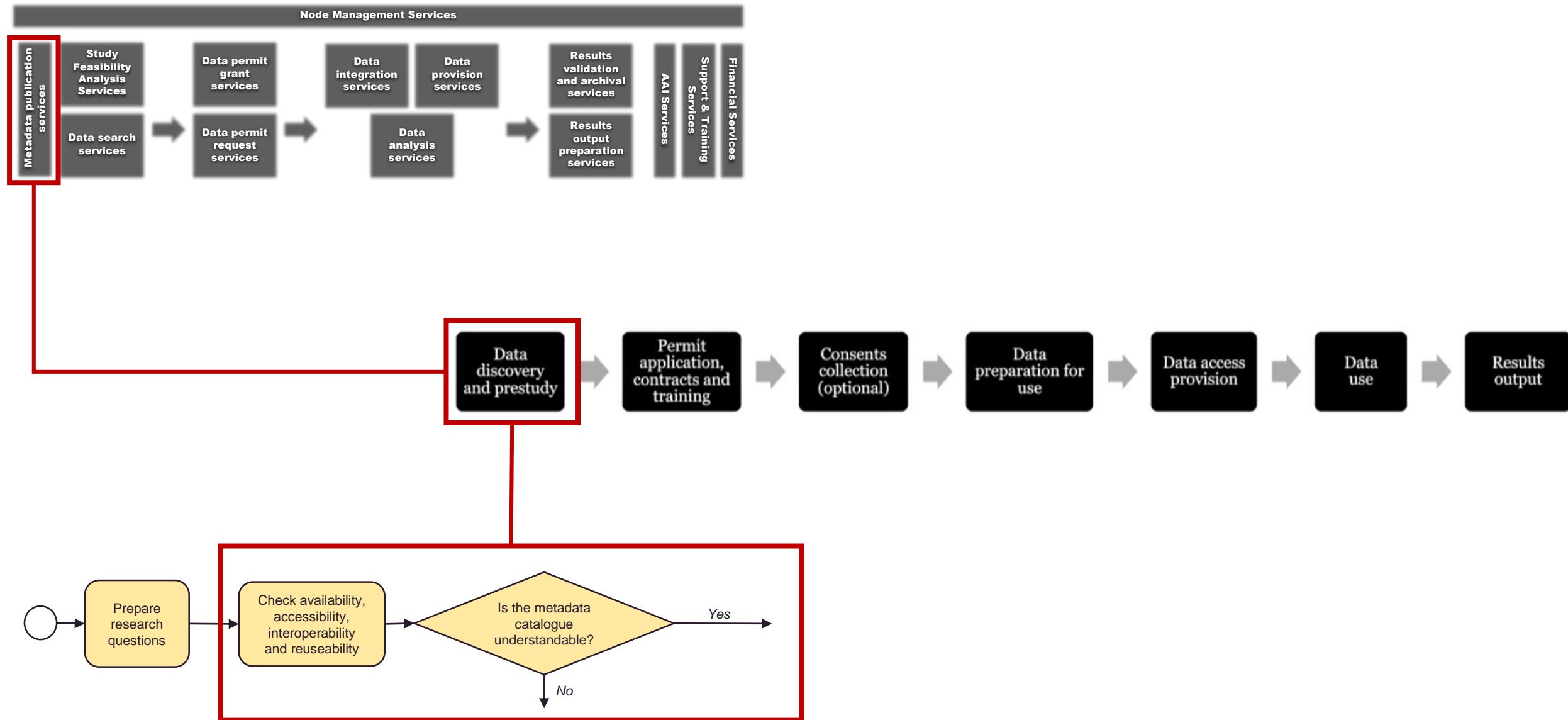
## Biobanks



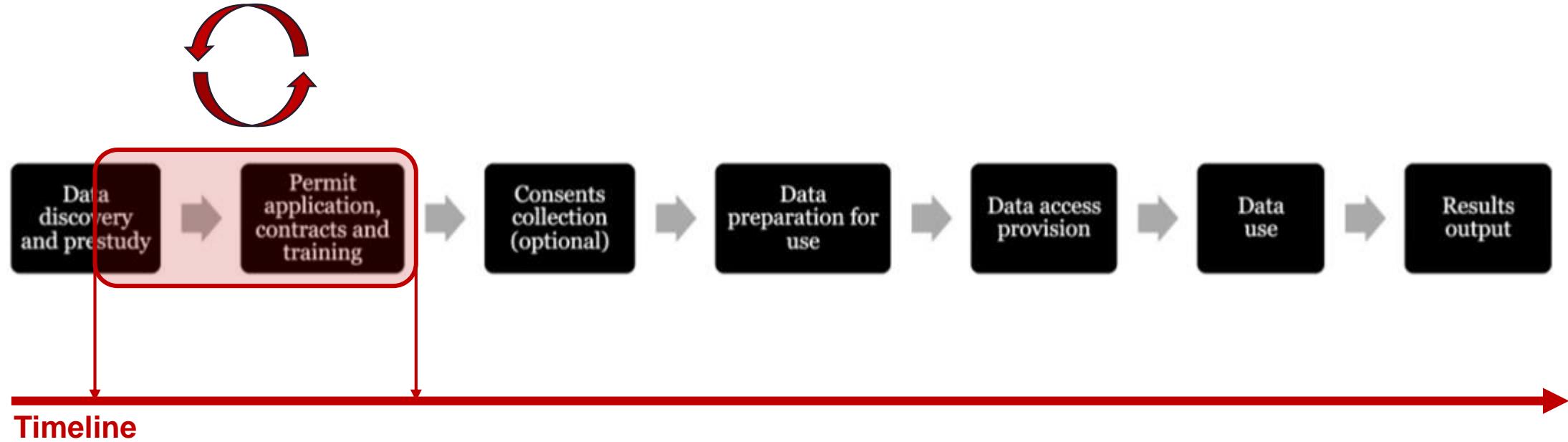
## Other



# The first step in a users journey



# Reducing time to find and choose the right variables



Create, share, discuss and the variabel list to your application ([www.helsedata.no](http://www.helsedata.no))

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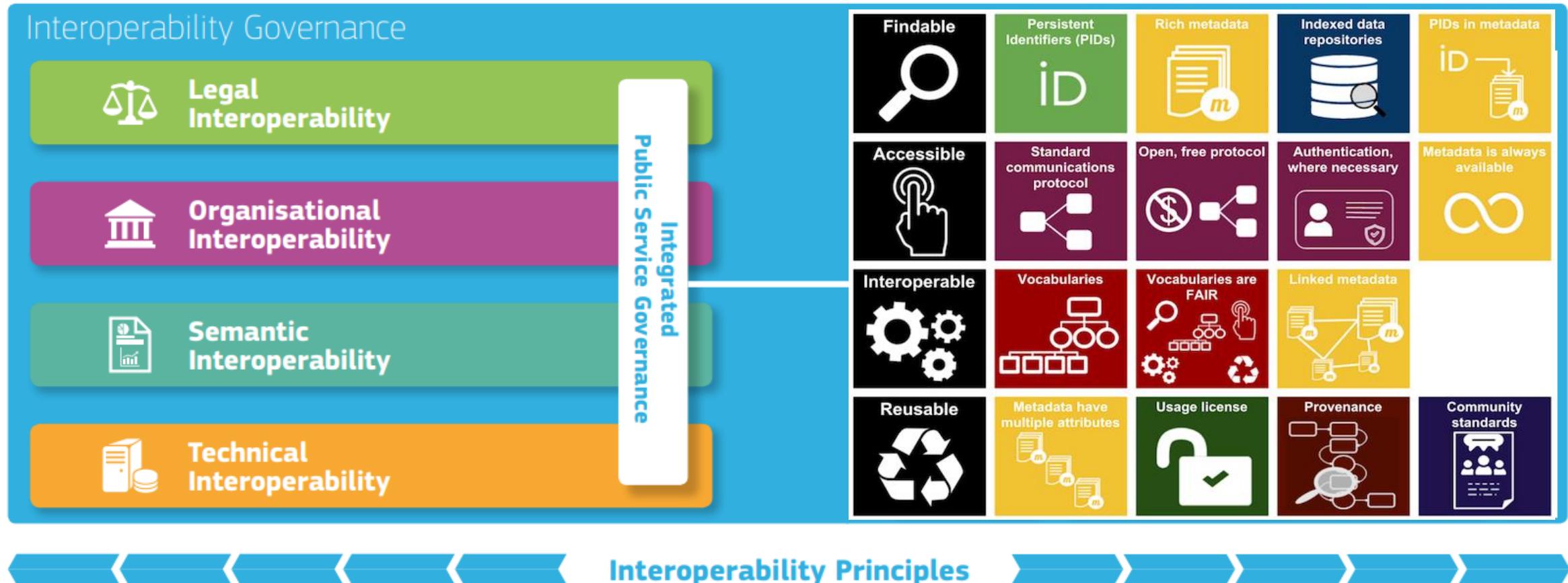
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# FAIR operationalizes the European Interoperability Framework

## A common language between, arhitects, technicans and researchers



# DCAT operationalize the FAIR criterias

...and makes it possible for machines to share and validate the quality of metadata.... among others



## TO BE FINDABLE:

- F1. (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and eternally persistent identifier.
- F2. data are described with rich metadata.
- F3. (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource.
- F4. metadata specify the data identifier.

## TO BE ACCESSIBLE:

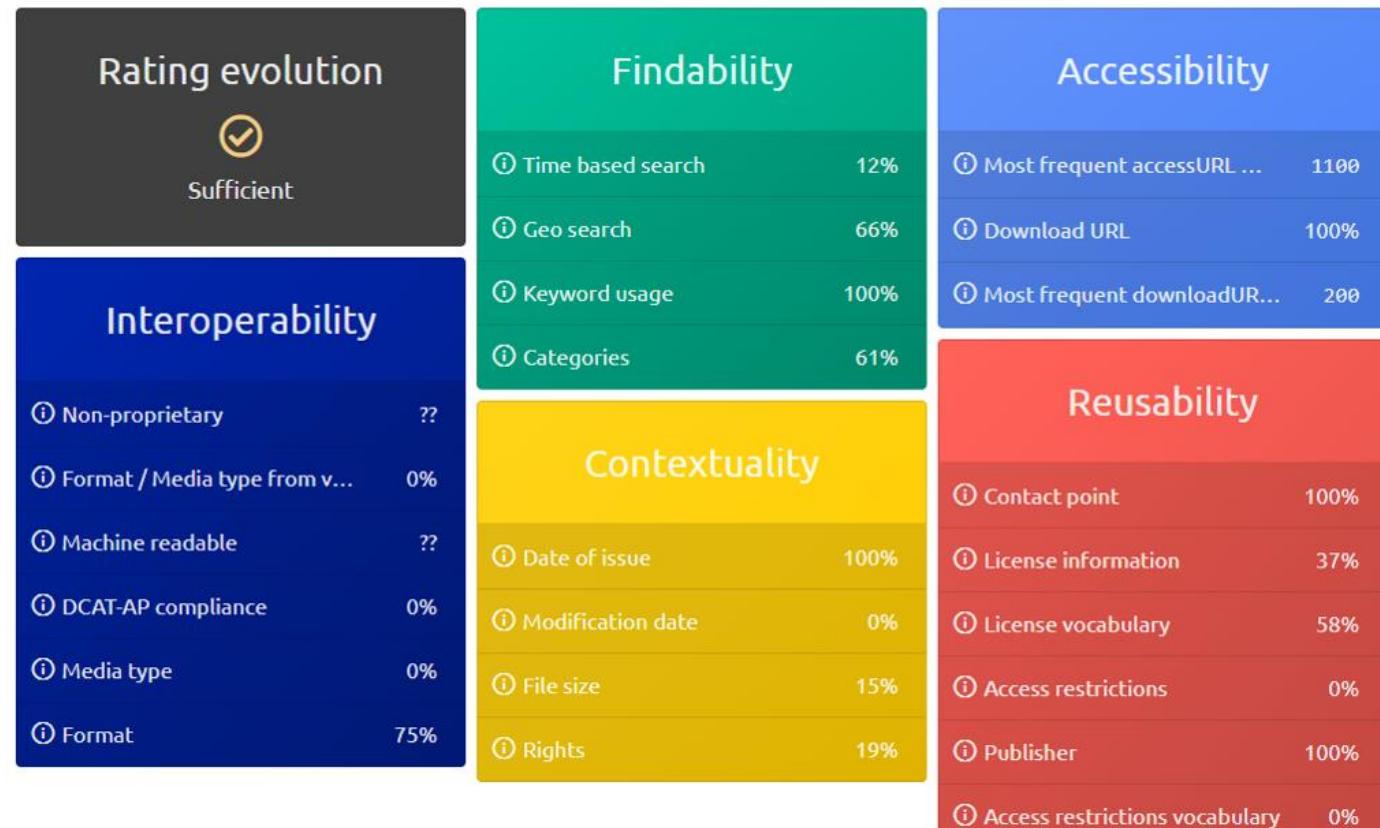
- A1 (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol.
- A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable.
- A1.2 the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary.
- A2 metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available.

## TO BE INTEROPERABLE:

- I1. (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles.
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data.

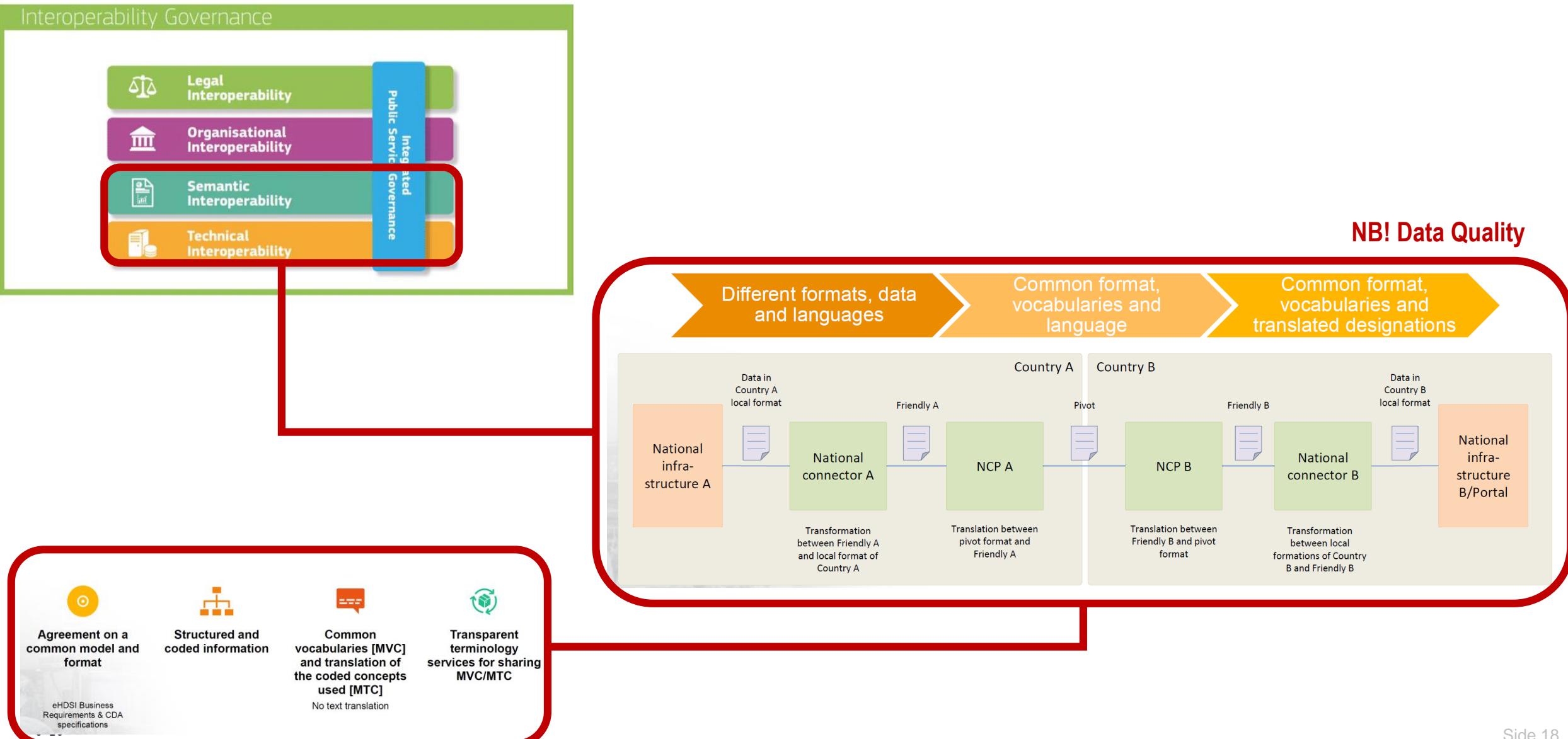
## TO BE RE-USABLE:

- R1. meta(data) have a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes.
- R1.1. (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license.
- R1.2. (meta)data are associated with their provenance.
- R1.3. (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards.

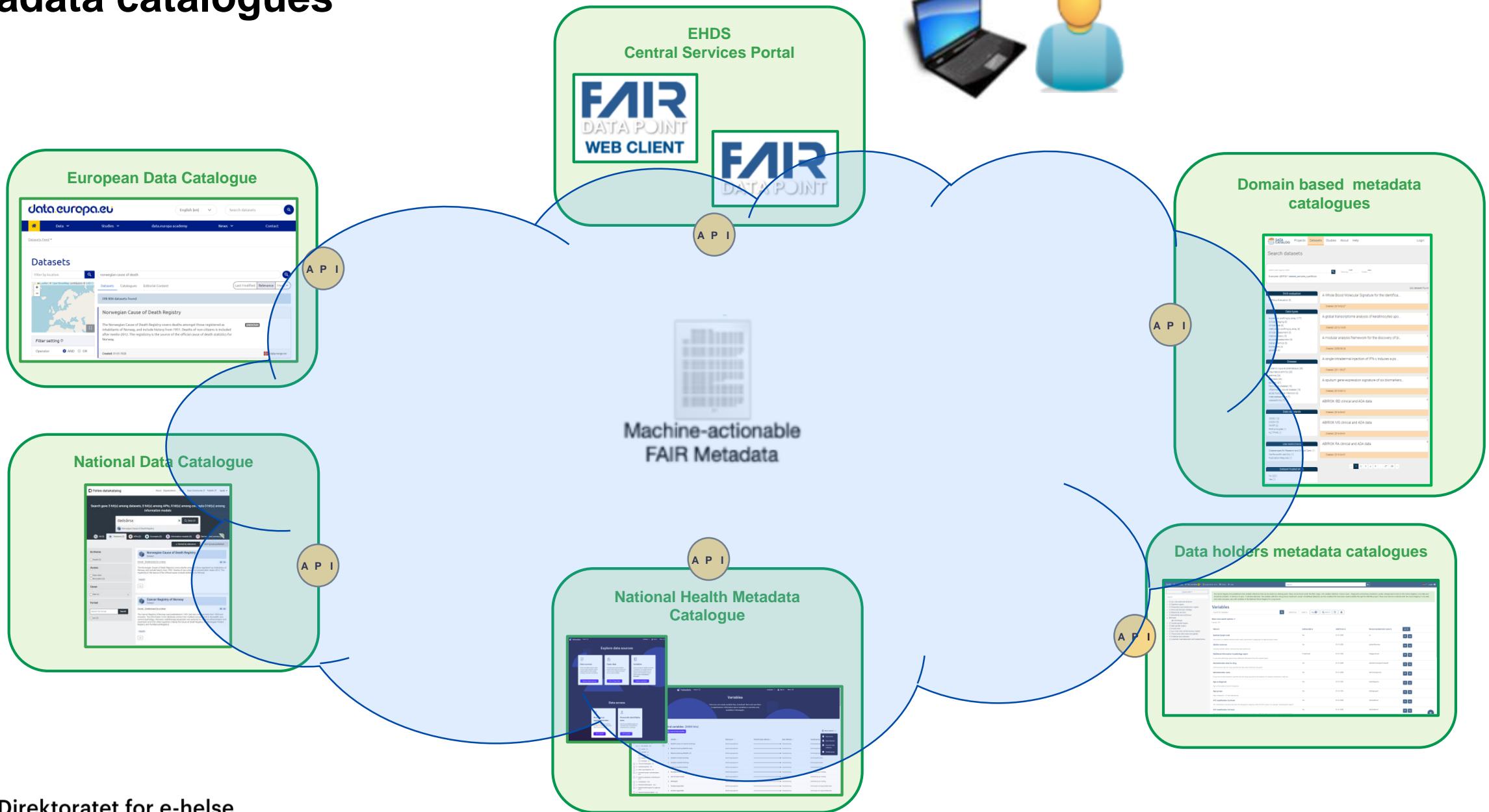


# Common framework for interoperability and standards

## European Interoperability Framework (EIF)



# Standardization is prerequisites for an efficient federated ecosystem of metadata catalogues



# The jungle of standards

Descriptions	Content	Examples	Typology	Utility	Domain	Ex. Standards
Frameworks and "high level" standards and terminologies	How to describe data and concepts used for descriptions	Principles, ConceptSystem, Concepts, Structure				FAIR-principles ISO 11179 (Metadata) GSIM (Metadata) HL7 FHIR (Interoperability)
"High level" metadata standards	Attributes/properties to describe the dataset and more	Title, Description, Owner, Publisher, Identifier				DataCite DDI (Document, Discover and Interoperate) Dublin Core DCAT-AP SKOS (Simple Knowledge Organization System) DQV (Data Quality Vocabulary) PHIR (Population health) ECRIN (CMRD)/ERIC)(Clinical research data)
Domain specific metadata standards	What should be described and details on how.					MIABIS (Biobanks) ISO 19115-1 (Geographic information Metadata) ORPHANET (Rare diseases) DICOM SPOR (ISO IDMP) (Medical products, drugs and medical substances) PHIR (Population health) ECRIN (CMRD)/ERIC)(Clinical research data)
Common Data Models and semantics	Concepts and terms to define meaning and context for humans and computers.					OMOP (Observational Common Data Model) ORPHANET (Rare diseases) CONTSYS (A system of concepts for the continuity of care) HL7 FHIR SnomedCT Mesh Loinc
Persistent Identifiers	Unique keys for metadata and data	Persistent Identifiers for researchers, Data Sets				DOI (OID) OPCID

**We need standardized, structured and machine-readable metadata about standards for categorization and sorting**

Health Data Source domains

National Health Registries

Registers of Clinical Quality

Biobanks

OMICS data

Laboratory data

Health Surveys/Cohort studies

Socioeconomic Registers

Electronic health records

Common  
standards

Domain  
specific  
standards

Clinical  
classifications  
and  
terminologies

# Ongoing work in TEHDAS WP6.1

Name	Typology	Utility	Domain	URL	Familiar with?	Widely adopted?	Barriers and challenges	Comments
ISO 8000 1(10)	Metadata standard	Conformance messaging (processing)	Any master data file	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/solutions/dcat-application-profile-data-portals-europe_en">https://ec.europa.eu/isa2/solutions/dcat-application-profile-data-portals-europe_en</a>	No	No		
(ISO 23494)	Meta-data standard	Data provenance	Bio samples	In development here: <a href="https://www.iso.org/standard/80715.html">https://www.iso.org/standard/80715.html</a>	No			This ISO is currently under development with the ISCO/TC 276 biotechnology Technical Committee.
BEACON	Metadata standard	Discoverability	Genomics, clinical data	<a href="https://beacon-project.io">https://beacon-project.io</a>	No+	No, but someone in Oslo is actively promoting using Beacon.	Variant-Disease associations collected from curated resources and the literature. Beacon is an API that allows for data discovery of genomic and phenoclinic data.	I have heard FEGA ( <a href="https://ega.elixir.no/">https://ega.elixir.no/</a> ), which covers whole sequences compared to variants only (Beacon), is about to be more prominently used.
SNOMED-CT	Ontology	Data provenance	EHR, clinical data, claims	<a href="https://www.snomed.org/">https://www.snomed.org/</a>	Yes	No+/Yes-	Health regions, communities and registries have different plans, ambitions and prerequisites to use Snomed CT.  Also challenging to understand joint use of ICD-10/11 and SCT for diagnostic information.	Under implementation in one of four health regions, at some areas in other regions, and in selected registries including the cancer registry.
SPOR (ISO-IDMP)	Ontology	Data provenance	Medical products (drugs and medical substances)		Yes	Not yet, but will be.* The Norwegian Directorate of e-health recommends the use of IDMP for describing product-specific information. The use of Medicinal Product Identifier is recommended throughout the value chain for medicinal products.	Not yet, but will be.* The Norwegian Directorate of e-health recommends the use of IDMP for describing product-specific information. The use of Medicinal Product Identifier is recommended throughout the value chain for medicinal products.	*The Norwegian Medical agency (NoMA) has an ongoing project for developing a new drug database in accordance with IDMP and with a portal to SPOR.
HL7-FHIR	Meta-data standard	Conformance messaging	EHR output, clinical data, registries,	<a href="https://www.hl7.org/fhir/">https://www.hl7.org/fhir/</a> ; <a href="https://art-decor.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page">See also https://art-decor.org/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page</a>	Yes	No, but increasing. The Norwegian Directorate of e-health has issued a high-level recommendation to use HL7 FHIR for integrations based on data sharing in the healthcare sector in 2019. The Directorate also recommends using SMART on FHIR for integration of applications to EHRs.	The use of a selection of national core profiles is a recommended standard in Norway. However, there is a lack of coordination on a national level for development and maintenance of use-case specific FHIR-profiles, implementation guides etc. leading to unwanted variations and inconsistent use. There are also challenges linked to discovery and re-use of existing profiles/implementation guides.	
DICOM	Meta-data standard	Conformance messaging	Medical image	<a href="https://www.dicomstandard.org/">https://www.dicomstandard.org/</a>	Yes	This is the major standard for digital medical applications handling medical imaging and was established in 1992. All hospitals in Norway use DICOM for medical image communication.		

# Overview clinical classifications and terminologies per 02.09.2022

National experts

Domain	Sub domain	International	Finland	Norway	Denmark	Sweden	Iceland	NC preferred	TEHDAS preferred	1+MG	OMOP	Expert (Norway)	Expert (Finland)	Expert (Sweden)	Expert (Denmark)	Expert (Iceland)
Diagnoses	Morbidity	ICD	ICD-10 (National version, Finland)	ICD-10 (National version, Norway)	ICD-10, SKS (National version, Denmark)	ICD-10-SE (national version, Sweden) (ICD7-CD11)	ICD-10 (National version, Iceland)					Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
	Mortality	ICD	ICD-10 International version	ICD-10 International version	ICD-10 International version	ICD-10 International version	ICD-10 International version					Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Diagnose groups/Casemix	Casemix	DRG (Under development in WHO)	NordDRG	NordDRG	NordDRG (Danish adaptation)	DkDRG	NordDRG					Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Health Interventions	Health Interventions (collected files)	ICHI (Under finalization in WHO)	Finnish code system (Toimenpidelukitus) that is based on NCSP	NKPK (consist of all the three mentioned under)	ICHI?	KVÅ			ICHI			Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
	Health Interventions - Surgical Procedures	ICHI (Under finalization in WHO)	Finnish code system (Toimenpidelukitus) that is based on NCSP	NCSP (National version, Norway)	NCSP-DK (National version, Denmark)	KVÅ	NCSP (National version, Iceland)	NCSP				Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
	Health Interventions - Medical Procedures	ICHI (Under finalization in WHO)	Finnish code system (Toimenpidelukitus) that is based on NCSP	NCMP (National version, Norway)	ICD-10, SKS	KVÅ						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
	Classification of Radiological Procedures and nuclear medicine	ICHI (Under finalization in WHO)	Finnish code system (Toimenpidelukitus) that is based on NCSP	NCRP (National version, Norway)	ICD-U/UX , SKS (Classification regarding clinical physiology and nuclear medicine, a classification for results and one for additional coding)	KVÅ						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
	Classification of other health interventions (i.e. environment, participation, public health etc.)	ICHI (Under finalization in WHO)		Not classified in Norway		Classification of social services', interventions and activities (KSI)						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Cancer	Cancer	ICD	ICD-10, ICD-O-3	ICD-10 (Int.) and ICD-O-3	ICD-10, SKS	ICD-O/3.2						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Drugs	Drugs	ATC	ATC	ATC+ other?	ATC	ATC (+ NPL and NSL ?)			SPOR/IDMP	SPOR/IDMP		Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Laboratory	Laboratory	LOINC	LOINC	NLK (NPU)	IUPAC, NPU	NPU	LOINC		LOINC			Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Laboratory	Anatomical pathology			NORPAT (somewhat aligned with ICD-O3.2 and early SNOMED for pathology)		ICD-O/3 ?						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Functioning	Functioning	ICF	ICF	ICF (CY)	ICF	ICF	ICF	ICF				Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Primary care diagnoses	Primary care diagnosis			ICPC-2 and ICD-10	ICPC-2	ICPC-2-DK	ICD-10-SE and a national primary care version of ICD-10-SE (KSH97-P)	ICD-10 (National version, Iceland)				Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
PROMS/PREMS				In quality registries			ICNP					Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Quality Of Life										SF-12, SF-36 or EORTC-QLQ-C30.						
Psykisk helsevern for barn og unge		ICD		PHBU		DSM, ICD-10-SE						Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Nursing				ICNP/Snomed CT	National classification for nursing/care and treatment,	KVÅ (ongoing: ICNP/Snomed CT ?)	ICNP					Marie.Vikdal@ehelse.n				
Smoking	GATS									GATS						
	Lifetime smoking status									Lifetime smoking status						
	Pack-yers									Pack-yers						
Physical activity	IPAQ									IPAQ						
Obesity	BMI									BMI						
	Waist circumference									Waist circumference						

# Metadata standards

## Metadata Specifications

The core objective of the workshop will be to investigate and advance alignment between the cross-disciplinary and domain-specific metadata standards, and to bridge from standards focusing on collection-level to variable-level metadata.

Metadata standards that may be considered include<sup>4</sup>:

- Study- or collection-level: DCAT, Dublin Core, ISO 19115-1, DDI 4
- Variable and dimension level
  - Microdata: DDI 4, W3C SSN, FHIR-HL7, CDISC, EML, SensorML, GSIM
  - Aggregate data: W3C DataCube, ISO 19123, Frictionless data
- Provenance: W3C PROV-O, ISO 19115-2
- Workflows/data transformation: DDI 4

Data transformations to prepare data for analysis may be described in machine-actionable form. DDI 4 uses some patterns of BPMN to achieve this, and CSV on the Web addresses transformation of tabular data into semantic form.

## Reuse existing vocabularies for providing metadata to your resources

### General purpose standards and specifications:

- **Dublin Core** for published material (text, images), <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/>
- **FOAF** for people and organisations, <http://xmlns.com/foaf/spec/>
- **SKOS** for concept collections, <http://www.w3.org/TR/skos-reference>
- **ADMS** for interoperability assets, <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-adms/>

### Specific standard for datasets:

- **Data Catalog Vocabulary DCAT**, <http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat/>

### Specific usage of DCAT and other vocabularies to support interoperability of data portals across Europe:

- **DCAT application profile for data portals in Europe**, [http://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat\\_application\\_profile/description](http://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/description)

DCAT Application Profile for data portals in Europe (DCAT-AP) reuses terms from DCAT, Dublin Core, FOAF, SKOS, ADMS and others.

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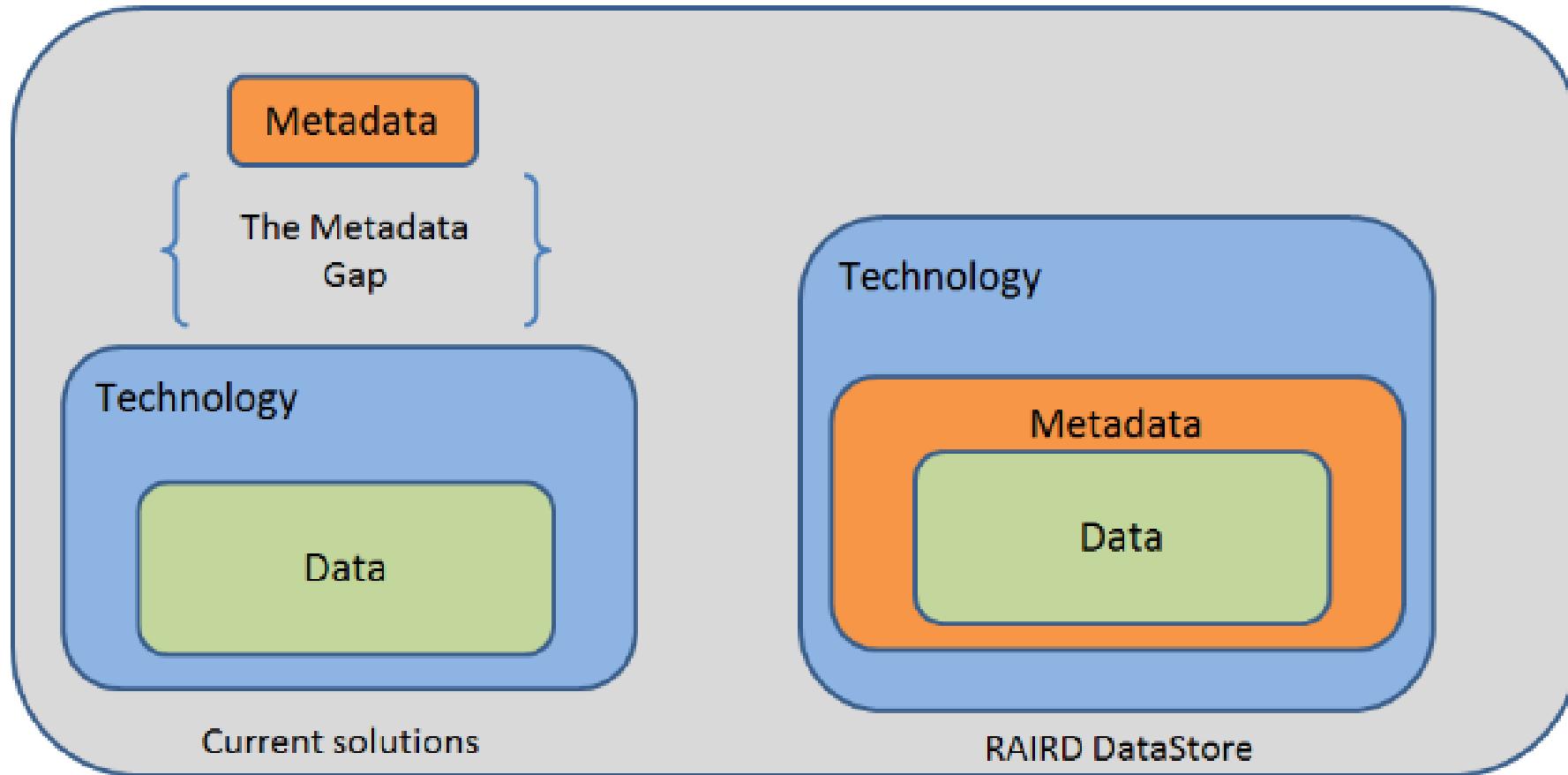


Figure 5 - The Metadata Gap and the RAIRD DataStore

# Mapping key variables from national key registers to a common information model

Table 1 Key Variables in the Nordic Total Population Registers

Variables
Personal identity number
Sex
Date of birth
Country of birth
Name
Address, including date of address changes
Immigration and date
Emigration and date
Civil status, including changes in and personal identity number of spouse or registered partner
Kinship, including personal identity number of parents, siblings, and children
Date of death

Table 2 Selected Key Variables in the Nordic Birth Registries

Information Type	Variables
Basic information	The personal identity number of the infant The personal identity number of the mother The personal identity number of the father <sup>a</sup>
Delivery information	Date of birth Place of birth Presentation at birth (eg, cephalic, breech, or shoulder presentation) Method of delivery Delivery complications Procedures around delivery
Maternal characteristics	Age at birth Height, weight, body mass index <sup>b</sup> Smoking status <sup>c</sup> Parity Diagnoses <sup>d</sup> and complications during pregnancy or delivery Number of previous pregnancies and deliveries
Infant characteristics	Single or multiple birth Sex Gestational age at birth Birth weight Length Head circumference Live or stillborn <sup>e</sup> Health status of the child (Apgar score, infant diagnoses, and treatment) Congenital malformations at birth <sup>f</sup>

Table 3 Selected Key Variables in the Nordic Patient Registries

Information Type	Variables
The patient	Personal identity number Area of residence
Hospital and department	Hospital code Department code/specialty
Admission	Admission date Discharge date Admission type (acute, non-acute, etc.) Patient contact type (eg, inpatient, outpatient) ICD diagnoses (primary and secondary/ additional codes) Surgical and medical procedure codes

Table 7 Selected Key Variables in the Nordic Causes of Death Registries

Information Type	Variables
The person	Personal identity number Place of residence
The death	Date of death (or date of discovery if found dead) Manner of death (natural, accident, violence, suicide, uncertain) Underlying cause of death The immediate or direct cause of death <sup>a</sup> The contributing causes of death Place of death (private residence, nursing home, hospital) Autopsy performed (yes/no) Type of autopsy (clinical, medico-legal)
Physician issuing the death certificate	Hospital physician, GP, health officer, etc

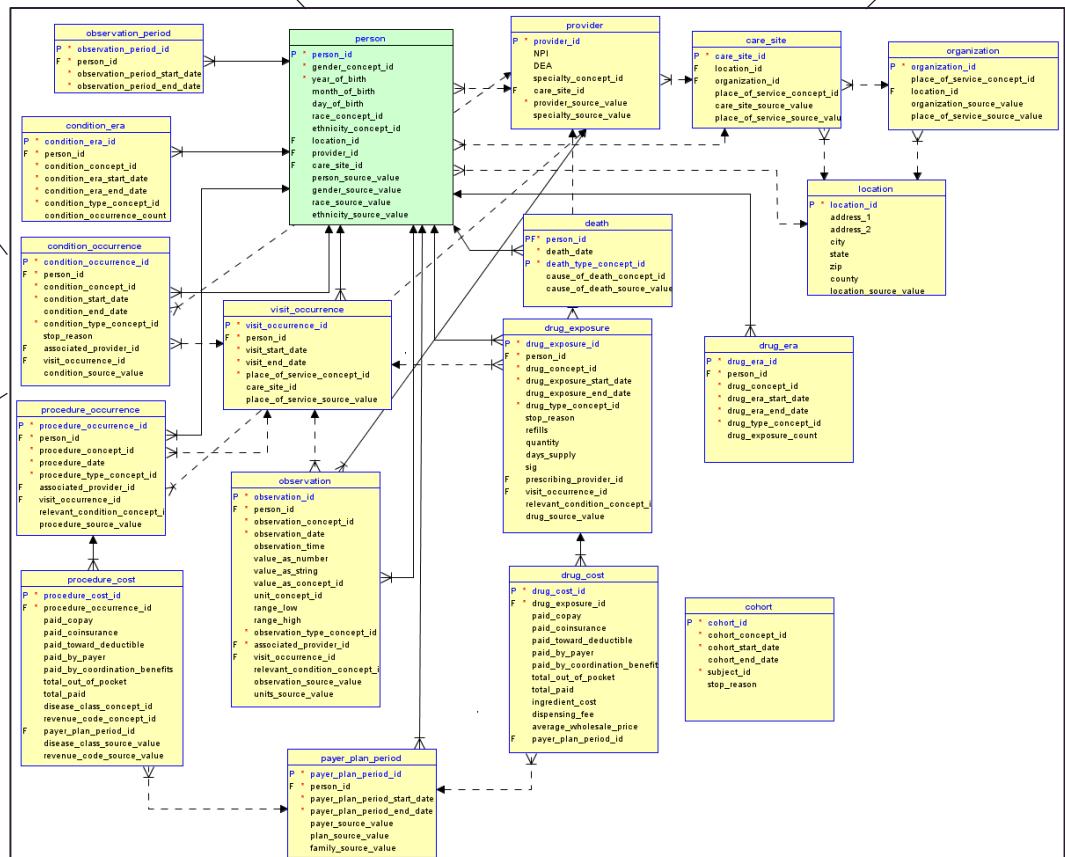


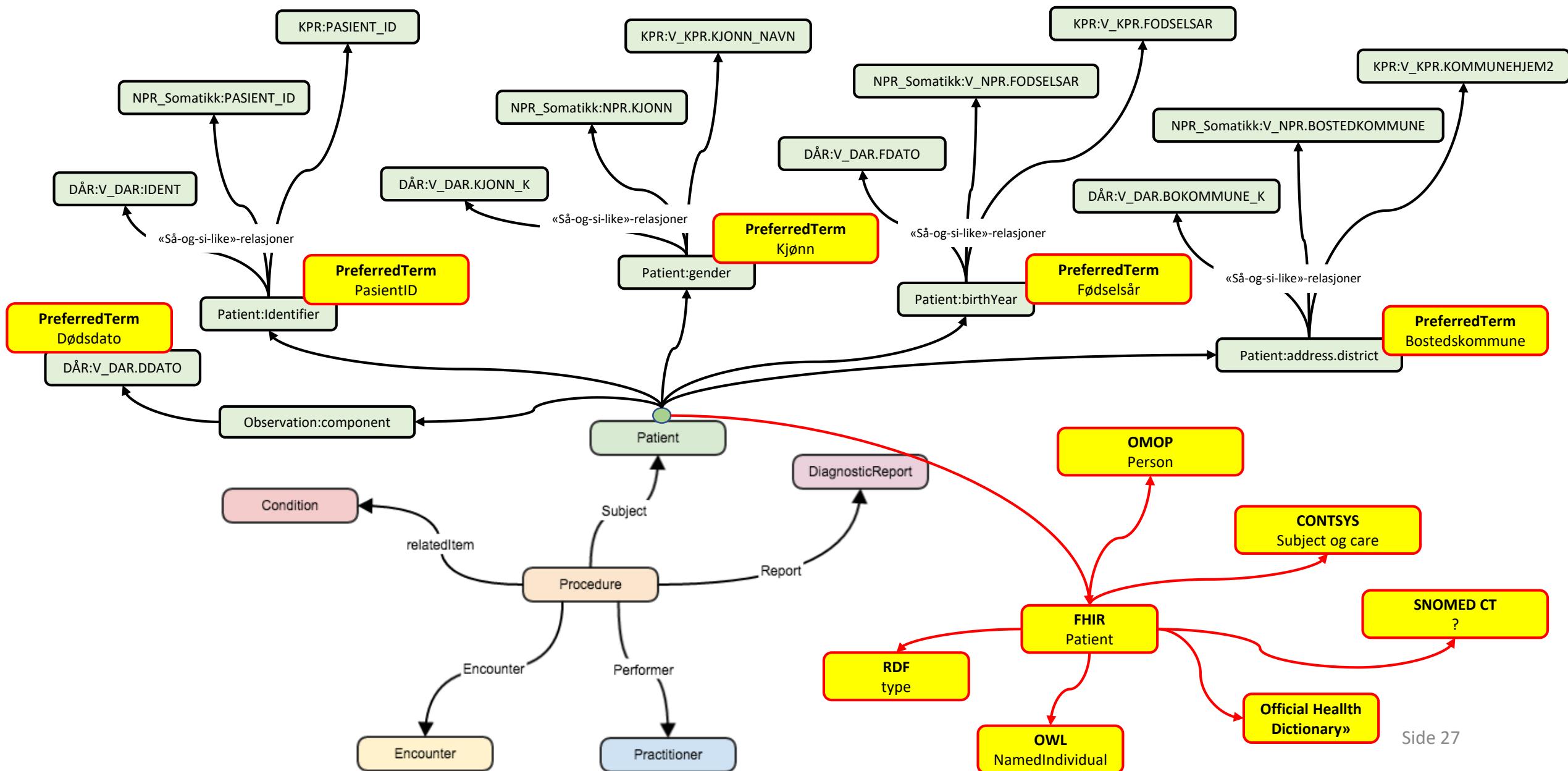
Table 6 Selected Key Variables in the Nordic Prescription Registries

Information Type	Variables
The patient	Personal identity number (or pseudonymized number) Sex Date of birth
The prescriber	Prescriber type (eg, GP, hospital physician, or private physician)
The pharmacy	Identifier Location of the pharmacy <sup>a</sup>
The drug	Date of dispensing Nordic article number (unique identifier) Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical classification (ATC) code Number of packages dispensed Number of tablets in one package Tablet strengths The defined daily dose (DDD) Formulation of the drug Drug reimbursement

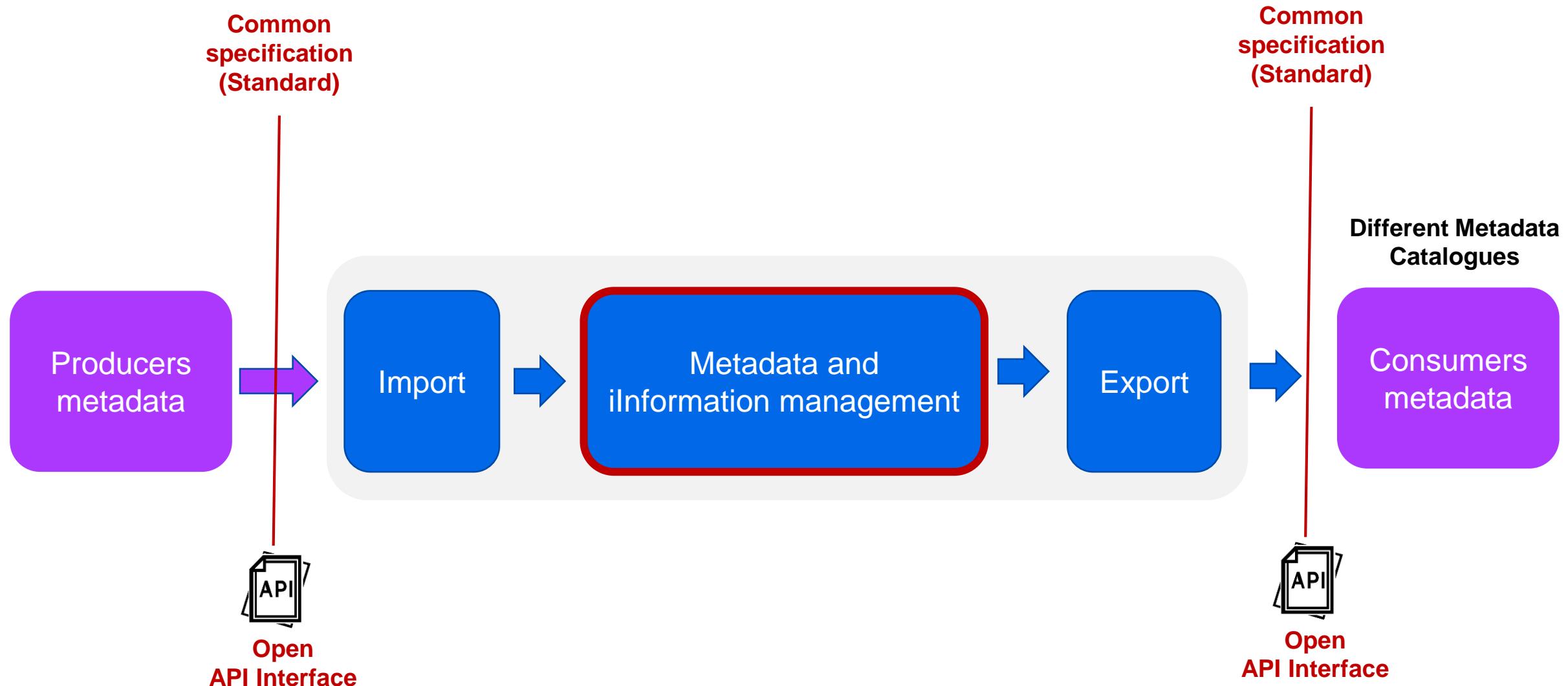
Table 5 Selected Key Variables in the Nordic Cancer Registries

Information Type	Variables
The patient	Personal identity number Date of birth Sex Place of residence (unit) Vital status Date of death
Tumor characteristics	Date of diagnosis Topography (primary site) Morphology/histology Tumor stage or grade <sup>a</sup> Method of confirmation Behavior (malignant, premalignant, and borderline behavior)

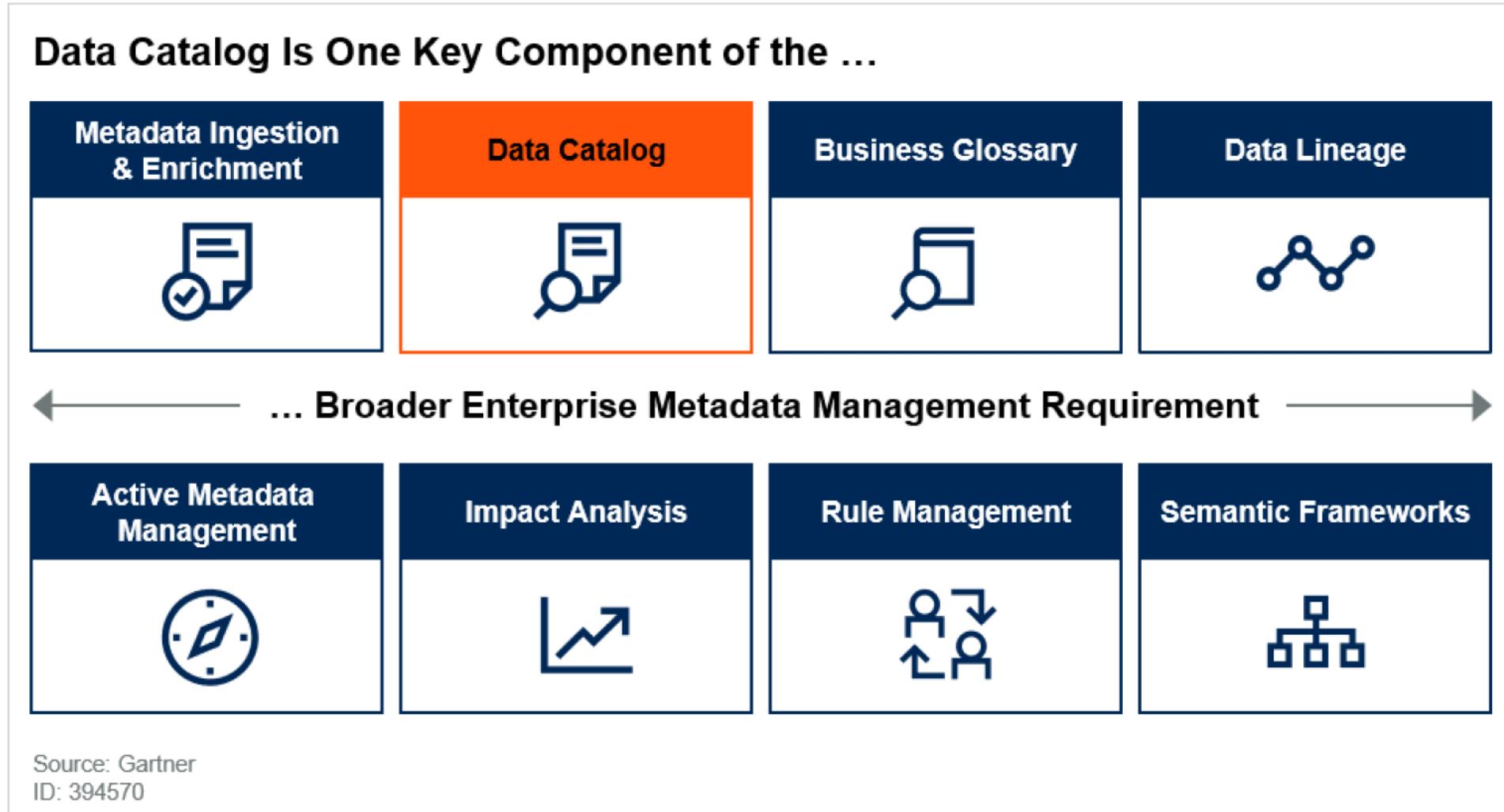
# Understanding the importance of information management



# The Metadata Management Process



# Broader Metadata Management is required!



# The road from «my» metadata to standardized, structured, machine-readable and FAIR metadata

## AS - IS

### Metadata about my data source

Based on any metadata standard?

Based on controlled vocabularies?

Which format are they stored in?

Where can I find the metadata about your data source?

Can I download it?

How can we get there together?



## Machine to machine communication – m2m

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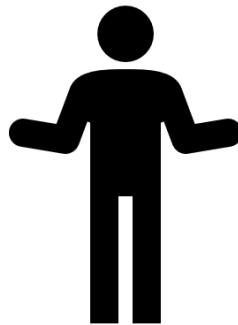
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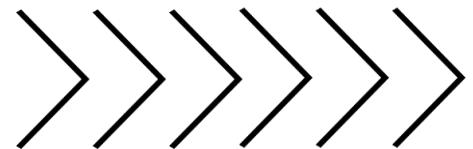
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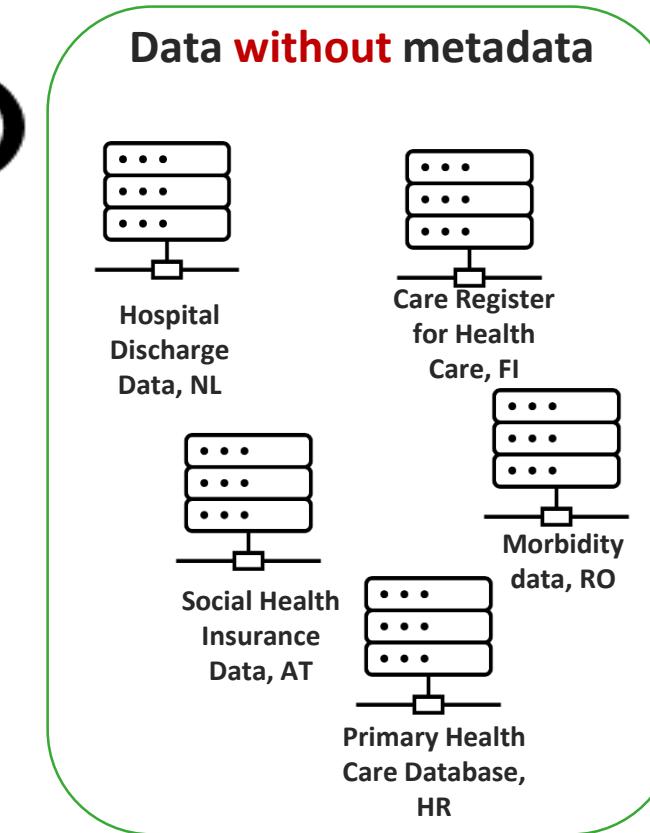
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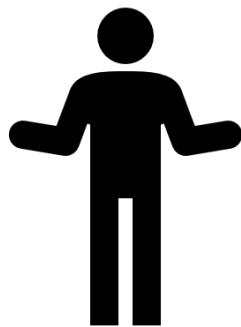
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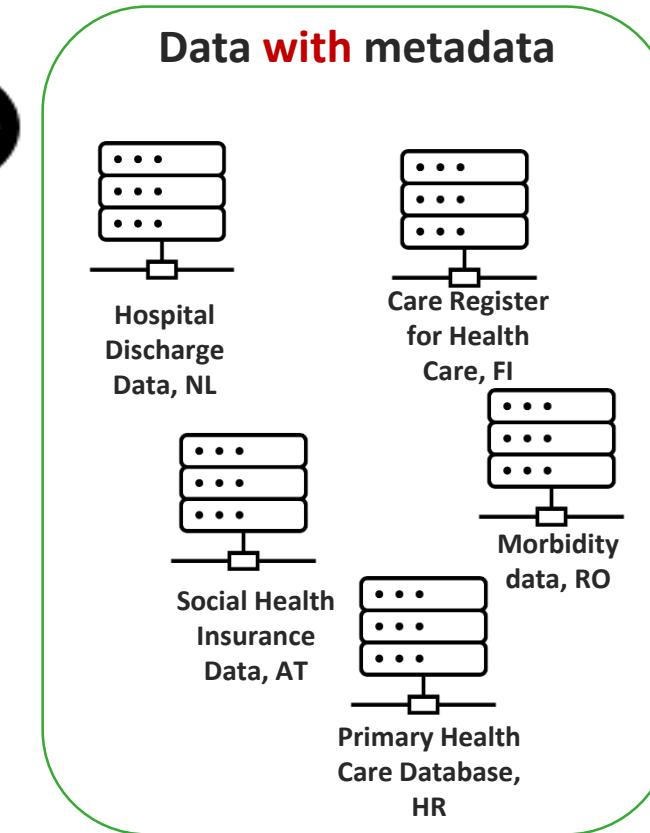
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# CARE REGISTER FOR HEALTH CARE

**OVERVIEW****DEMOGRAPHICS****DATASET****CONTACT****Type of information**

Registry data

**URL of the data source**[Link to Care Register for Health Care](#)**Description**

The purpose of the register is to collect data on the activities of health centres, hospitals and other institutions providing inpatient care and on the clients treated in them as well as on home-nursing clients for the purposes of statistics, research and planning.

More details about collected data at: <https://aineistokatalogi.fi/catalog/studies/7567e45d-72b7-428b-be9e-510440336edf>

**Governance and legal framework**

Based on the Act on the National Institute of Health and Welfare (668/2008 <https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/2008/en20080668?search%5Btype%5D=pika&search%5Bkieli%5D%5B0%5D=en&search%5Bpika%5D=668%2F2008>) and the Act digital handling of record from the social and health care customers (159/2007)

**Free keywords**

ICD-10; disease; Hospital admission

**Topics**

Health status » Morbidity/disability » Accidents &amp; injuries;

Health status » Morbidity/disability » Communicable diseases;



# Care Register for Health Care

## Register description

Register description, in accordance with the Personal Data Act (523/1999)

- Controller
- Person responsible for the register
- Other persons maintaining the register
- Name of the register

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# CARE REGISTER FOR HEALTH CARE

OVERVIEW DEMOGRAPHICS DATASET CONTACT

Country(ies)	Finland
GEO coverage	Nuts 3
Target Population	General popula
Age range	From 0 years
Sex	Both

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<https://www.healthinformationportal.eu/health-information-sources/care-register-health-care#edit-group-demographic>

# CARE REGISTER FOR HEALTH CARE

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**Data Collection Period** From 01 January 1969 to 14 March 2022

**Language(s)** Finnish, Swedish

**Personal Identifier** National identifier

**Level of aggregation** Individual

**Terms of data access**

Access can be provided through Findata (findata.fir)

**Linkage possible** Yes

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# Schema.org & DCAT metadata Standards

## *Why Schema.org*

Schema.org is a metadata standard for the indexation of web pages

- Improves machine to machine communication
- Increases the discoverability of datasets

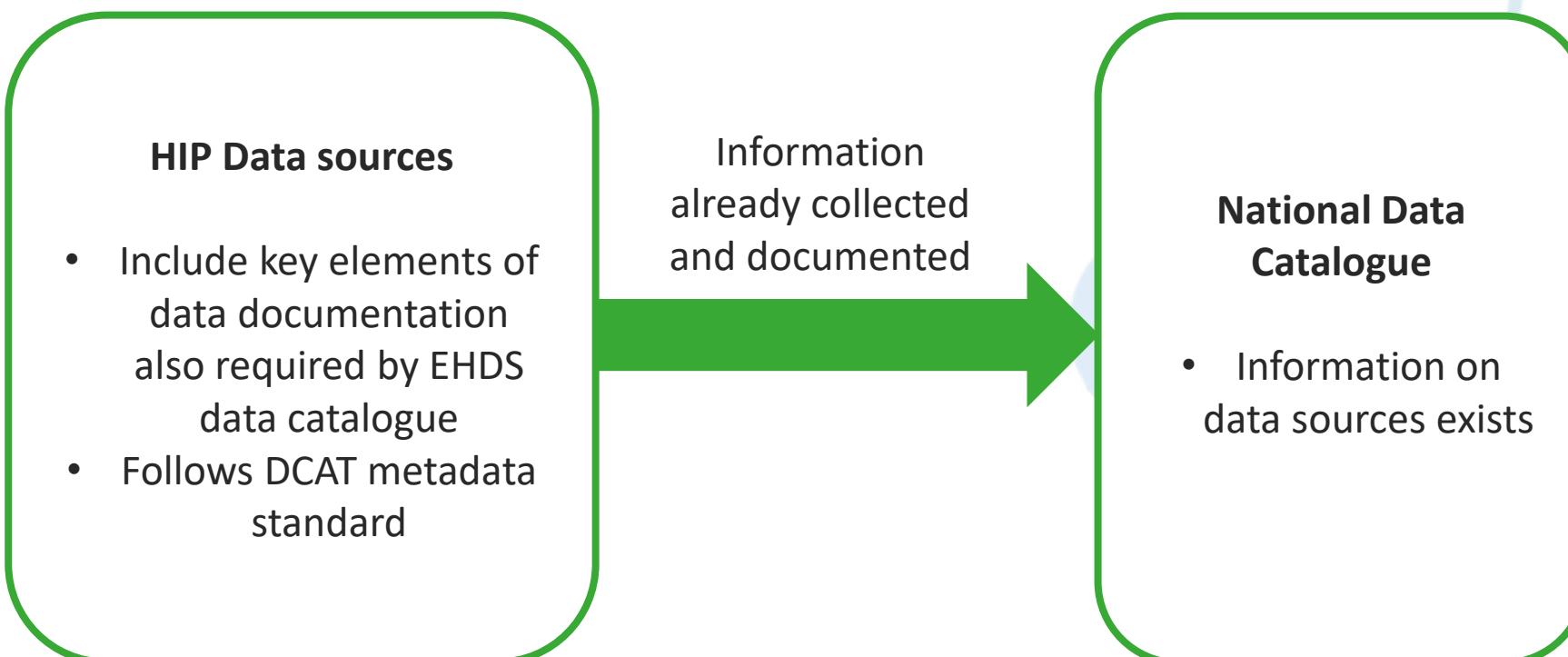
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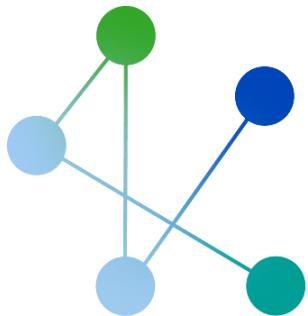
DCAT is a vocabulary for publishing data catalogs on the web

- Facilitates sharing of data & interoperability between data catalogs
- Increases the discoverability of datasets
- Allows federated search for datasets across catalogs in multiple sites

# National data catalogue and HIP data sources

- EHDS regulation proposal: each country should have a national data catalogue (Article 55)





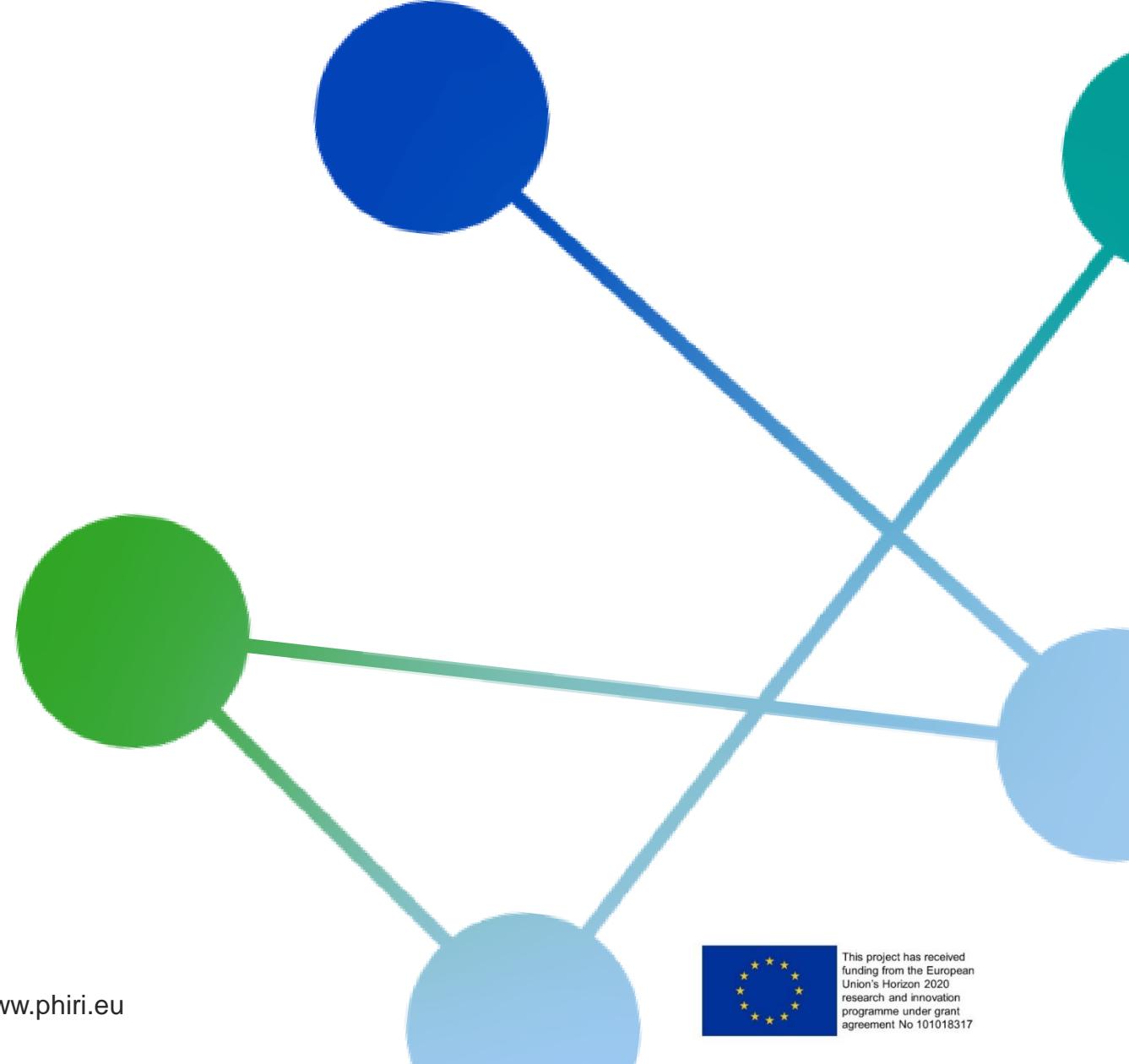
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# The ambition of the European Health Data Space for Secondary Use (EHDS2) Pilot project

Petronille Bogaert – European Public Health Conference 2022 Berlin

# European Health Data Space

Top priority of the European Commission is the creation of a **European Health Data Space (EHDS)**.

**Secondary use of health data:** the use of health data for a different purpose than the one they were initially collected for, e.g. research and policy making



creates and tests a first version of European Health Data Space network

16 partners  
10 countries  
5 million € grant

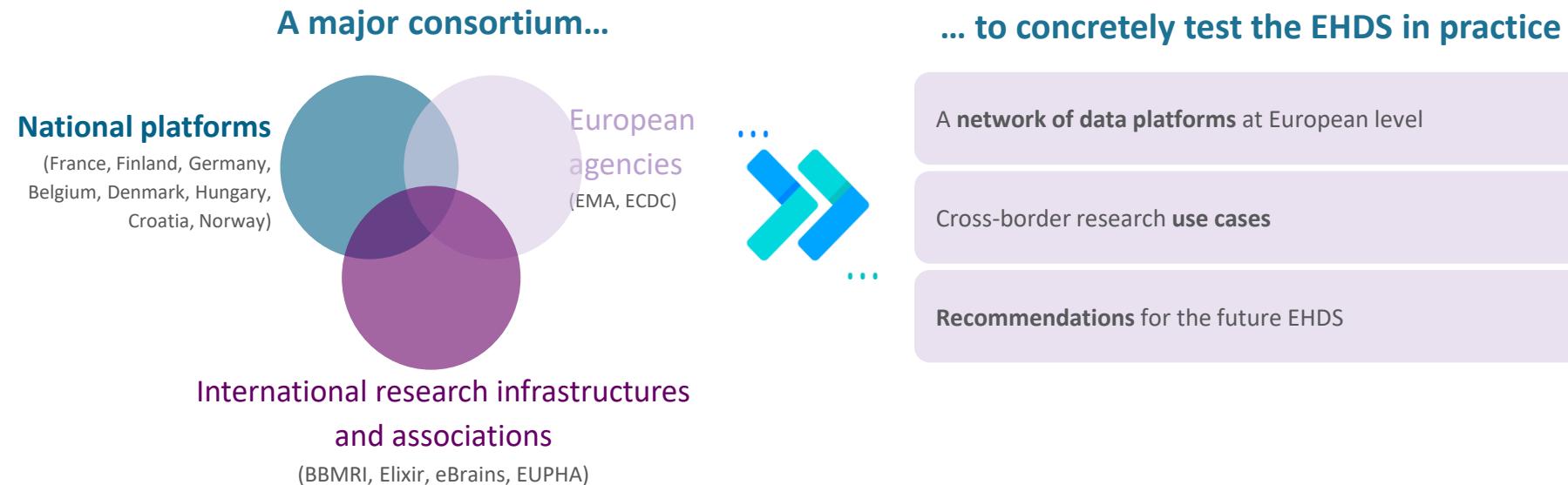
# European Health Data Space: metadata catalogue requirement

**Proposal for a regulation - The European Health Data Space** published on May 3<sup>rd</sup> by the European Commission.

## Section 5 – Article 55.1

*“The health data access bodies shall inform the data users about the available datasets and their characteristics through a **metadata catalogue**. Each dataset shall include information concerning the source, the scope, the main characteristics, nature of electronic health data and conditions for making electronic health data available”*

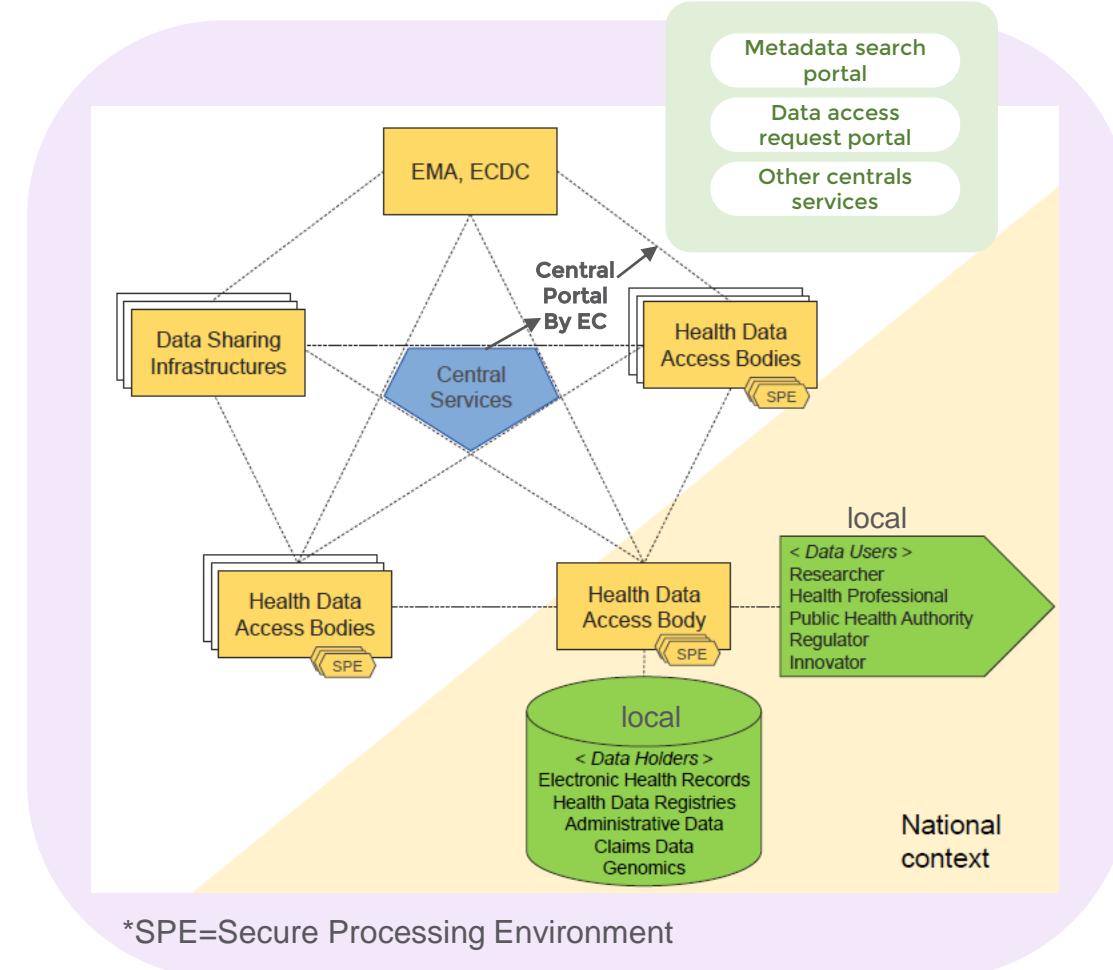
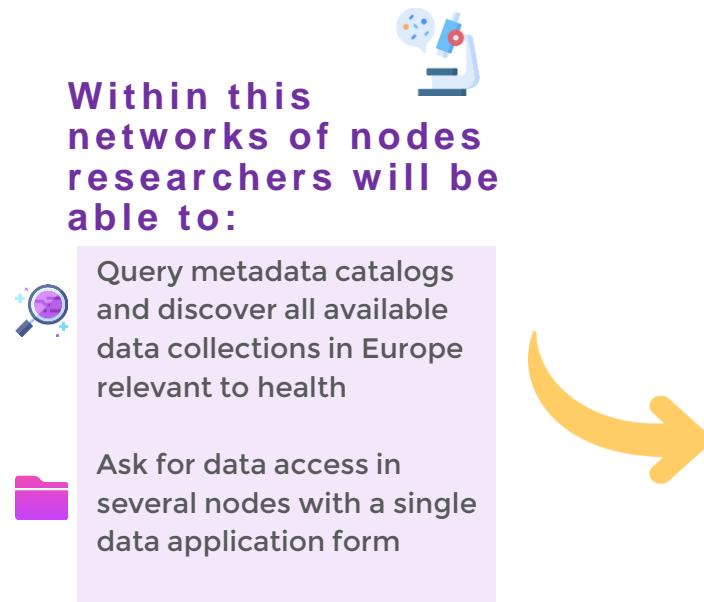
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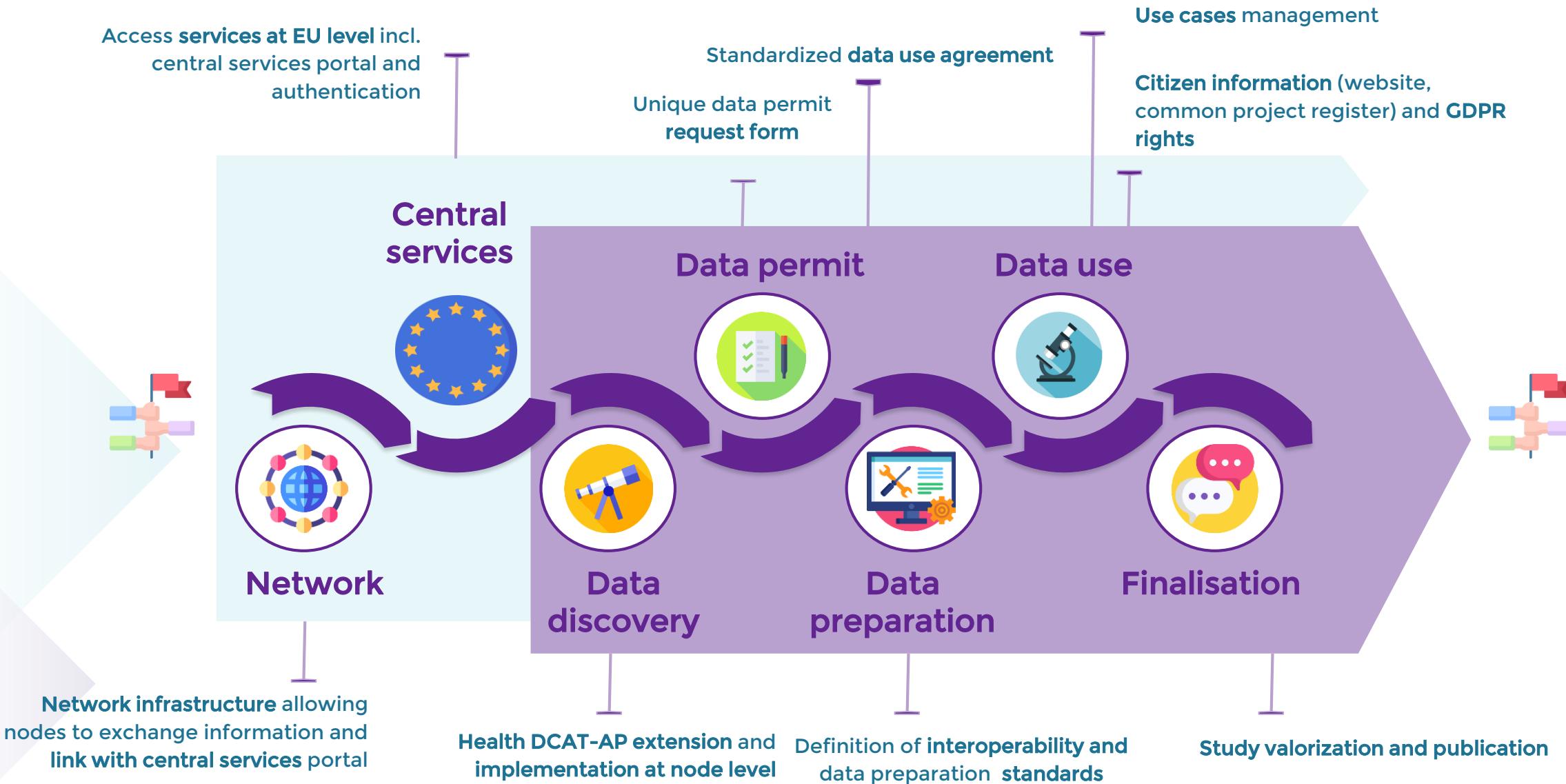
# A consortium of 16 major partners



# The EHDS2 Pilot project: the first European network to facilitate the secondary use of health data

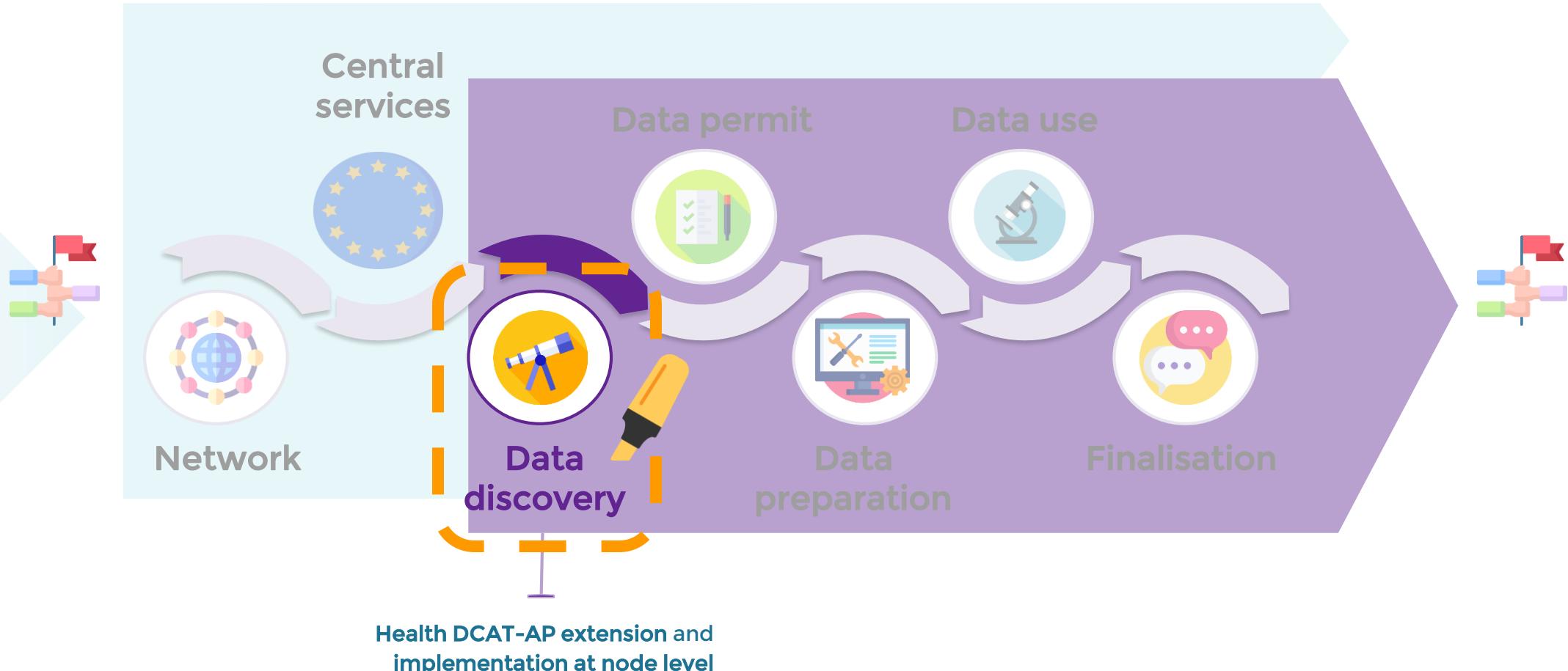


\*SPE=Secure Processing Environment



# Technical WPs to build and test the user journey :

WP5	<p><b>IT INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Building an IT infrastructure connecting the nodes for information exchange and allowing services discovery</p>	 Health Data Lab ( <i>co-leader</i> )
WP6	<p><b>METADATA STANDARDS</b></p> <p>Develop and implement a standardised descriptive metadata for health data portals respecting the FAIR principles and user needs of the EHDS with an Health-DCAT extension. Implement service that exposes on each node the Metadata catalogue of the node</p>	 Health Data Hub ( <i>co-leader</i> )
WP7	<p><b>REGULATORY AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE</b></p> <p>Providing guidelines for harmonizing legal, ethics data access procedures, security requirements and GDPR compliances in order to build a unique data access application for the EHDS and allow cross-border use of data. Implement a portal allowing form filling up and dispatch to different nodes</p>	 Sciensano ( <i>co-leader</i> )
WP8	<p><b>DATA INTEROPERABILITY, QUALITY, AND PROTECTION</b></p> <p>Providing guidelines for data standards including data quality assurance and solutions for query and semantic interoperability. Definition of security prerequisite for transfer. Implementation of Data transfer protocol for use cases.</p>	 BBMRI ( <i>leader</i> )
WP9	<p><b>USE CASES MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Ensure project management for implementing standards on chosen data use cases, provide use cases management (completion, opening of HDW...), and produces recommendations on use cases management procedures and governance.</p>	 Health Data Hub ( <i>co-leader</i> )



# Objectives of WP6



**To develop and implement a standardized descriptive metadata template for health data portals respecting the FAIR principles and user needs of the EHDS.**

Landscape analysis of descriptive metadata catalogue templates used by different MSs/nodes

Design the Health DCAT-AP extension

Implementation and assessment of the descriptive metadata templates based on the Health DCAT-AP extension

Management of development of central search portal

Recommendations on further development and deployment

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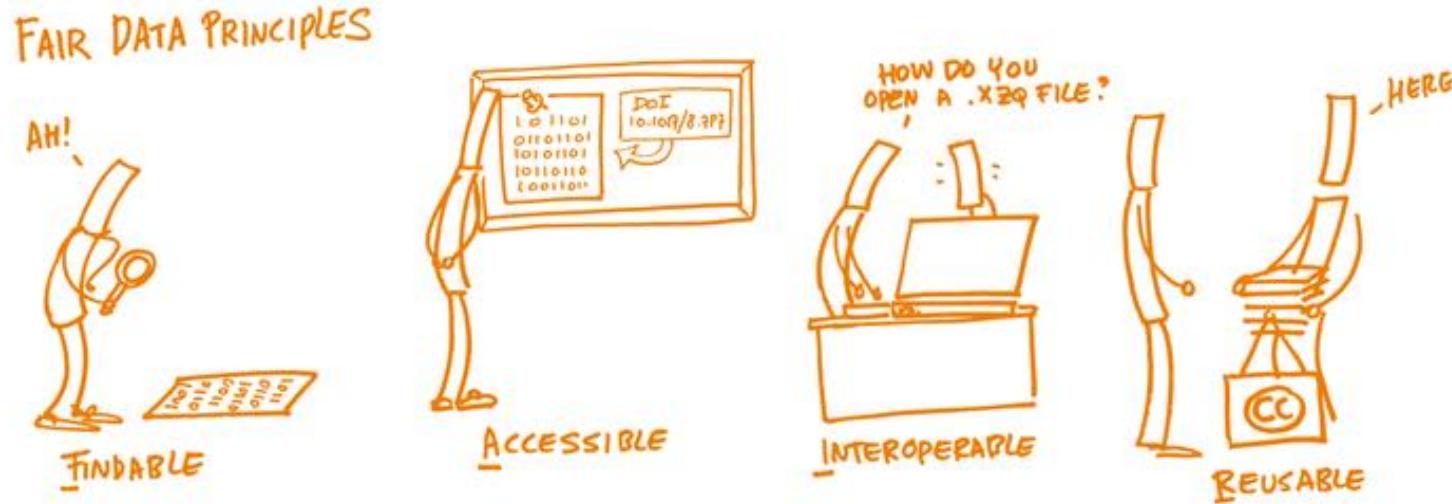


**HEALTHYCLOUD**  
Health Research & Innovation Cloud

Assessing the FAIRness level of  
health-related data collections

## Introduction to the FAIR principles

To enable and enhance the reuse of data by both humans and machines data collections need to comply with the following principles:



## F.A.I.R.

- **Findable:** Your data can be discovered by others
  - Rich metadata & persistent identifier (e.g. DOI)
- **Accessible:** Your data can be made accessible by others
  - Protocol to access the data openly available
- **Interoperable:** Your data can be integrated/linked with other data
  - Structured data and implementation of internationally recognized standards
- **Reusable:** Your data can be reused by others
  - Context of the data & license

## Landscape analysis

In HealthyCloud we carried out a landscape analysis of available health related data collections for secondary use in Europe and mapped their level of FAIRness (compliance with the FAIR principles)

- ❖ A health-related catalogue matrix was designed using a survey, asking key information from 26 data collections regarding the data quality and compliance with the FAIR principles.
  - **Administrative aspects:** Title, URL, contact details of data controller etc.
  - **Information about the data:** Storage, level of aggregation, domain of data etc.
  - **Data completeness and quality aspects:** geo coverage, timeline, upgrading periodicity, quality checks etc.
  - **Metadata:** existence of metadata on the datasets publicly available etc.
  - **Compliance with the FAIR principles...**

## FAIRness evaluation tool

- ❖ After analysing the responses to the survey we evaluated their level of compliance with the FAIR principles using an adapted FAIRness evaluation tool:
- This tool is based on the Australian Research Data Commons tool (ARDC) and was adapted according to the questions of the survey
- The tool was then published in Zenodo in open access. [HealthyCloud FAIRness assessment tool | Zenodo](#)

# HEALTHYCLOUD FAIRness evaluation tool

Document produced by HealthyCloud

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## 1 Data collection

Give a title to your data collection FAIR assessment

This FAIRness evaluation tool has been created by members of the [HealthyCloud consortium](#), specifically Work Package 3 (WP3). The tool is based on the Australian Research Data Commons (ARDC) [FAIR data self-assessment tool](#).

This 2-in-1 tool (survey form and reporting) is designed to allow assessment of the FAIRness of health-related data infrastructures, and includes questions to assess each of the FAIR principles. These questions are based on a survey developed by members of the consortium with the aim of carrying out a landscape analysis of health-related data infrastructures.

There is an option to select 'I don't know' under each question. However, we would encourage users to consider if there is someone else in their organisation who does know the answer to that question, to increase the accuracy of the assessment. You would need to share the FAIRness report within your organisation. At each updating step, a new csv file can be produced and used to generate an updated FAIRness report.

Step by step guide for users:

- Input your answers for each question in the tool
- Click 'Download' and save the csv file
- Re-run the script\*, specifying the location at which the csv file has been saved
- This creates a FAIRness report, including pie charts demonstrating the percentage scores for each principle as well as an overall score.
- Save and share the FAIRness report as an HTML document.

[\*] The tool can be downloaded on [ZENODO.org](#) (R studio is required) or accessed on [MyBinder](#).

## 2 FAIR survey

Findable

Accessible

Interoperable

Reusable

FAIRNESS score 35%



## Findable

Do you have a unique identifier for your datasets?

Yes (5)

Do you have a unique identifier for the metadata?

Yes (4)

Do you produce or collect metadata for all your data (e.g. handbook, guide for users, description, keywords, timestamp, spatial coverage etc.)?

Brief title and description (2)

Do you have a public metadata catalogue service?

I don't know (0)

## Accessible

Do you provide access to individual and/or aggregated data (for third party users)?

Publicly accessible aggregated (3)

Is it possible to extract the data from the data infrastructure (e.g. download) or do they have to stay in the data infrastructure?

Standard web service API (e.g. OGC) (4)

Do third party users have to register to the data infrastructure and have an account in order to access the data?

I don't know (0)

Are the conditions of access published?

Yes (1)

### Interoperable

What is the format(s) for distributing data?

In a structured, open standard, non-machine-readable format (pdf) (2)

Which community-recognised vocabularies, standards or methodologies are used for metadata and data to facilitate interoperability?

Other (1)

Do you have a metadata record API endpoint (m2m) in place?

I don't know (0)



### Reusable

Is there a clear procedure for third party users to request (the license) for data re-use?

I don't know (0)

Have you placed the metadata related to your data infrastructure (that is, the above information provided in this survey) in another available source already?

I don't know (0)

Is it possible for third party users to access the data and re-use it for more than one purpose/project?

I don't know (0)

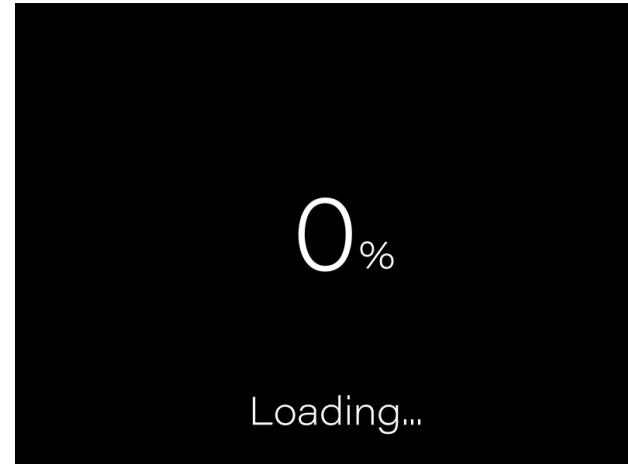


# Results



**FAIR** is a *spectrum*

Add your data in domain specific  
repositories to start your  
**FAIR data journey!**



# Thank you

## Any questions?

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# FAIRsharing and the FAIR Cookbook: Helping you choose and use metadata standards

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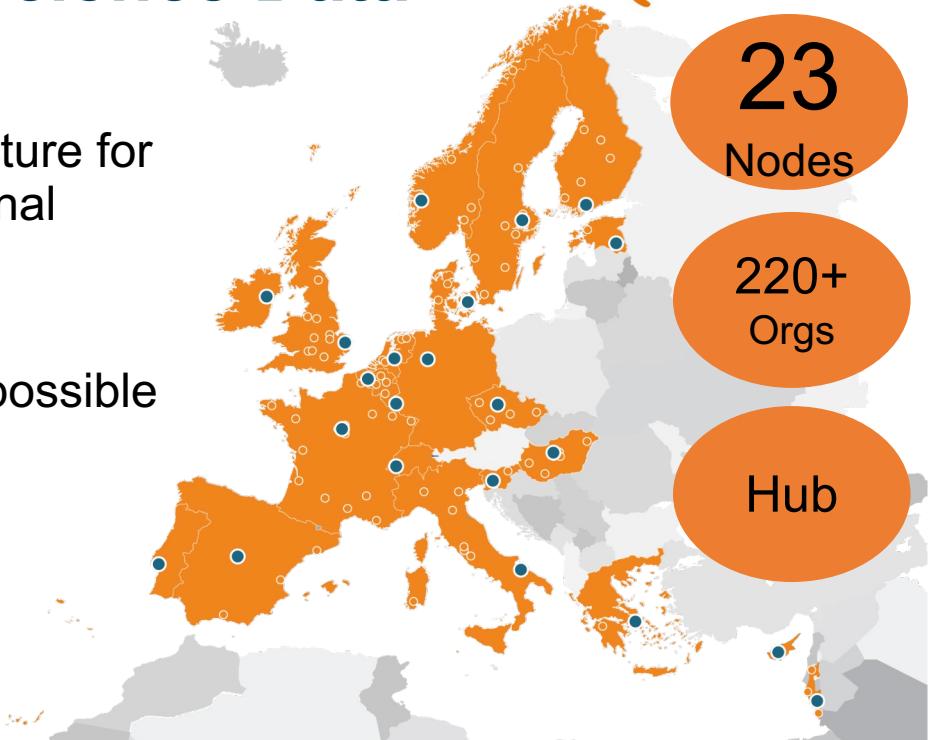
# ELIXIR European Research Infrastructure for Life Science Data



Towards a federated digital infrastructure for Life Science Data, coordinating national capabilities

Data & software **FAIR and open** as possible  
Transnational **access and analysis**

**Gateway** Communities of Practice,  
European and Global initiatives,  
Standards Bodies



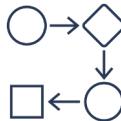
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# The ELIXIR interoperability platform



## FAIR services & resources

Registries, standards, ontologies, identifiers, data management platforms, stewardship tools, templates.



## FAIR data techniques

Workflows, reproducible processing, transparent reporting and provenance, FAIR assessment and evaluation, FAIRification methods.

### Leadership



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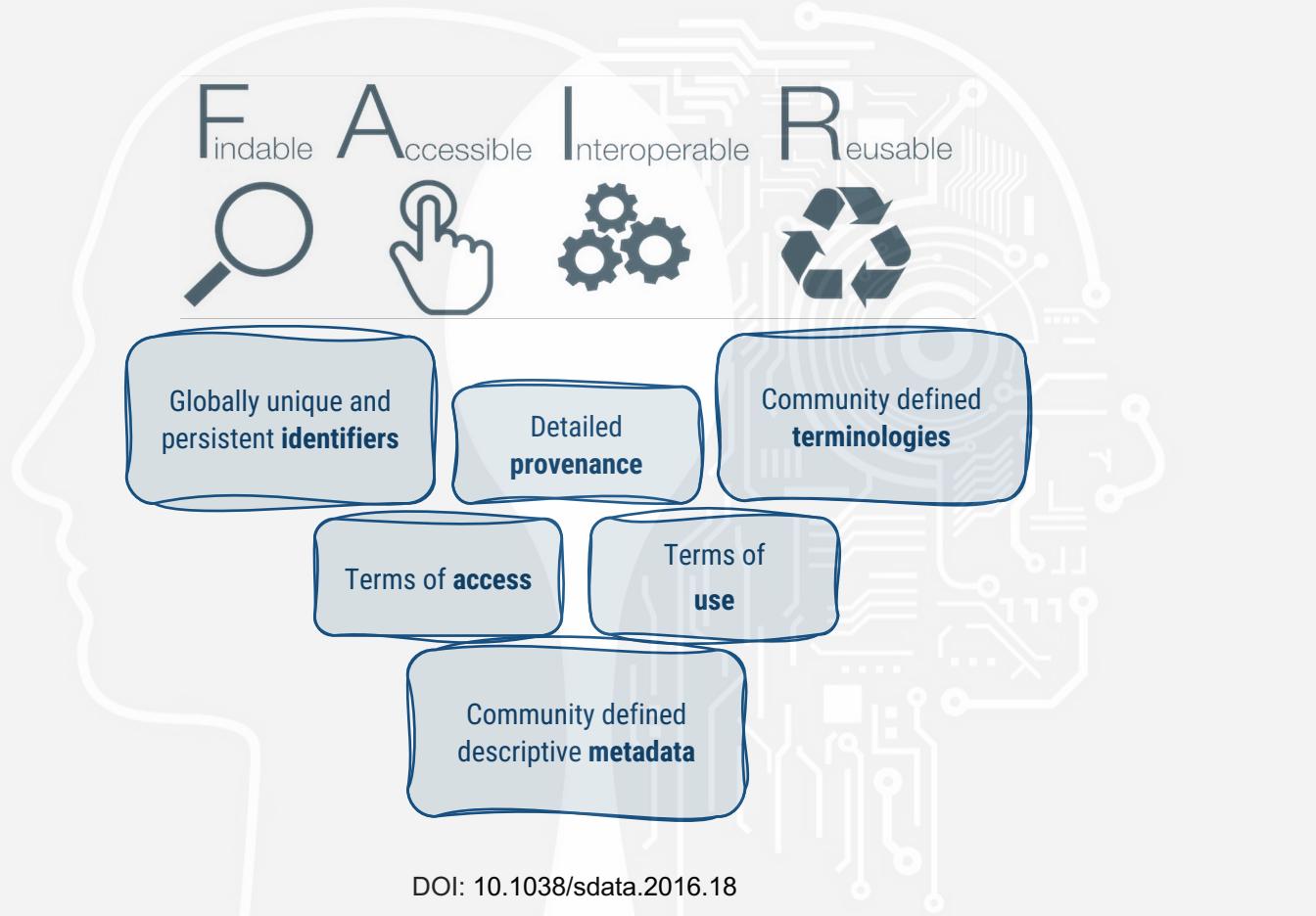
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# Metadata make data count



# A continuum of features, attributes and behaviours

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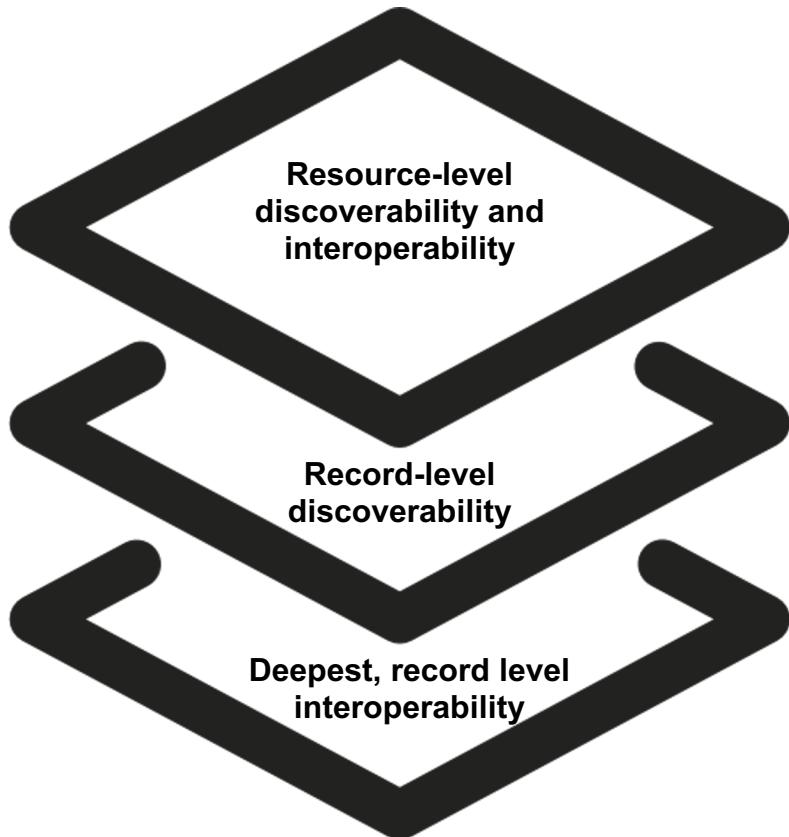


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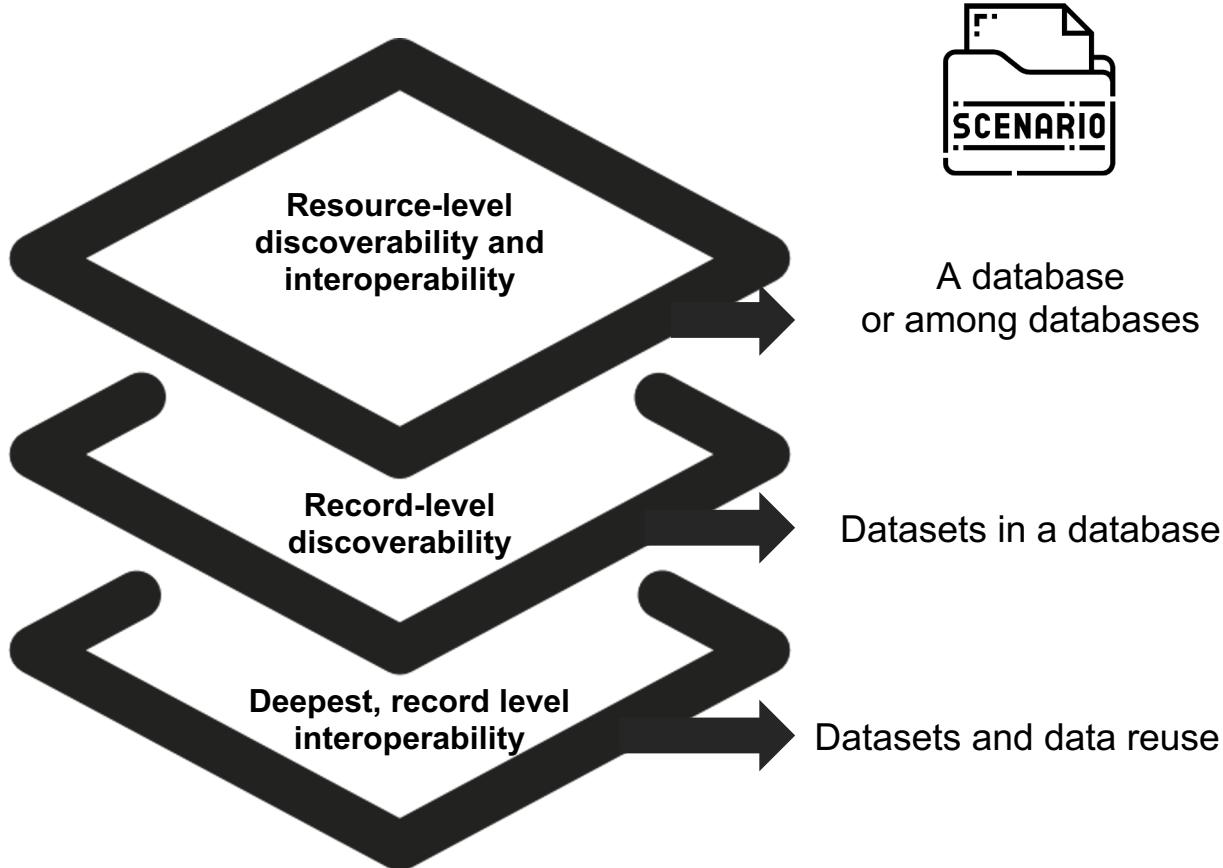
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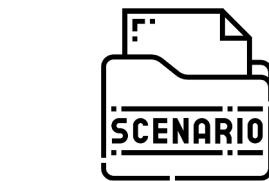
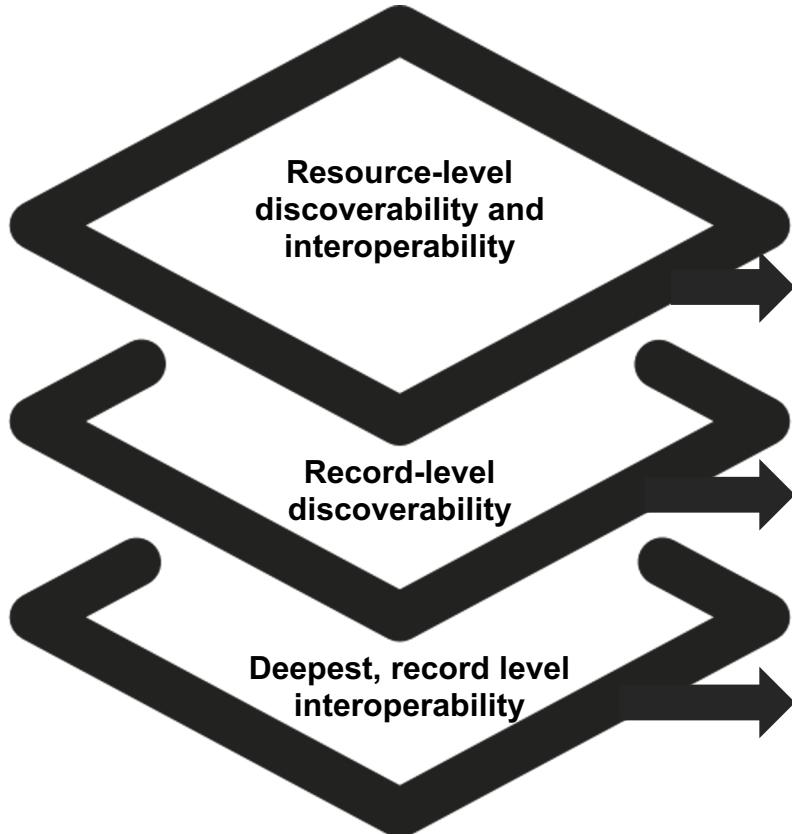
# Metadata standards for different purposes



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A database  
or among databases

**W3C**  
Data Catalog Vocabulary (DCAT)

**Schema.org**

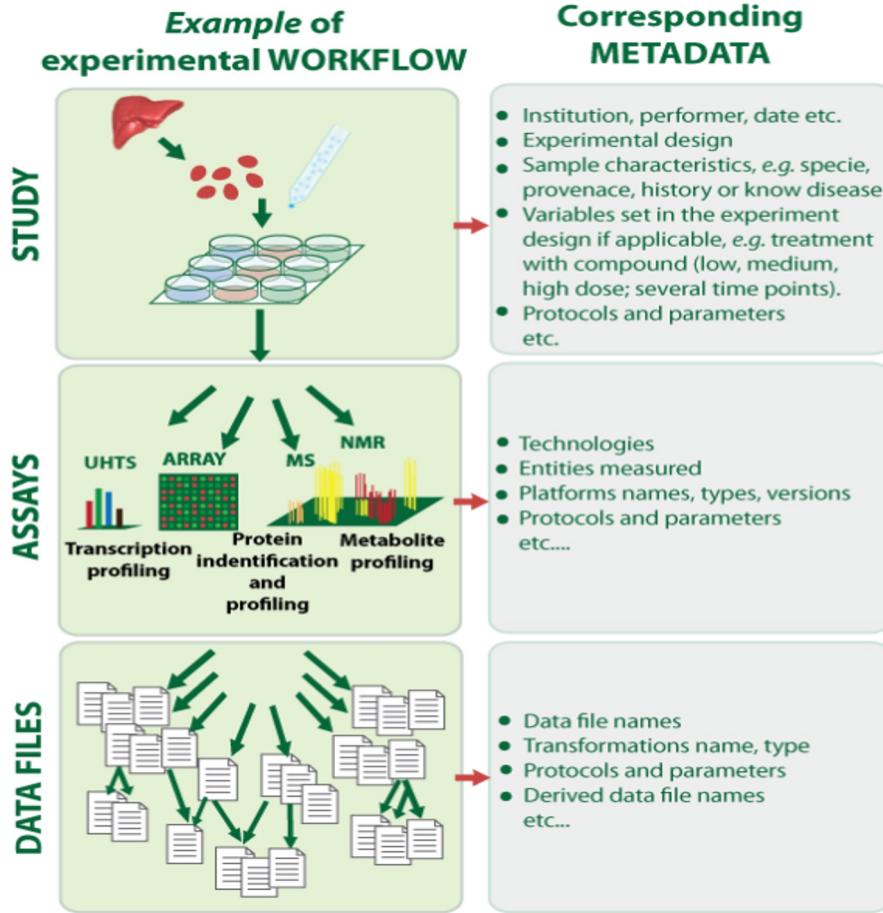
**DublinCore**

Datasets in a database

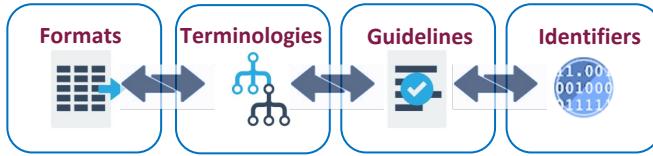
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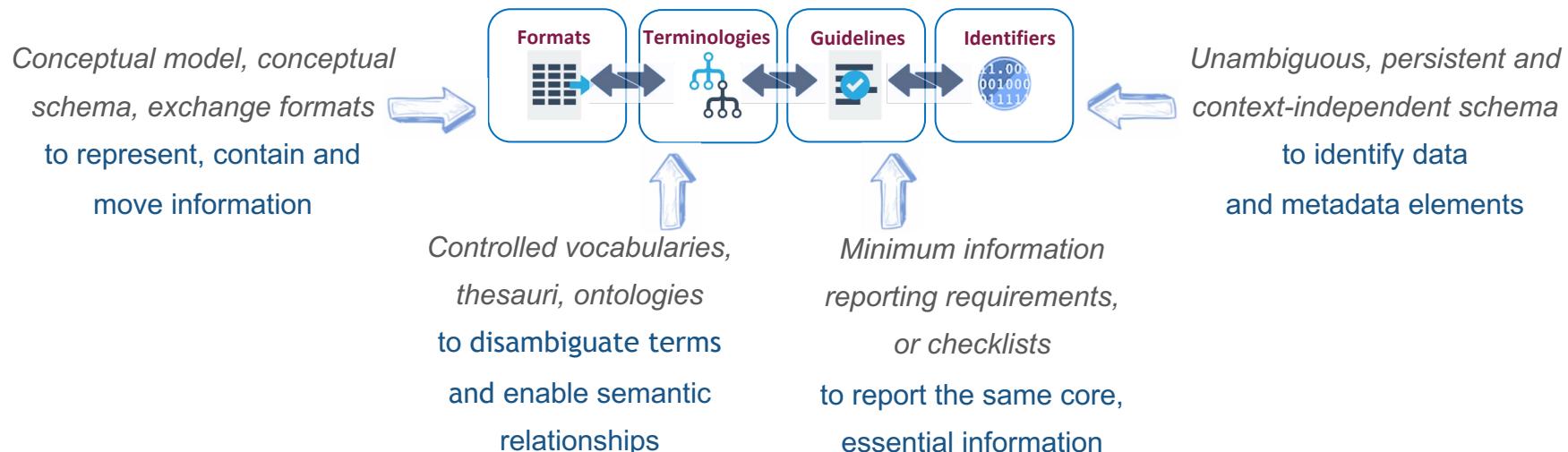
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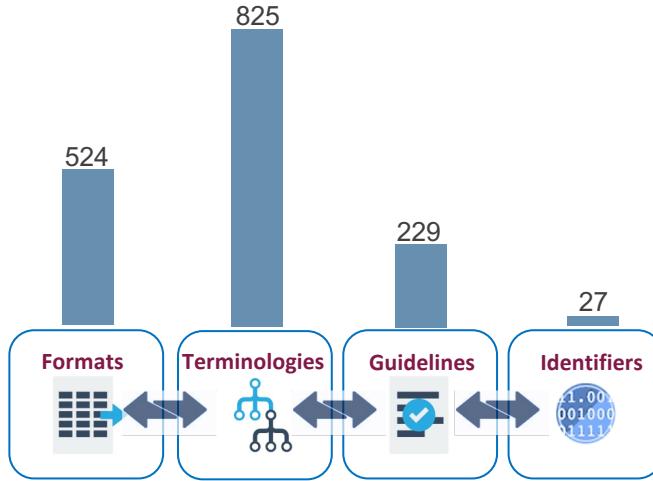
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# Natural, engineering, humanities & social sciences



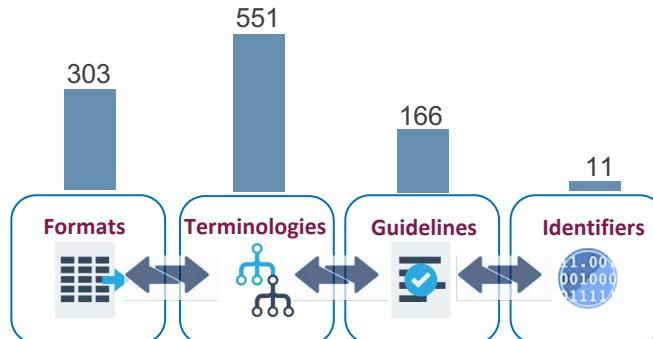
More than 1600 data and metadata standards

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# Life and biomedical sciences

Standard organizations, e.g.:



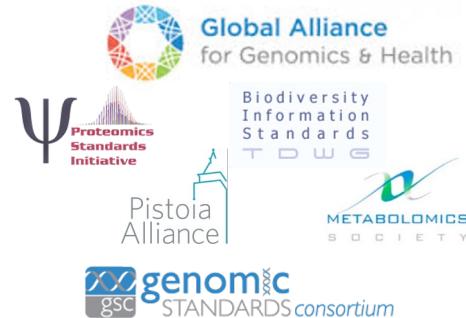
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Grass-roots groups, e.g.:

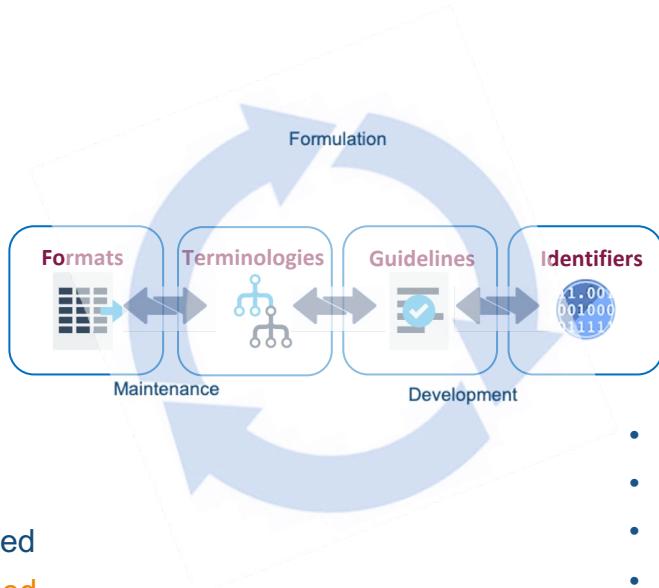


# Understanding their life cycle and landscape

Standard organizations, e.g.:



- **Industry-level standards**
- Mostly regulators-driven
- Participation is often regulated
- Standards are sold or licenced
- Formal development process, often less flexible, could be lengthy
- Charges apply to advanced training or programmatic access



Source:  
[FAIRsharing.org](https://fairsharing.org)

Grass-roots groups, e.g.:



- **Mostly research-level standards**
- Open to any interested party
- Volunteering efforts
- Standards are free for use
- Development process varies, more flexible and adaptable to changes
- Minimal or little funds for carry out the work, let alone provide training

# Informative and educational resource

FAIRsharing.org



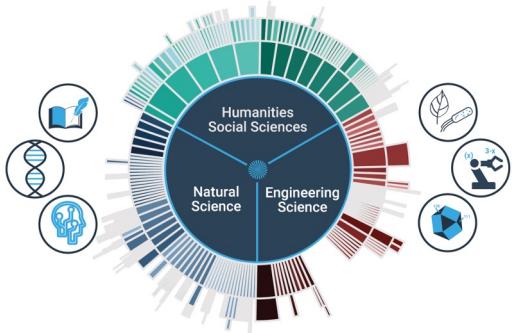
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Helps **producers** to make their resources more *visible, more widely adopted and cited*

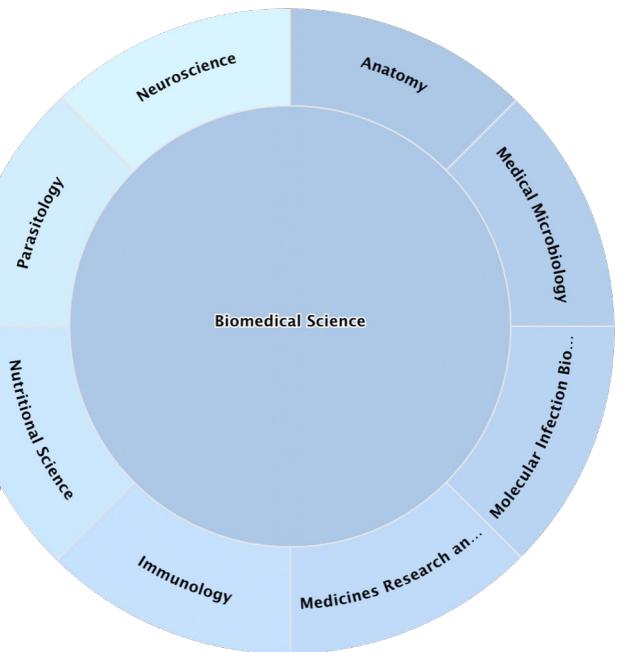
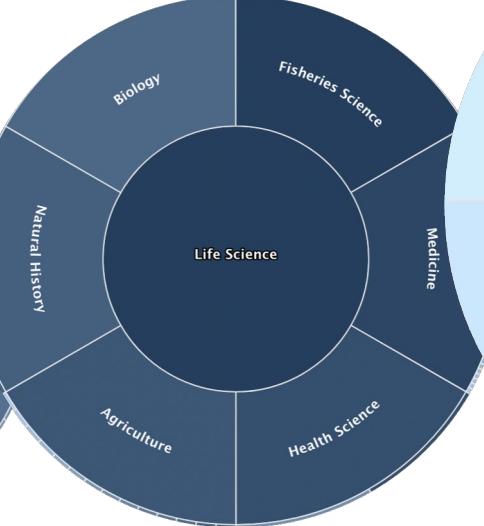
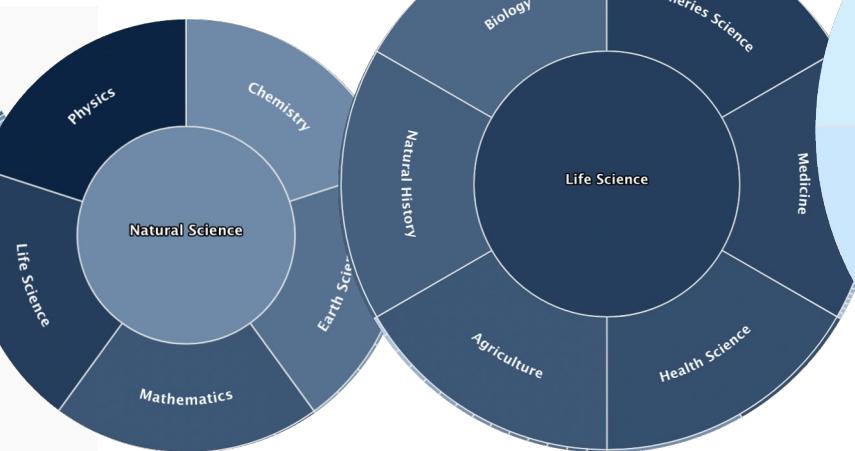
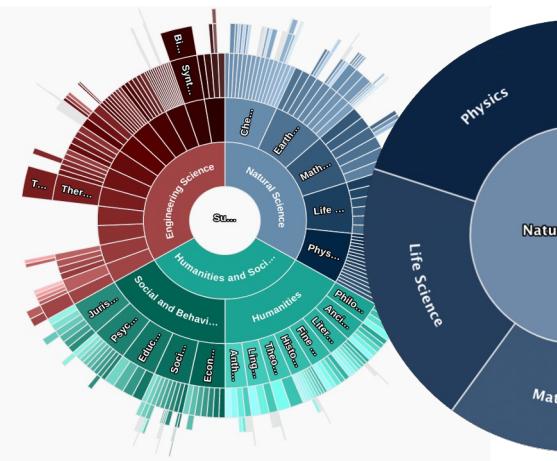
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Search through current results.

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**MAT**  
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Material Element component of SWEET ontology. SWEET is a highly modular ontology suite with many separate ontologies covering Earth system science...

Earth Scienc... Not applic...

Related Standards 3  
Implementing Databases 0  
Endorsing Policies 0

**HC**  
Habronattus Courtship Ontology

A demonstration of ontology construction as a general technique for coding ethograms and other descriptions of behavior into machine understandable forms. ...

Life Science Behavior Habronatt...

**SAO**  
Subcellular Anatomy Ontology

Minimal set of terms for anatomy.

Anatomy Animalia one more tag

Related Standards 0  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This record was deprecated on 2014-04-01 for the following reason(s): This standard has been revised and is superceded by ISO 19115-1:2014. However, many other resources still reference this particular version.

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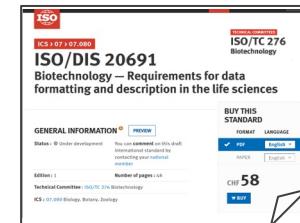
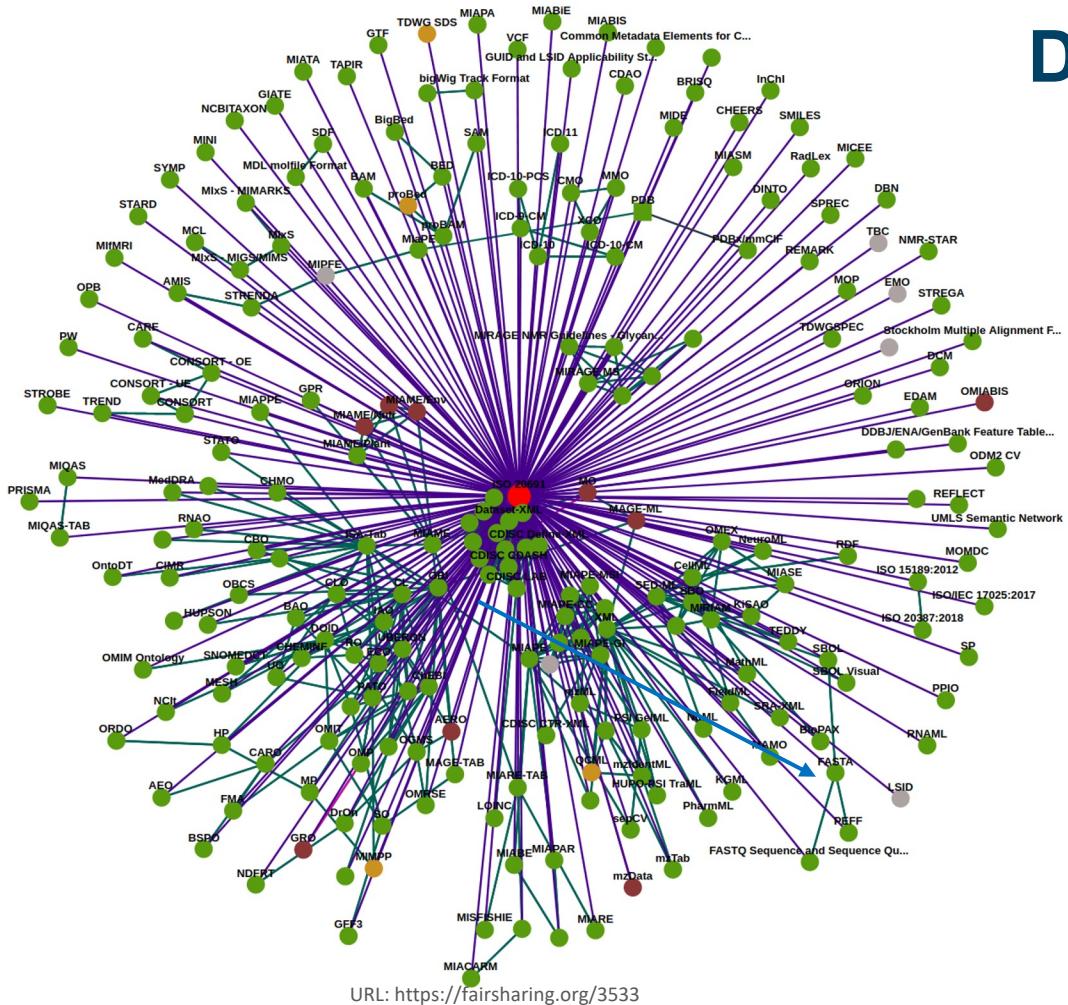
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Type Model and format  
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# Track their evolution



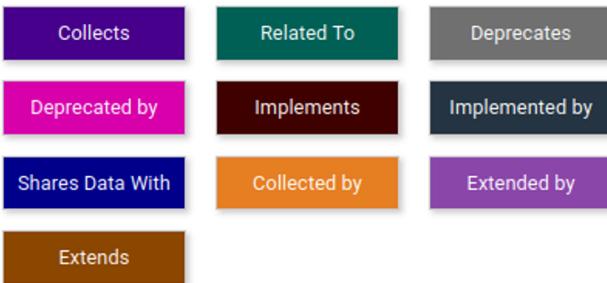
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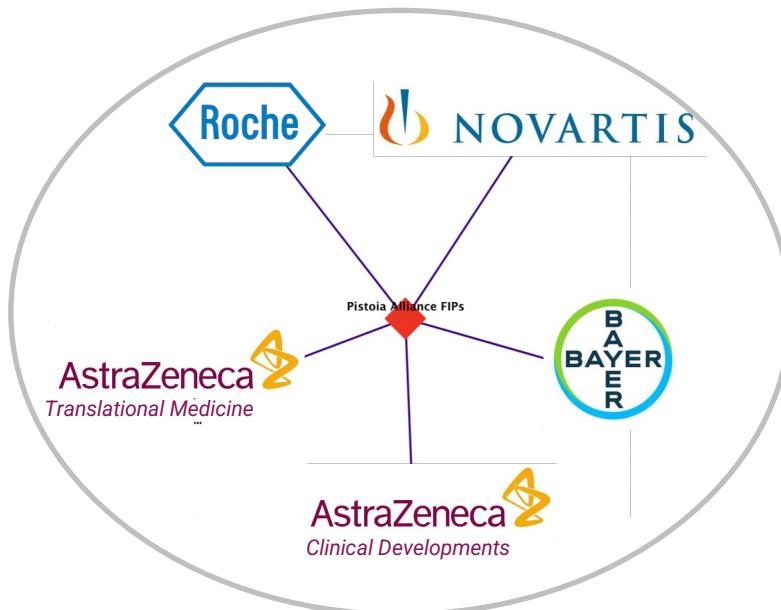
## Standard

## Record Relationships





A collaboration with their FAIR Implementation WG



URL: <https://fairsharing.org/3519>  
(work in progress!)

# Building and comparing “FAIR profiles”

 <b>DRAFT</b> Current Procedural Terminology	 <b>LOINC</b> Logical Observation Identifier Names and Codes	 <b>ATC</b> Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical Classification
 <b>RnDORM</b> RnDORM	 <b>ICD-10-CM</b> International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification	 <b>ISO 3166-2013</b> ISO 3166-2013 Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions
 <b>NCI</b> NCI Thesaurus	 <b>MESH</b> Medical Subject Headings	 <b>JSON-LD</b> JavaScript Object Notation for Linking Data
 <b>DC</b> Dublin Core Metadata Element Set	 <b>RDFS</b> Resource Description Framework Schema	 <b>DOI</b> Digital Object Identifier
 <b>DCAT</b> Data Catalog Vocabulary	 <b>COSEC</b>	 <b>HTTP2</b> Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure

*Disclaimer: These profiles speak for a limited community and do not represent any company standards*



## Snapshot of the semantic and syntactic standards used

**GENERAL INFORMATION**



**Monarch Disease Ontology (MONDO)**  
**doi** [10.25504/FAIRsharing.b2979t](https://doi.org/10.25504/FAIRsharing.b2979t)

<b>Type</b>	Terminology artefact
<b>Registry</b>	Standard
<b>Description</b>	MONDO (Monarch Disease Ontology) is a semi-automatically constructed ontology that merges in multiple disease resources to yield a coherent merged ontology.
<b>Homepage</b>	<a href="https://github.com/monarch-initiative/monarch-disease-ontology">https://github.com/monarch-initiative/monarch-disease-ontology</a>



# FAIR cookbook: from knowledge to recipes



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## The recipes

The FAIR Cookbook organizes the recipes according to the FAIR elements, audience type (your role), reading time, and level of difficulty. The FAIR Cookbook is a 'live resource'; recipes are added and improved, iteratively, in an open manner, therefore bear with us if several sections are work in progress! Below there are links to some key recipes, click on them to explore their content; otherwise use the main menu on the left hand side to browse all the current recipes.

**F** Findability

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- Transferring data with SFTP
- Downloading data with Aspera

→ More about Accessibility

**Exemplar recipes:**

- Selecting terminologies and ontologies
- Creating a metadata profile

→ More about Interoperability

**Exemplar recipes:**

- Data licenses
- Declaring data's permitted uses

→ More about Reusability

**URL: <https://faircookbook.elixir-europe.org>**



A collection of recipes that cover the operational steps of FAIR data management.

**Example:**

**Recipe Overview**

**Reading Time**  
15 minutes

**Executable Code**  
No

**Difficulty**  
3 out of 5

**Audience**  
Principal Investigator, Data Manager, Terminology Manager, Data Scientist, Ontologist

**Selecting terminologies and ontologies**

**Recipe Type Guidance**

**Audience**  
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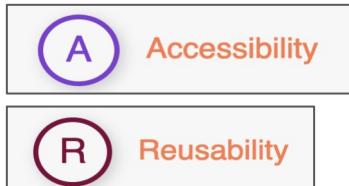
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Goal: **semantic integration of datasets from multiple sources**

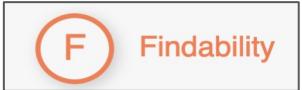


Goal: **security compliance and with regulators**



# Define what your needs are

Goal: **improving visibility of content**, e.g.:



**Unique, persistent identifiers**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 30 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Background information  
**Audience**: Principal Investigator, Data Manager, Data Scientist  
**Maturity Level & Indicator**: DSB-1-C0

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**InChI and SMILES identifiers for chemical structures**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 15 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Hands-on  
**Audience**: Chemoinformatician, Data Curator, Data Manager, Data Scientist  
**Maturity Level & Indicator**: DSB-4-C4

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**Search engine optimization**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 10 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Guidance  
**Audience**: Software Developer, Data Scientist  
**Maturity Level & Indicator**: not applicable

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Goal: **semantic integration of datasets from multiple sources**, e.g.:



**Selecting terminologies and ontologies**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 15 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Guidance  
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**Selecting an ontology lookup service**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 20 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Survey / Review  
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Goal: **security compliance and with regulators**, e.g.:



**Transferring data with SFTP**

**Recipe Overview**  
Reading Time: 15 minutes  
Executable Code: No  
Difficulty: 3/5

**Recipe Type**: Hands-on  
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**Declaring data's permitted uses**

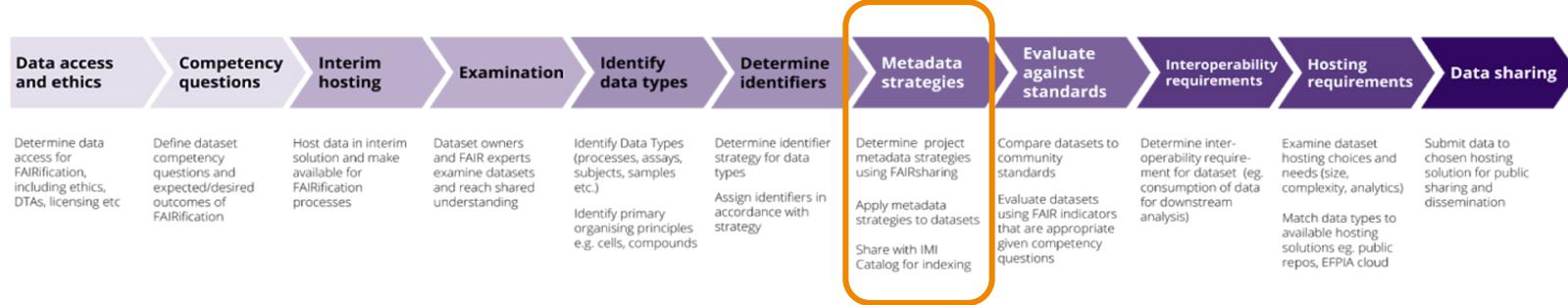
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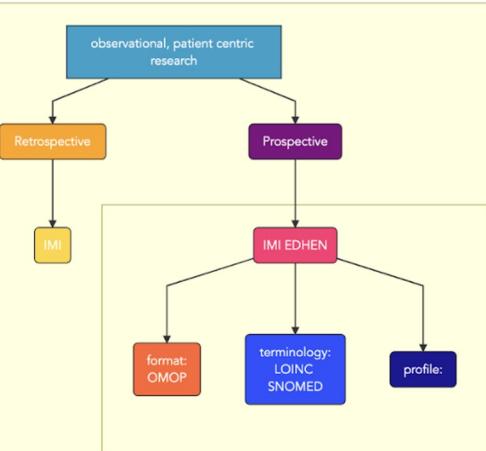
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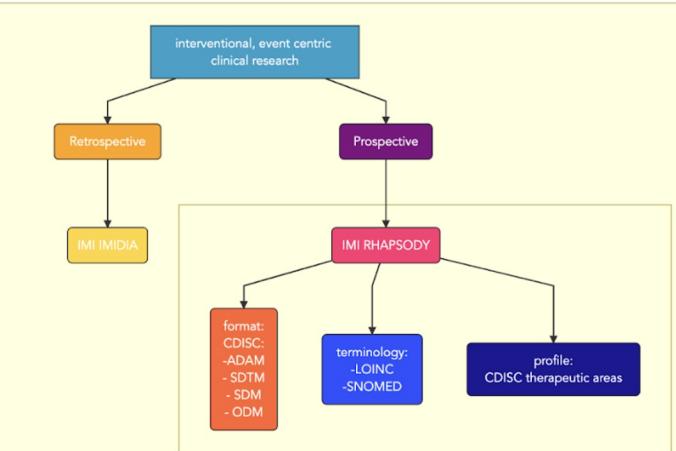


Different contexts mandate different metadata strategies

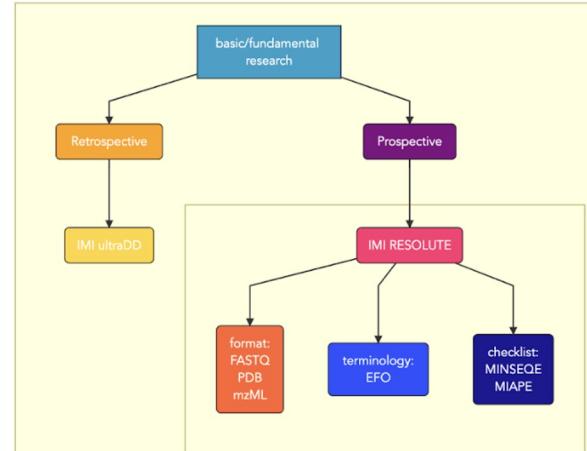
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## Clinical trial (event based) data

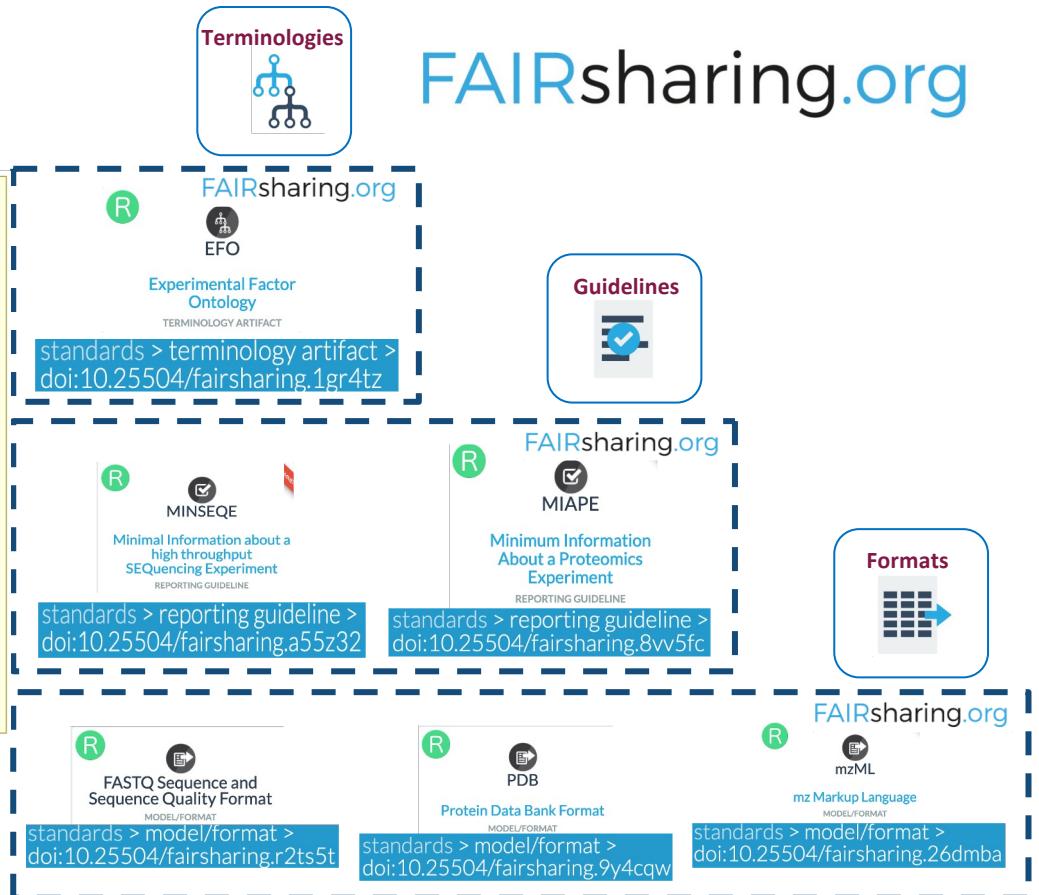
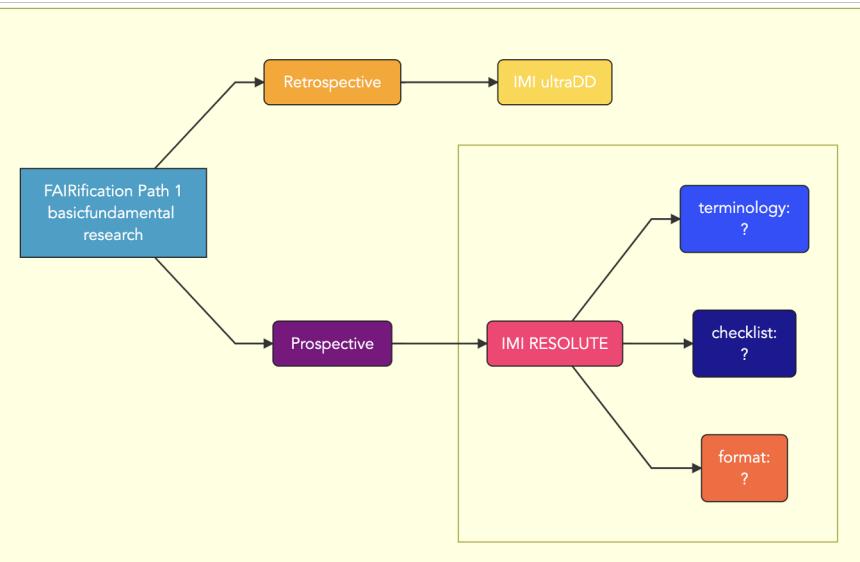


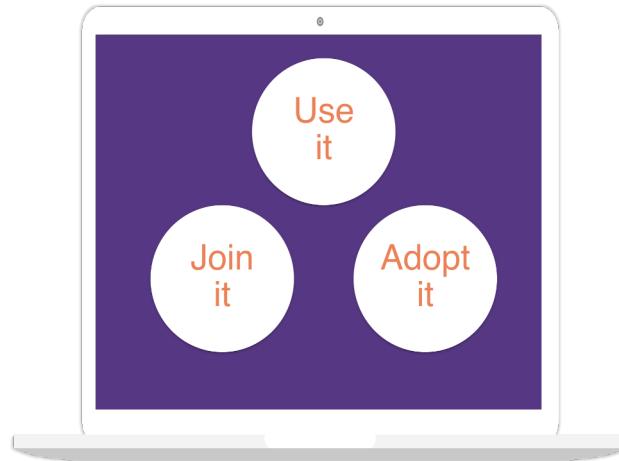
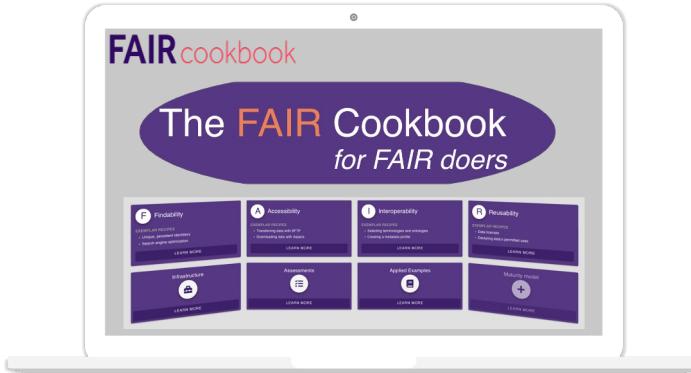
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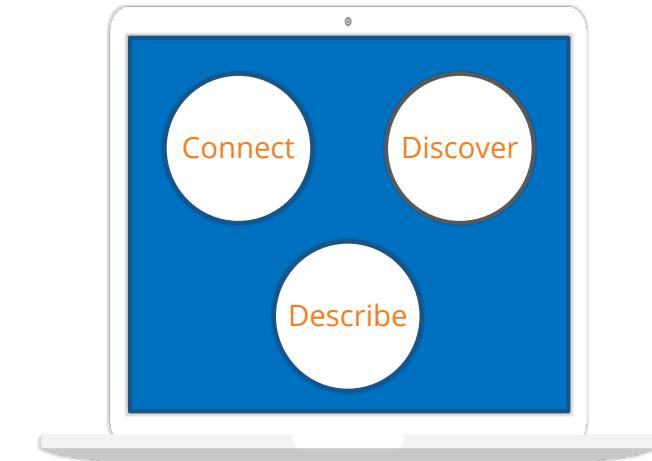
# Selecting a ‘standard stacks’ for the FAIRification

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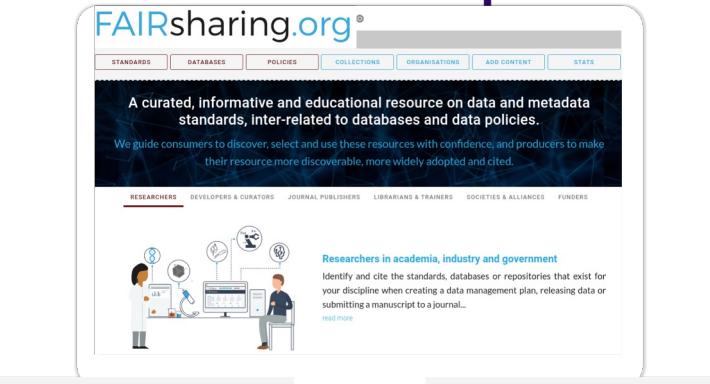




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# What is metadata?

**Practical exercise: Create your own  
metadata documentation  
using DCAT standard**

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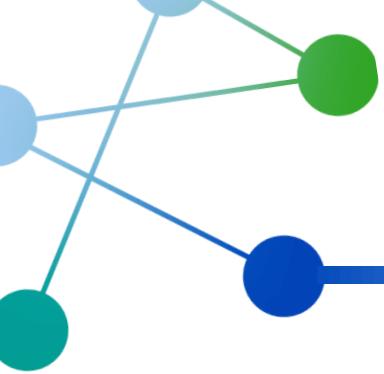
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**The Data Catalog Vocabulary (DCAT) is a W3C metadata recommendation for publishing data on the Web. DCAT is defined in RDF and reuses the Dublin Core Metadata standard.**

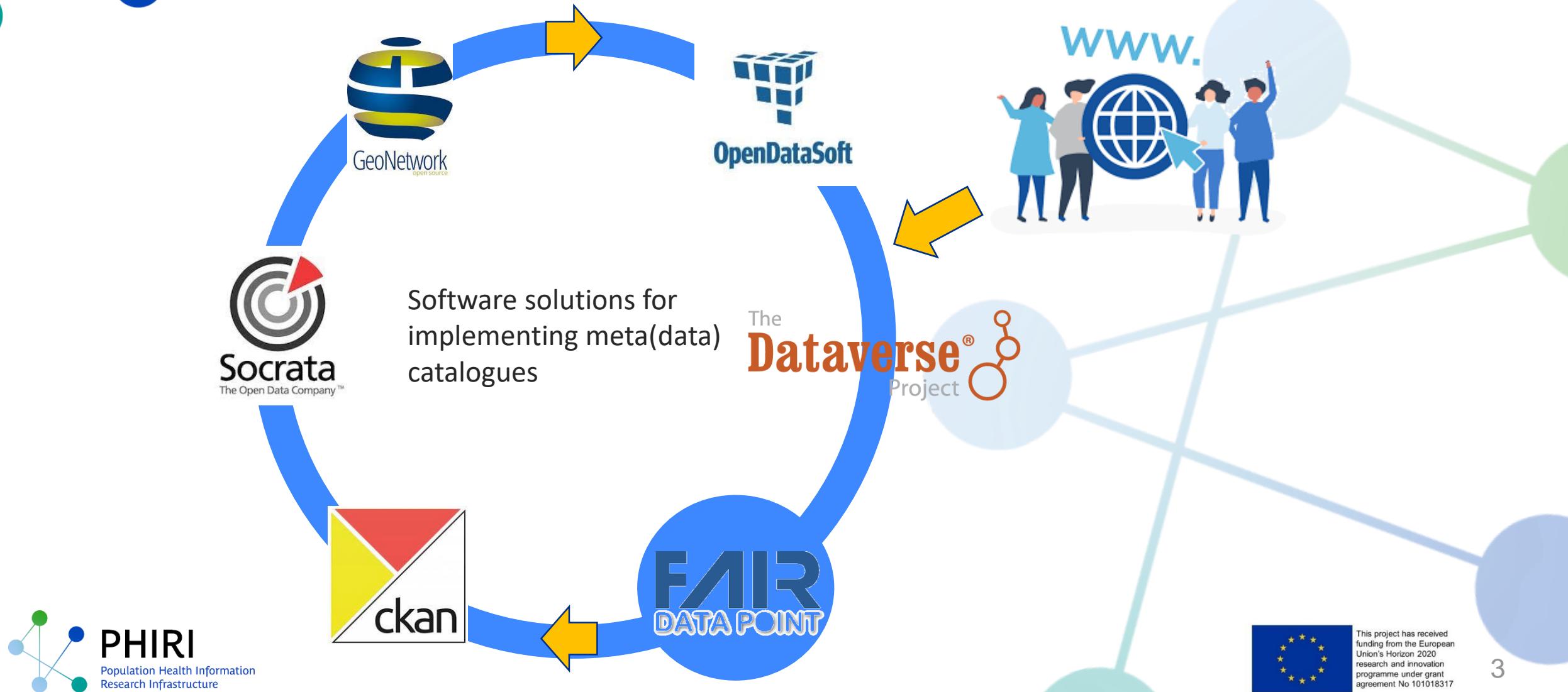
**DCAT is designed to facilitate interoperability between data catalogs published on the Web.**

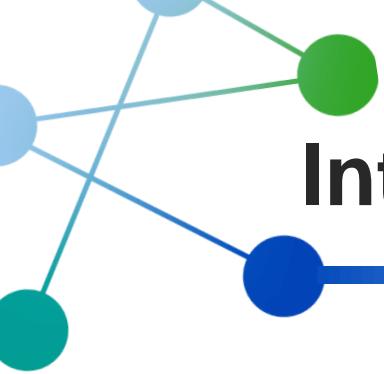
**By using DCAT to describe datasets in data catalogs, publishers increase discoverability and enable applications to easily consume metadata from multiple catalogs. It further enables decentralized publishing of catalogs and facilitates federated dataset search across sites.** ([www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat](http://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat))





# Interoperability framework for exchanging information about data on the Web





# Interoperability in practice:

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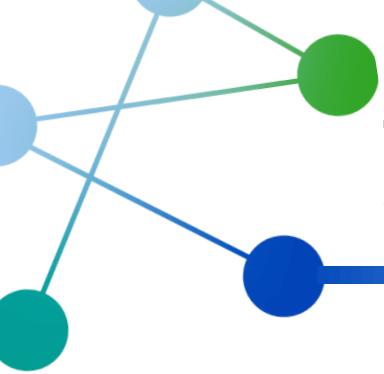
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## The metadata is exchanged in a structured format via API endpoints

- Structured formats: turtle, rdf/xml, json-ld data
- Metadata schema: DCAT vocabulary
- The API endpoint of a metadata catalogue (or any other information system) is a digital location (URL) from where the server receives requests and sends out responses in order to share its data with third-party apps following a set of rules (e.g.: RESTful API).

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# Practical exercise:

- Fill the form: <http://search.healthdataportal.eu/form/>
  - Part1: Fill few DCAT properties of the class Datasets for your dataset
  - Part2: Provide some suggestions for a health DCAT extension
  - Part3: Select some extra properties of the HealthInformationPortal.eu metadata model.
- Search for your data: <http://search.healthdataportal.eu>
- Download your metadata record as turtle, rdf/xml, json-ld data



## Q&A

- Was this exercise useful?
- If we keep the form active, would you be interested to create metadata records for your health data? And have them published in the [HealthInformationPortal.eu](https://HealthInformationPortal.eu)?



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# Thank you

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